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*Greetings from*

**Anthony C. Sciglitano, Jr., Ph.D.**

*Executive Director*

*Associate Professor of Religion*

At this time of the year, we are drawn to gratitude for those who worked for the success of Sister Rose's mission. Two people we lost this past year are especially worthy of our remembrance: Pearl Randall Lehrhoff and Paul Gibbons. I was not fortunate enough to have known Pearl but do know she was instrumental in the founding of the Sister Rose Thering Fund. She, David Bossman, and others regularly met at Pearl's home in aptly named "kitchen cabinet" meetings to strategize the beginning and development of the Fund. Many have contributed time, effort, and treasure to make the Fund what it is today. However, none of this would have happened without Pearl's inspiration and dedication at the beginning. We owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude. May her memory be always blessed! I did know Paul Gibbons, a former Chair of the Sister Rose Board of Trustees. Indeed, Paul is one of the major reasons I find myself Executive Director of the Fund (the other being one of our honorees this year, Monsignor Ziccardi). Paul was a relentless advocate for the Sister Rose Thering Fund and its mission; he never tired of pointing out that for Seton Hall, there is no greater contribution to the world than what Monsignor Oesterreicher and Sister Rose helped accomplish in the Second Vatican Council document, *Nostra Aetate*. Paul traveled with Sister Rose to Israel and gave frequent lectures, which led Luna Kaufman to tell him he was the best teacher she ever had. He also made sure all of the students he taught at Seton Hall knew of Sister Rose and her mission. May his memory be blessed!

To visit the past in grateful remembrance is not to embrace nostalgia. To the contrary, to recall those who blazed the paths along which we walk is to provide inspiration as we go forward. We share their mission and look to carry it forward with the same dedication, intelligence, and energy. The world has not taken leave of Sister Rose's message and mission. The world still needs to hear of friendships across religious and cultural boundaries, of the softening of hearts, of those who would bear witness to a way of life for others fiercely opposed to antisemitism, religious bigotry, and other forms of prejudice. It is this mission and all the people who make it possible that we celebrate this evening.

There are, of course, too many to thank in this small space. Our Board of Trustees is a remarkable collection of people devoted to Sister Rose's mission who work tirelessly to achieve excellence. I want to thank our Chair, Ellen Hayes, and our officers, Wayne Hanlon, Ann Burgmeyer, and Alan Silberstein for their extraordinary leadership over the past year. I also wish to thank Melinda Hanlon, for her wonderful work during her four-year term especially as she helped us navigate the turbulent times of Covid with grace and constancy. Melinda was my first Chair; I owe her a personal debt of gratitude for helping bring me along. I am also particularly grateful we have new and newer Board members who have already made their presence felt: Ruth Ross, Heather Mecka, Robin Sanders, and Roger Jacobs. Finally, I want to thank our indefatigable Program Manager Yolanda Sheffield Williams, without whom I would be lost and very little would get done.

This year we honor Monsignor Anthony Ziccardi and Rabbi Noam Marans, two religious leaders who work daily to educate and to build relationships honestly acknowledging differences, while demonstrating that a G-d who creates a world that is not G-d provides the very ground upon which we celebrate our rich differences, as well as our profound similarities. It is my honor to be with you on this evening.

Peace,

*Anthony C. Sciglitano, Jr.*



## *A Message from*

**Ellen D. Hayes**

***Chair, SRTF Board of Trustees***

Welcome to the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Evening of Roses. In the last year, the Sister Rose Thering Fund Board of Trustees sought to continue the mission, "to advance the legacy of Sister Rose Thering by fostering understanding and cooperation among Jews, Christians and people of other religious traditions through advocacy and education," with a focus on social justice and interreligious dialogue. The challenges and demands of a post-pandemic world must be met by inclusive economic and social opportunities for all people, and an understanding of the social and emotional changes that have occurred; empathy is key in order for equity and equality to increase in the world. Tonight, we are proud to honor the work of Rabbi Noam Marans, and Reverend Monsignor C.

Anthony Ziccardi for their exemplary contributions to social justice and interreligious dialogue. Blessings on you and your work, and may all you do and inspire continue to flourish.

In order to honor and continue the work of Sister Rose Thering, the scholarships awarded to teachers to study in the Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Program at Seton Hall University continue the work to transform the world through knowledge and empowerment of teachers, which has become essential to stem prejudice, hatred, and bigotry in society. Teachers are essential to increasing student awareness of the need to stand up to the problems in society so they can continue to shape the world with equity and equality. This work starts with social justice, interreligious dialogue, and respect for all people.

The programs sponsored by the Fund this past year emphasized interreligious dialogue and commitment to social justice. The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Dr. Marcia Robbins-Wilf Lecture, on November 13, 2022, was given by Rachel Slutsky, Ph.D., Visiting Professor at Seton Hall University. Thank you to Dr. Marcia Robbins-Wilf for her generous and gracious support of the lecture series over the years, and to her committee for their work on this event. The Legacy Day event, held on December 6, 2022, featured Rabbi Dr. Ronald Kronish, dear friend of Sister Rose, and an interreligious peacebuilder, writer, lecturer, and educator. Thank you to Deborah Lerner Duane and her committee. Both lectures were dynamic, educational, inspiring, and empowering. In the Spring, grades 7- 12 participated in a statewide, SRTF sponsored Essay Competition, concluded at the April 16, 2023 Celebration of Education, which also honored our teacher/scholars, and generous benefactors. This competition required students to write about their knowledge of Sister Rose, after watching *Sister Rose's Passion*, and to write on the topic of searching for answers and seeking social justice. Thank you to co-chairs Heather Mecka and Ruth Ross and their committee. Student essays demonstrated wisdom, empathy, understanding, courage, and, most importantly, a continuing commitment to social justice. Of special note are the activities of the Outreach Committee, chaired by Susan Feinstein. Susan and her committee members present the film, *Sister Rose's Passion*, to numerous civic, religious, and social organizations; they speak about the life and work of Sister Rose in combating hatred, bigotry, and prejudice, thus inspiring others to do the same. Their work, time, and expertise are much appreciated and a highly valued contribution to our mission. Many thanks to all Board members and Advisory Council members, who planned, executed, and attended these events. We invite you to attend these events in the coming year.

Ann Burgmeyer, Susan Feinstein, Deborah Lerner Duane, Melinda Hanlon, Marilyn Rosenbaum, Ruth Ross, Dr. Anthony Sciglitano, Jason Tramm, Yolanda Sheffield-Williams, and our interns, Alana Gooding and Issys Ortega, are responsible for the Evening of Roses this year. Thank you for all your work in preparation for this wonderful event. Much gratitude must be given to immediate past Chair Melinda Hanlon for all her years as Board Chair and for her keeping the Fund moving forward in the pandemic years.

This evening is possible because of individual, group, and corporate donations, for which we are so grateful; your generosity and commitment demonstrates your love and appreciation of Sister Rose's life and work. Sister Rose would be proud and honored to see her work continued, and thankful to the founding members of the fund, especially current board Trustees Luna Kaufman and Marilyn Rosenbaum, and Advisory Board member, Dr. David Bossman. Have a lovely evening.

Sincerely,

*Ellen D. Hayes*



*Sister Rose Thering Award for  
Outstanding Service to the Sister Rose Mission*



**REV. MSGR. C. ANTHONY ZICCARDI, S.T.D., S.S.L.**

C. Anthony Ziccardi was born in Italy but grew up in New Jersey. Having graduated *summa cum laude* from Seton Hall with a B.A. in sociology and a Master of Divinity degree, he was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark in 1990. Subsequently, he received a licentiate degree in Sacred Scripture (S.S.L., *magna cum laude*) from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and a doctoral degree in biblical theology (S.T.D., *summa cum laude*) from the Pontifical Gregorian University, also in Rome.

As an academic, he has taught biblical studies, biblical languages, and preaching on the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University from 1996 onwards. He was the Seminary's Associate Dean from 1998 to 2002. From October 2006 until September 2020, he served at first as Seton Hall's Executive Director and then as its Vice President for Mission and Ministry; simultaneously, he headed the University's Board Office as the Secretary Designee of the Board of Regents. From August 2010 to September 2020, he served as the Director of the Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership at Seton Hall. He is currently the Seminary's Coordinator for Undergraduate Admissions and Retention. His doctoral dissertation was published as a book under the title *The Relationship of Jesus and the Kingdom of God in Luke-Acts*, and his articles and book reviews have appeared in *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*, *Chicago Studies*, *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*, *Biblica* and *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*.

As a priest, he has served as personal secretary to the Archbishop of Newark and as pro-rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica in Newark. Since 1996, he has been a member of the Pastoral Council of Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary. From 1996 to 1999, he served on the Archdiocese's Priestly Vocations Board and from 2014 to 2020 on the Priest Personnel Policy Board. Since 2002, he has served the Archdiocese as a *Censor Librorum*. He offers his pastoral services part-time to several Neocatechumenal Way communities in northern New Jersey, and to the parishes of St. Francis in Ridgefield Park and St. Anne in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. He also serves as spiritual director for several seminarians and priests. He was named a Chaplain to His Holiness Benedict XVI in March 2009.

From 2013 to the present, he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Sister Rose Thering Fund. From June 2019 to November 2020, he served as the Interim Executive Director of the Sister Rose Thering Fund.





*Sister Rose Thering Fund Award for Outstanding  
Service in Education for Interreligious Harmony*



**RABBI NOAM MARANS**

Rabbi Noam Marans is AJC's Director of Interreligious and Intergroup Relations, heading the agency's national interfaith outreach and advocacy. A recognized leader of Catholic-Jewish dialogue, he played a central role in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the transformational *Nostra Aetate* document, delivering a keynote address at the official U.S. Catholic commemoration and participating in multiple audiences with Pope Francis. He has also expanded AJC's engagement with Muslims, Latino Evangelicals and Latter-day Saints, and leads efforts to turn back anti-Israel initiatives within Mainline Protestant denominations. He spearheaded AJC's constructive criticism of the controversial *Oberammergau Passion Play*, which resulted in mitigation of the production's anti-Jewish elements.

Before arriving at AJC in 2001, he served for sixteen years as rabbi of Temple Israel in Ridgewood, NJ. He earned a B.A. in political science at Columbia University and an M.A. and Rabbinical Ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary, which has recognized him with an Honorary Doctorate for decades of service to the Jewish people. He is a past president of the Northern New Jersey Board of Rabbis and serves as chair of IJCIC, the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations.

## THE SISTER ROSE THERING FUND for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies

### *Our History*

The concept of teaching about interfaith relations in this Catholic university dates back to the arrival in 1953 of Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher, who established the Institute for Judaeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. Oesterreicher, a convert from Judaism to Catholicism in 1927, had been lecturing, conducting research and creating publications for 15 years when he sensed the need for a program coordinator to flesh out his work and bring his lessons to the wider community at Seton Hall. Thus, in 1968 he advertised for someone to fill this position. As fate would have it, Sister Rose Thering, O.P., Ph.D., with a background in education and Jewish-Christian Studies and a keen interest in the Jewish roots of Christianity and the State of Israel, responded to his ad and was hired for the position. Its tasks included organizing summer trips to Israel for teachers and lay persons to learn about the Holy Land. Called the Menorah Institute, the program's positive impact, both on Monsignor Oesterreicher and teachers, led to the establishment of a Master's degree program, directed by Father Lawrence Frizzell, now offered in the Department of Religion.

During the more than 30 years of her career as professor of higher education in the College of Education and Human Resources, Sister Rose continued to lead the Menorah Institute and became a close colleague of David M. Bossman, Ph.D., who had arrived at Seton Hall in 1985, served for a time as Provost and then as chair of the Department of Jewish-Christian Studies. Dr. Bossman and a group of close friends of Sister Rose wanted to offer teachers more courses in Jewish-Christian Studies, and eventually discussed the possibility of offering scholarships to teachers. The idea of developing a significant fund to help defray costs of tuition

led to the establishment in 1993 of such a fund and program. Originally called the Sister Rose Thering Endowment—later changed to the Sister Rose Thering Fund—it is overseen by an elected Board of Trustees who created a set of working by-laws.

In 1994, the State of New Jersey, then led by Governor Christine Todd Whitman, and urged on by Sister Rose and others, including former Governor Thomas H. Kean, signed into law a mandate to teach about the Holocaust and Genocide in all public schools in New Jersey, grades K-12. This law created the mandate and was bolstered by the message of Pope John Paul II to Catholic schools, *We Remember: A Reflection on the Shoah* (March 1998). Sister Rose became a founding member of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, charged to carry out the mandate, and served until her death in 2006.

Today, the Fund offers annual scholarships and has reached more than 400 educators during its existence. It raises funds through donations received primarily at the Evening of Roses, held each Spring, a program that has honored outstanding educators and individuals who have shown traits of compassion, altruism and courage in various endeavors. The Sister Rose Thering Fund and the graduate Program in Jewish-Christian Studies have been called "the hidden jewels" of Seton Hall University, but as Dr. Bossman has remarked, in reality they are "no longer hidden but treasures found" as the Fund contributes annually in scholarship funding to the University. Through advocacy and education, the Program continues to promote understanding and cooperation among Jews, Christians and people of other religious traditions.



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**Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.**  
Essex County Executive



May 30, 2023

Dear Friend:

Welcome to the Sister Rose Thering Fund's annual Evening of Roses celebration.

As the Essex County Executive of one of New Jersey's largest and most diverse counties, I always have said that our strength is our diversity, and worked to find common ground so that all our residents are treated fairly, equally and with dignity. Created almost three decades ago, the Sister Rose Thering Fund has shared this vision and has continued the legacy of Sister Rose by promoting understanding, respect and appreciation among Jews, Christians, and people of other religious traditions through advocacy and education.

Congratulations to present Monsignor Anthony Ziccardi, Coordinator for Undergraduate Admissions and Retention and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Seton Hall University, with the Sister Rose Thering Fund Award for Outstanding Service to the Sister Rose Mission and Rabbi Noam Marans, American Jewish Committee's Director of Interreligious and Intergroup Relations, with the Sister Rose Thering Fund Award for Outstanding Service in Education for Interreligious Harmony.

Best wishes to all. Working together we will continue *Putting Essex County First*.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.  
Essex County Executive

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GOVERNOR

May 30, 2023

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome all those gathered for the Sister Rose Thering Fund (SRTF) Evening of Roses Gala.

Since its inception, SRTF has remained committed to its mission of advancing the legacy of Sister Rose Thering by using education and advocacy to strengthen the relationship and institute cooperation between different religious groups. Through the SRTF's extraordinary efforts, they have been able to assist teachers and administrators with financial aid for their graduate programs in Jewish-Christian studies at the esteemed Seton Hall University.

As Governor, I commend the SRTF for the important role it plays in educating and inspiring future generations who share Sister Rose Thering's passion for theology and a tolerant society. I would also like to recognize tonight's honorees, Monsignor Anthony Ziccardi and Rabbi Noam Marans with the reception of the Sister Rose Thering Award. Tonight's honorees have demonstrated a level of commitment to their community that is truly worth special recognition.

Best wishes for a successful and memorable event.

My very best,

  
Philip D. Murphy  
Governor



# State of New Jersey



## THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

### JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senate President SCUTARI, Assembly Speaker COUGHLIN, and All Members of the Legislature

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, a highly esteemed resident of the Garden State, will receive the prestigious Sister Rose Thering Award for Outstanding Service to the Sister Rose Mission during the Evening of Roses Gala on May 30, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to acknowledge Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi upon this felicitous occasion and commend him for the immeasurable contributions he has made in furtherance of mutual understanding, peace, and dialogue among religious leaders and the faithful throughout many years; and,

**WHEREAS,** Born in Italy and raised in the Garden State, Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi earned his doctoral degree in biblical theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and has imparted his considerable expertise in biblical studies, biblical languages, and preaching on the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, where he has served with energy and commitment in numerous capacities, including as the school's first Executive Director, as Vice President for Mission and Ministry, as Director of the Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership, and in his current role as Coordinator for Undergraduate Admissions and Retention; and,

**WHEREAS,** As a priest, Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi made immeasurable contributions as personal secretary to the Archbishop of Newark and as pro-rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica in Newark, and he is deeply appreciated for his steadfast efforts on the Board of Trustees of the Sister Rose Thering Fund, including his superb tenure as Interim Executive Director; and,

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi's life of service has been marked by his selfless commitment and prayerful devotion to furthering the noblest of human values and aspirations, as expressed most vividly in his tireless and compassionate endeavors in behalf of all those who envision a harmonious future filled with hope and promise for all; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

That this Legislature hereby honors Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, pays tribute to his meritorious accomplishments, and extends sincere best wishes for continued happiness in all the days to come; and,

*Be It Further Resolved,* That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi.

Attest:



Linda Metzger  
Secretary of the Senate



Dana M. Burley  
Clerk of the General Assembly

Handwritten signature of Nicholas P. Scutari in black ink.

Nicholas P. Scutari  
President of the Senate

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- WHEREAS**, Rabbi Noam Marans currently serves with distinction as Director of Interreligious and Intergroup Relations with the American Jewish Committee, where he guides the organization's national interfaith outreach and advocacy, and the depth of his knowledge and breadth of his experience, gleaned from his years as a recognized leader of Catholic-Jewish dialogue, has greatly furthered the mission and scope of this venerable organization; and,
- WHEREAS**, The immediate past Chair of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations, world Jewry's official dialogue partner with the Vatican, the World Council of Churches, the World Evangelical Alliance, and other stakeholders, Rabbi Noam Marans played a central role in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, the Vatican's document that transformed Catholic-Jewish relations; and,
- WHEREAS**, Widely admired for his superb sixteen-year tenure as the spiritual shepherd of Temple Israel and Jewish Community Center in the Village of Ridgewood, Bergen County, Rabbi Noam Marans is deeply appreciated for establishing, together with a Catholic monsignor and Methodist minister, the Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service in 1987, and in his current role, he continues to lead the expansion of AJC's engagement with American Muslims, Latino Evangelicals, and Latter-day Saints; and,
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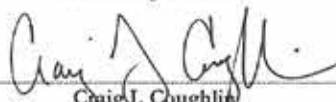


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Dear Friends of Sister Rose Thering Fund:

It is an honor for the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education to support The Sister Rose Thering Fund and the impactful academic programs the Fund has developed at Seton Hall University.

We often quote, with appropriate attribution, the instructional building blocks and positive thoughts that Sister Rose initiated and that the Fund has maintained. Her example stands as a monument to her beliefs and has created educational guidelines that teachers appreciate and that students admire. Her leadership and her ability to project her ideas into lessons leading to good fellowship among scholars has already served two generations of attentive students and waits for another presently maturing in our grade schools. The fact that these children were born into a world motivated by respect for one another adds to Sister Rose's legacy and makes us proud to have known her.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education and on behalf of the Commission, to congratulate both Monsignor Anthony Ziccardi who is being awarded the Sister Rose Thering Award for Outstanding Service to the Sister Rose Mission for his dedication and commitment to the ideals of Sister Rose Thering. I would also like to congratulate Rabbi Noam Marans who is being awarded the Sister Rose Thering Fund Award for Outstanding Service in Education for Interreligious Harmony for his dedication and commitment to our communities.

These two outstanding individuals exemplify the spirit of Sister Rose in trying to make this a better world in which we live and have dedicated their lives to this truly admirable cause. In 1994, the State of New Jersey was the first state to recognize the importance of Holocaust Education and was able to have legislation passed to mandate Holocaust Education in our schools with age-appropriate materials and resources. There are now 22 other states that have mandated this education in making sure that the memory of the victims of the Holocaust will be remembered and that we continue the work of educating our students and our communities on the importance of Holocaust Education.

The Commission wishes you well in your work and looks forward to participating in your ongoing success as a leader in Holocaust education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Cervi".

Doug Cervi, Executive Director  
New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education





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Mazal tov to  
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*Best wishes  
to everyone at  
The Sister Rose Thering Fund*



*Love,  
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*We honor  
Rabbi Noam Marans  
and  
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for their scholarship, their  
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*In loving memory of  
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*Pilot, United States Army Air Corps,  
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Dearest Noam,

Mazel tov on receiving this prestigious award.  
Your entire AJC family is incredibly proud of you!

Your work to advance interreligious harmony is a  
bedrock of AJC's advocacy. Without your extraordinary  
efforts, we would not be where we are today.

We are all celebrating with you and are delighted to  
honor you.

In admiration,  
Your AJC Family

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*Let's join hands  
for a better world.*

*Luna Kaufman*





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*Coordinator for Undergraduate Admissions and Retention  
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on receiving this well-deserved honor.



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S.T.D., S.S.L.**

*Coordinator for Undergraduate Admissions and Retention  
and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*

*and recipient of the*

**Sister Rose Thering Award for  
Outstanding Service to the Sister Rose Mission**



*With continued gratitude and prayers for your years of dedicated service  
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*with deep appreciation for his dedication  
in fulfilling the mission of our dear Sister Rose.*



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In memory of

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from her family

*Congratulations to this evening's honorees:*

*Rev. Msgr. C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.T.D., S.S.L.*

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*Believe in the transformative power of education.*

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The Parish Family of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Ridgefield Park would like to offer our thanksgiving and appreciation for Rev. Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S. T. D., S.S.L. our dear friend and parish priest.

We would like to congratulate you on being honored for the Sister Rose Thering Award for Outstanding Service to the Sister Rose Mission.

May the light of Christ continue to shine through you to those you meet along the way.  
God bless you today and always....



To our honorees,

**תיקון עולם**

Tikkun Olam-Todah Rabah  
for your continued dedication to  
making the world a better place.

B'shalom,

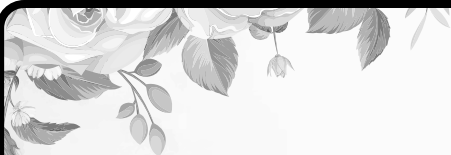
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*In memory of*  
*Hattie and Arnold*  
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*with best wishes,*

*Poppy and Richard*  
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*We remember them*

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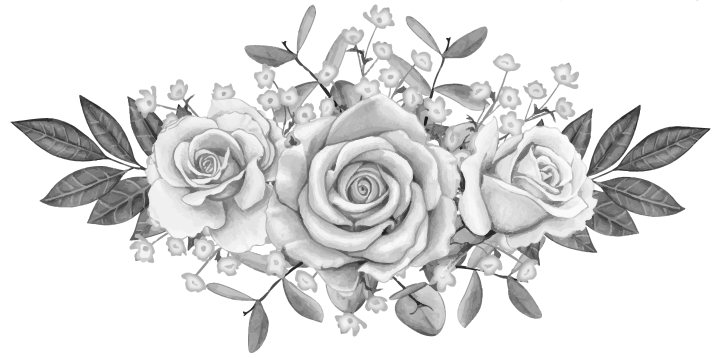
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In honor of Deborah Lerner Duane  
—Rachel Ingber

Congratulations, Msgr. Ziccardi!  
Thank you for all you have done for SRTF!  
—Clare Giangreco

Best wishes for a wonderful evening!  
—Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin

With gratitude to our honorees  
Rabbi Marans and Rev. Msgr. Ziccardi  
Congratulations  
—Paula B. Alexander





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*Thank you to all who have generously shared your treasure with us, gifts big and small, in support of the important mission of the Sister Rose Thering Fund. Throughout this journal, we have tried to acknowledge the many people who have contributed to this event and gifts received through May 17, 2023. If somehow we missed your name, please know how grateful we are for your support. We apologize for any omissions or errors.*

# THE SISTER ROSE THERING FUND TEACHER/SCHOLARS

The following educators in Seton Hall's graduate program in Jewish-Christian Studies have been awarded sponsored scholarships since the 2019-2020 academic year. Generous foundations, bequests, individuals from the Board of Trustees and the community at large have donated funding to cover tuition for a single course for each student, thereby furthering Sister Rose Thering's legacy of understanding and cooperation among Christians, Jews and people of other religious traditions through advocacy and education.

## FALL 2020

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Karen Santos  
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## FALL 2022

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## SPRING 2023


Sara Voorhees  
Brian Beyer

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Jeanette Pine  
Pamela Romanchuk

## SPRING 2022

Pamela Romanchuk



*This is my second semester participating in the Sister Rose Thering certification program, and I have entered an academic world where my eyes are opened and my mind is thinking in a way it hasn't in a long time. Not only am I able to learn more about the history of Jewish-Christian relationships but I am able to learn about different perspectives that touch on humanity and what it means to participate in the human experience. As a result, I am able to bring these new perspectives into my personal life and into my classroom. Some things I have been able to implement into my teaching from my Shoah Philosophy course are how to think and why thinking critically is important. I have learned in this course that one of the most problematic aspects of the Holocaust is the fact that so many bystanders were not able to think for themselves, or even took the time to really think about right and wrong in a critical way, and this resulted in the horror that was the Holocaust. I am able to take this lesson and share it with my students, in hopes that they are able to really understand the importance of practicing critical thinking skills. In addition, I am able to take some of the content I am learning in the grad courses and make clear connections to the content I am teaching in the classroom. For example, I have a broader insight into my teaching of Bernard Malamud's The Assistant, and Simon Wiesenthal's The Sunflower. This experience has been invaluable to the way I show up as a person and as a teacher, and I look forward to what future courses have to teach me.*

— Sara Voorhees, Millburn High School



## THE SISTER ROSE THERING FUND SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*Begun in 2003, the SRTF Sponsored Scholarship program has awarded more than 150 scholarships for one course per semester to selected teachers. These awards, made by foundation and individual support, are a means of introducing sponsor to student, allowing them to learn about one another while also providing an opportunity for sponsors to follow students through their paths of study. Students and their sponsors are honored at an annual event in the Spring.*

*We gratefully acknowledge the following donors whose gifts and generosity have provided scholarships this year, allowing the legacy of Sister Rose to live on.*

**Hattie and Arnold Segal Endowed Scholarship**

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**Dr. David M. Bossman Scholarship**

**Marsha Kreuzman Endowed Scholarship**

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**Deborah Lerner Duane and Daniel J. Duane Scholarship**

**in memory of Ruth & Murry Lerner and Katherine & Daniel J. Duane, Sr.**

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*Thank you*



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## SISTER ROSE THERING FUND EVENING OF ROSES

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- 1992 Drs. Charles and Gloria Steiner
- 1995 Rabbi Jehiel and Sylvia Orenstein
- 1997 Rev. Edward F. Flannery and Abraham Foxman
- 1998 Professor Elie Wiesel, Eva Fleischer and Murray Laulicht, Esq.
- 1999 Cynthia Ozick, Rabbi Israel Singer and Christophe Meili
- 2000 Sister Rose Thering, Archbishop Peter L. Gerety and Luna Kaufman
- 2001 Judith Banki, Anneke Burke-Kooistra and Nicholas & Margaret Pogany
- 2002 Sir Martin Gilbert, Rev. John F. Morley and Dr. Marcia Robbins-Wilf
- 2003 Dr. Nechama Tec, Theodore Bikel, David & Julia Altholz and Dr. David Bossman
- 2004 Dr. Eugene Fisher, Blu Greenberg and  
Dr. Aristides de Sousa Mendes do Amaral E Abranches (posthumously)
- 2005 Sylvia and David Steiner
- 2006 Karan & Kenneth Oleckna and Toby & Leon Cooperman
- 2007 Monsignor Robert Sheeran
- 2008 Pearl Randall Lehrhoff and Seymour Lehrhoff
- 2009 Maud Dahme and Irena Sendler (posthumously)
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- 2011 Ela Weissberger
- 2012 Drs. Charles & Gloria Steiner and Raoul Wallenberg (all posthumously)
- 2013 Dr. Paul B. Winkler
- 2014 Sister Rose Thering Fund Founders
- 2015 Holocaust Survivors and Liberators
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(all posthumously) and Marilyn Zirl
- 2017 Father Lawrence Frizzell, Luna Kaufman, Pearl Randall Lehrhoff  
and Hattie Segal
- 2018 Marilyn Rosenbaum and Darrell Terry, Sr.
- 2019 David M. Bossman, Ph.D. and Deborah Lerner Duane
- 2021 Peter Friedmann, Curt C. and Else Silberman Foundation;  
Evi Meinhardt (posthumously) & Edward Meinhardt,  
Curt C. and Else Silberman Foundation  
and Gene Hoffman
- 2022 Oren Jacoby, Director of the Oscar-nominated documentary *Sister Rose's Passion*



# 2023 Essay Competition

It is our pleasure to honor the winners of the Sister Rose Thering Fund's 2023 Essay Competition and their teachers, for essays based on the theme "Resilience and Renewal of Hope" in response to the documentary *Sister Rose's Passion*.

These students have demonstrated their great desire to make a difference and to improve the world.

## GRADE 7 • FIRST PLACE

Sara Dusic, Ms. Oumarir, Belleville Middle School

## GRADE 7 • HONORABLE MENTION

Raquel Estrella Zuniga, Ms. Oumarir, Belleville Middle School

## GRADE 7 • HONORABLE MENTION

Judah Aleyce Cook, Ms. Oumarir, Belleville Middle School

## GRADE 8 • FIRST PLACE

Marianna Calderon, Mrs. Mecka, Hackensack Middle School

## GRADE 8 • HONORABLE MENTION

Aasiba Sherin Mohamed Dhakir Hussain, Mrs. Mecka, Hackensack Middle School

## GRADE 8 • HONORABLE MENTION

Taryn Coleman, Mrs. Mecka, Hackensack Middle School

## GRADE 9 • FIRST PLACE

Nimra Malik, Mrs. Kowalski, Bayonne High School

## GRADE 9 • HONORABLE MENTION

Taleen McOmer, Mrs. Drudy, Trinity Hall

## GRADE 9 • HONORABLE MENTION

Asiya Crandall, Ms. Lutz, Pascack Hills High School

## GRADE 10 • FIRST PLACE

Sydney Jacobson, Ms. Freeman, Manalapan High School

## GRADE 11 • FIRST PLACE

Jillian Fleishman, Ms. Heather Lutz, Pascack Hills High School

## GRADE 11 • HONORABLE MENTION

Preksha Agarwal, Ms. David, Bayonne High School

## GRADE 12 • FIRST PLACE

Julia Brown, Mrs. Antonicello, Wildwood Catholic Academy

## GRADE 12 • HONORABLE MENTION

Katrina Frey, Mrs. Antonicello, Wildwood Catholic Academy

## GRADE 12 • HONORABLE MENTION

Casey Mckay, Ms. Lutz, Pascack Hills High School



*In Memory of*

*Pearl Randall Lehrhoff*

*Founding Trustee, Sister Rose Thering Fund*





*In Memory of*

*Paul F. Gibbons*

*Chairman Emeritus, Sister Rose Thering Fund*



# *Thank you*

We would like to thank the committee members who worked tirelessly to make this day very special for all

**Ann Burgmeyer, Susan Feinstein,  
Melinda Hanlon, Ellen D. Hayes, Ruth Ross  
Deborah Lerner Duane, Marilyn Rosenbaum**



The SRTF staff would like to thank our student workers **Alana Gooding** and **Issys Ortega** for their hard work and the positive energy they bring to the office.



# *Save the Dates*

**DR. MARCIA ROBBINS-WILF LECTURE**

Sunday, October 22, 2023

**KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATION**

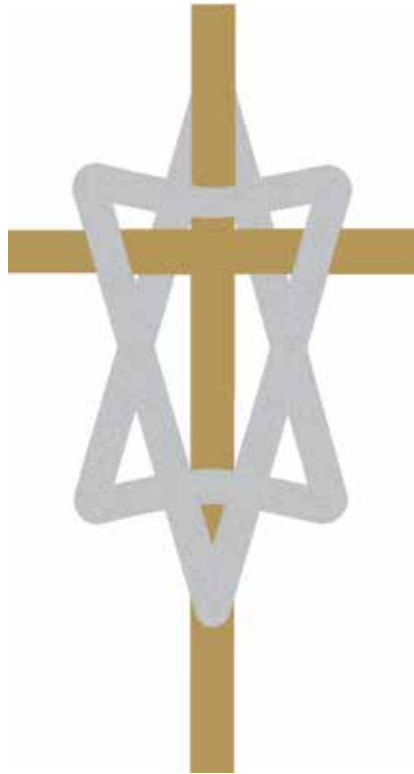
Thursday, November 9, 2023

**LEGACY DAY**

Sunday, November 19, 2023



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