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**EDUCATING FOR COSMOPOLIS:
MEDIATING MISSION AND THE UNIVERSITY CULTURE**

Our sixth summer workshop abroad will take place in the Burgundy region of France, based in the town of Paray-le-Monial, the center of the Sacred Heart devotion, nestled in the beautiful countryside and near the famous vineyards of Burgundy. The workshop will continue our curricular theme of the year, *Educating for Cosmopolis: Solutions*, through which we seek processes that support *healing and creating* and the development of *fruitful courses of action*. We will explore how these pathways are the result of the dynamic intersection of GEM and the presence of God's Spirit dwelling in our interiority. With our host, Academie Cor Iesu, we will also explore regional centers including important religious and cultural sites, in our special community of friends and partners, living the mission of our Catholic universities.

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Program Overview

WELCOME to the Sixth Praxis Program Summer Workshop Abroad! The purpose of the summer workshops has always been to complement the current curriculum with a special learning focus, as well as offering some form of spiritual refreshment. This year, we are delighted to welcome colleagues from Boston College and St. Mary's University to our expanded Praxis community!

At Seton Hall, since 2013, nearly 100 faculty and administrators have participated in the ongoing interdisciplinary learning community that is the Praxis Program. They have aimed to appropriate and integrate the meaning of the Catholic mission of the university into their disciplines and areas of responsibility, using the philosophical thought of Bernard Lonergan, SJ, especially the Generalized Empirical Method (GEM). Through learning about GEM, the program has explored how the disciplines connect to each other, to an integrated understanding of knowledge, and to the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. Additionally, a practical project or application is required, Applying The Method (ATM).

Over 10 years, assessment has found that the Praxis Program meets the need to provide a method (GEM) to analyze the mission, and to encourage a process (self-appropriation) and a means (ATM) by which faculty and administrators have the opportunity to develop themselves and their teaching, while living the University mission more fully. In addition, the program has fulfilled the need for community, now expanding to more universities.

The objectives of the 2023 workshop theme, "Educating for Cosmopolis: Mediating Mission and the University Culture," are twofold: to explore an understanding of how GEM as well as the supernatural values discussed in *Insight*, Chapter 20, mediate the mission of your university, and integrate with your disciplines. These objectives strive to fulfill the program's overall goals for faculty development, including administrators.

DEVELOPMENT depends upon, and is measured by...the organization of one's operations, their reach, their implications, the orientation of one's living, of one's concern. Development retains all that was had before and adds to it, and it can add to it enormously. It eliminates previous evils by finding a higher integration in which the problems solve themselves. It finds the higher integration by working, not at the periphery but at the root, at the Sorge, at the concern, and by effecting the shift from the concern that is all too human to the spiritual aspiration of man that has its fundamental and first appearance in the pure desire to know that grounds the intellectual pattern of experience and sets the standards for one's morality.

(Lonergan, Topics in Education, 92)