

*The Investiture of*  
Monsignor Joseph Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.

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4 NOVEMBER 2024



*Ceremony Program*

“In service life is exalted.”





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**SETON HALL UNIVERSITY**  
South Orange, New Jersey

## *Our Mission*

Seton Hall University is a major Catholic university. In a diverse and collaborative environment, it focuses on academic and ethical development. Seton Hall students are prepared to be leaders in their professional and community lives in a global society and are challenged by outstanding faculty, an evolving technologically advanced setting and values-centered curricula.

*As approved by the Seton Hall University  
Board of Regents, 6 June 1996.*



# *Hazard Set Forward*

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IN HIS DIARY for 25 June 1857, Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley wrote: “Yesterday we held the first Commencement of Seton Hall College. ... The weather was beautiful ... everything went off well.”

Faced with a dilemma — how to educate his immigrant flock — Bayley, the first Bishop of Newark, opted in 1856 for the formation of a college that would enable Catholics in New Jersey to achieve their rightful place in society.

Since that time, the College’s original student body of five has grown to more than 10,000. Today, Seton Hall is the largest and one of the oldest diocesan universities in the United States and has overcome numerous challenges during its storied history. It survived a move from its original home in Madison, New Jersey — currently the site of the College of Saint Elizabeth — to South Orange; a Civil War that forced many similar institutions to close; several disastrous fires; four major international wars; and at least five economic depressions — all menaces to the existence of any institution. The College, named in honor of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, aunt of Bishop Bayley, endowed only with the dedication of generations of devoted scholars and administrators, managed not only survival, but growth and academic distinction.

In successive expansions, the College converted its original mansion and adjacent buildings to a fully developed campus; grew from one school to eight — the College of Arts and Sciences, Stillman School of Business, College of Nursing, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, School of Health and Medical Sciences, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, School of Law and, most recently, the College of Human Development, Culture, and Media.

Over the years, the University transitioned from an exclusively male institution to one proudly coeducational; rose from granting bachelor’s degrees to the conferring of doctoral degrees in science, education, nursing, medicine

and health sciences; expanded from the personal library of the president to Walsh Library, which houses more than 1 million volumes; and evolved from an exclusively clerical institution to one in which clergy and laity join talents and energy to provide exemplary instruction.

For 168 years, Seton Hall’s mission has been to form servant leaders, to develop the whole student. Seton Hall challenges students to improve the world through excellence, integrity, compassion and service. To keep abreast of the expanding horizons of its scholars and professors and to address the spiritual and social needs of a growing student body, the University has expanded its facilities, combining the resources of a large university with the personal attention of a small liberal arts college. In 2018, Seton Hall opened a new Interprofessional Health Sciences campus in Nutley and Clifton, New Jersey, which houses the College of Nursing and School of Health and Medical Sciences. By training students in a team-based environment that mirrors how modern medical facilities operate, the University established a new national model for healthcare education.

Recent campus improvements have included the transformation of the Bishop Dougherty University Center and an addition to Boland Hall. When finished, a new basketball practice facility at the Richie Regan Recreation and Athletic Center will complete Seton Hall Athletics’ decade-long capital improvement plan.

In faculty research and publication; in the alumni who have contributed immeasurably to the economic, political and educational life of the state and the nation; in the creation of institutes that have expanded the horizons of the University to include a wide range of pursuits; in the increase of grants and awards won on the basis of achievement and anticipated research success, the University proclaims a suitably bold theme —

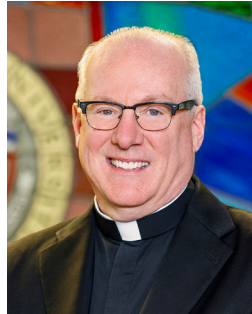
FORWARD IN FAITH



*Seton Hall University*

# Monsignor Joseph Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.

TWENTY-SECOND PRESIDENT



MONSIGNOR JOSEPH R. REILLY, S.T.L., Ph. D., began his tenure as the University's 22nd president on 1 July 2024. He brings to the presidency a deep understanding of Seton Hall's identity as a leading Catholic university and a robust vision to elevate its standing among the leading institutions in American higher education.

A Mountainside, New Jersey, native, Monsignor Reilly attended Seton Hall Prep and graduated from the University in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Newark in 1991 and then served as a parochial vicar at St. Paul in Ramsey and St. Andrew in Bayonne.

In 1995, he joined the staff of Seton Hall Prep, where he served as a faculty member and chaplain. Seven years later, he returned to the University as rector of the College Seminary at St. Andrew's Hall.

In 2012, he was named rector/dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, where he served until 2022. During this period, he helped strengthen the University's Catholic foundation as a member of the Board of Trustees. After a year's sabbatical, he undertook his most recent post as vice provost of academics and Catholic identity.

In this role, he worked to integrate the University's Catholic mission into academics — particularly local and international initiatives, and academic programs that make Seton Hall an icon of Catholic higher education.

He has served as a member of the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Board, Advisory Committee on Continuing Education and Ongoing Formation of Priests, Archdiocesan Vocations Board and the Board of Trustees of Seton Hall.

His appointment marks the return of a priest-president to Seton Hall, which has been a hallmark of the University for 146 years of its 168-year history.

Monsignor Reilly was selected to serve in multiple pontificates. St. John Paul II named him a chaplain to His Holiness in 2005 with the title of Reverend Monsignor, and Pope Francis appointed him a Missionary of Mercy in 2015.

In addition, he has served the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a member of the Faithful Citizenship Strategy Committee and the Catholic Social Teaching Task Force.

He holds a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree (S.T.B.) from Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome; a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) from Pontificio Istituto Teresianum in Rome; and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Fordham University.





# *Order of Ceremony*

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Seton Hall University Chorus

*Presentations of the University Community*

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THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES  
FACULTY GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT

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INTRODUCTION OF MONSIGNOR JOSEPH REILLY, STL, PH.D.

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*Investiture Address*

Monsignor Joseph Reilly,\* S.T.L., Ph.D.  
Twenty-Second President of Seton Hall University

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## The Presidential Medallion

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THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION, as inscribed on its reverse side, was “Presented to Right Reverend Monsignor John J. Dougherty by the Board of Trustees on his Inauguration as President 25 April 1960.” It bears the original seal of Seton Hall as adopted by the Board of Trustees on 17 May 1864. When Seton Hall became a university in 1950, the inscription on the seal was changed from *Collegium Setoniense* to *Universitas Setoniana*.

The inscription around the rim of the medallion reads: *Universitas Setoniana A.D. MDCCCLXI, Religioni Ac Bonis Artibus*, “Seton Hall University, A.D. 1861, For Religion and the Liberal Arts.” The date indicates the year in which Seton Hall was chartered by the State of New Jersey to grant “the usual academic and other degrees granted by any other college in the state.”

The center of the seal depicts the Blessed Virgin Mary holding a cross. On the left is the episcopal coat of arms of the founder of Seton Hall University, Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley. Beneath is his motto, *Per fidem, non per speciem*, taken from the second Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 5, verse 6, which can be rendered, “By faith, not by sight.” On the right is the coat of arms of the Seton family and their motto *Hazard Zit Forward*. The letter “Z” is actually an old English letter known as a “yogh” and pronounced as a “Y.”

It is fitting that this medallion has become the “Presidential Medallion” of Seton Hall University. Its elements remind us of the University’s origin and heritage and it was cast for the first president to assume office after Seton Hall achieved university status.

## *The Seal of Seton Hall University*

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DURING THE PRESIDENCY of Bishop Dougherty the original seal was replaced by a simplified seal that incorporated elements of the Bayley and Seton coats of arms and that of the Archdiocese of Newark. It further altered the motto to *Hazard Zet Forward*, an acceptable and more comprehensible variant.

The current arms are blazoned: *Gules, three crescents or, two above one, within a double tressure flory counter flory or, on a chief argent a fess wavy azure; the crest three torteaux gules one above two on an open book proper above a torse alternately or and gules.* That is, “On a red shield, three gold crescents arranged two above one within two gold concentric borders decorated with alternating fleurs-de-lis; the upper portion of the shield, the chief, silver with a blue wavy band; the crest composed of three flat red disks one above two on an open book of white on a red and gold wreath.”

The Seton arms, the crescents and the tressure, are the principal device but the colors are reversed. The blue wavy band on silver, placed as the chief of the new shield is taken from the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of Newark and represents one of the rivers that flow through the Archdiocese of Newark. The crest, an open book, is symbolic of university studies. On it are displayed the red disks from the Bayley arms in a new arrangement.

Unlike the nineteenth century arms, the current arms have the virtue of simplicity. Like the old version they represent Seton Hall’s origins and heritage, the Bayleys and the Setons, as well as its Catholic identity. These symbols are most evident when the arms are clearly and correctly portrayed.

## *Academic Attire*

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ACADEMIC ATTIRE is nearly eight centuries old. In medieval Europe, townspeople wore clothing of distinctive materials and colors to indicate their positions in life — their wealth or status, their guilds or professions. It was only natural, therefore, when students in the medieval universities of Paris, Bologna, Oxford and Cambridge began to organize into guilds, that they would develop distinctive attire for bachelors (apprentices), masters (teachers) and doctors (teachers who had completed post-graduate study). Distinctions appeared mainly in the hoods.

Although there is an almost infinite variety of academic attire from universities around the world, American usage has been standardized by an intercollegiate code, which takes the Oxford attire as a starting point. The bachelor’s gown has long, pointed sleeves, and the master’s gown has oblong sleeves, open at the wrist. Both are untrimmed. The doctor’s gown has round, open sleeves, with three bars of velvet and velvet facing. The gown is normally black, but some institutions have adopted colored gowns.



## *Presidents and Chancellors*

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1984-1989	John Petillo, Ph.D. (Chancellor)
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Never waver from her precepts, guard her banner blue and white.  
Oh, sing her praise to highest skies and be ye faithful in her eyes,  
for she will foster all your dreams, her name is Seton Hall.

When on life's hard stones you stumble, pray to God to be your guide.  
Think of Seton Hall your mother, then forge on in steady stride.  
Oh, sing her praise to highest skies, and be ye faithful in her eyes,  
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