



SCJ News

A newsletter of the U.S. Province of the Priests of the Sacred Heart (Dehonians)



Dehon Formation Community

Students, priests and brothers living and praying together in community

Members of the 2015-16 Dehon Formation Community in Chicago

The Dehon Formation Community in Chicago is home to an international, intergenerational community of professed SCJs and those discerning religious life with the congregation. The community not only houses the initial formation programs (candidacy, novitiate, philosophy and theology) of the province but also welcomes SCJs from around the world on sabbatical or in graduate programs.

Throughout the year the community hosts young men discerning a vocation to religious life. If you would like to learn about Come and See Weekends, contact our vocation office at vocationcentral@wi.twcbc.com or call 800-609-5559.

In their own words, students in the community introduce themselves:

Initial formation

Luis Alonso Barrantes (candidate)

Hi! My full name is Luis Alonso Barrantes; however I like to go by Alonso. I am 45 and have been at the SCJ formation house since January 7, 2015. I am now completing my first year in college at St. Xavier University; my major is philosophy. I was born in San Jose, Costa Rica, and was raised in Los Angeles, CA. I have three brothers and two sisters whom I love and miss very much. I am one of the middle siblings.

Prior to formation I was a full time employee working in human resources for various industries including aerospace, medicine, hospitality and entertainment. I also taught Bible study and sixth grade catechesis at my local parish, attended Bible study and was active within my parish's Young Adult Ministry.

I am excited to be here to continue to learn about religious life, but more importantly, to follow God's will. I also look forward to one day entering



Luis Alonso Barrantes

the community, and through the spirit and guidance of Fr. Leo John Dehon, live out the gospel in accordance to the spirituality of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ and serve our community as a Dehonian.

Frater Justin Krenke, SCJ

My name is Justin Krenke and I am in my second year of temporary vows. I am 25 years old and was born in West Allis, Wis., but grew up in Milwaukee. I lived with my mom, stepdad, and two older sisters.



Justin Krenke, SCJ

I learned about the Priests of the Sacred Heart from a vocational website that matched people with religious communities based on their interests. After I visited the SCJ community on a Come and See Weekend I became very interested and decided that this is the community for me.

During breaks from school I have worked in SCJ ministries. Through these experiences I learned that ministry isn't just about going and helping people and then when you're done, moving on to the next project. Ministry is about making connections with people, talking with them, and learning about and from them. It's about showing people that you truly do care about their situation and you want to be able to help as much as you can, even if it's just listening.

I am now in my senior year at St. Xavier University finishing up my undergraduate studies. I am looking forward to finishing at Xavier and moving on to my theological studies at Catholic Theological Union.

Henry Nguyen (candidate)

My name is Henry Nguyen and I am 26 years old. I was born and raised in Orange County, CA. I am a graduate

of California State University, Monterey Bay, with a bachelor's degree in psychology. I am currently attending St. Xavier University to build a foundation in philosophy and religious studies.



Henry Nguyen

I was introduced to the Priests of the Sacred Heart through youth ministry where I met Fr. Francis Vu Tran and Fr. Thi Pham. After a Come and See Weekend and a long discernment, I decided to further discern my vocation by being a part of the formation house.

In my free time I am a Youth Leader (HT) and Youth Leader Trainer (HLV) for the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement (TNTT), currently serving at St. Henry's Parish and Queenship of Mary. Previously, I was a catechist and Youth Leader at multiple parishes in California.

Outside of my ministries, I enjoy listening to music, watching movies, and exploring the outdoors by hiking and camping.

Frater James Nguyen, SCJ

I am James Nguyen, 26. I was born in Saigon, Vietnam, but raised in Seattle since I was four. I am the middle of three boys, the oldest of whom is a Jesuit. I am a



James Nguyen, SCJ

graduate of the University of Washington (Go Huskies!) with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and sociology.

This year, I will continue my theology studies at Catholic Theological Union as well as go into my second year at Loyola University for my master's degree in Pastoral Counseling. I will be doing hospice ministry this

year through VITAS Healthcare working with patients and their families.

In my spare time, I enjoy exploring the outdoors on hiking, camping and backpacking trips. I love to travel and my dream is to do a backpacking trip across the Himalayas.

What drew me to the Priests of the Sacred Heart is the charism and spirituality found in Fr. Leo John Dehon's writings. Fr. Dehon always found comfort in the knowledge that God loved him tremendously, which is symbolized in the burning Heart of Christ. Fr. Dehon wanted us who are dedicated to the love of God to be living examples of the love that Jesus had. I strive to live in that spirit of our founder daily through my religious vows: "In poverty, I desire to give all I have. In chastity, I desire to give all I am. And in obedience, I desire to give all I will become."

Liem Nguyen (candidate)

I was born in Dong Nai Province, Vietnam, in 1982. I came to the United States in 2010 and got a green card on the same day. My Father, Dinh Nguyen, died of cancer in 2011. He was a butcher. My Mother, Hai Nguyen, lives in Orange County CA. She is a homemaker. I have five brothers and two sisters and am one of the youngest in my family. Before entering candidacy I was a machine lathe operator for several years.

I have always felt an attraction to ministry and serving God's people as a priest, and have been involved in my parish.

I first heard about the Priests of the Sacred Heart through Fr. Francis Vu's mother and his involvement in the Vietnamese youth group.

She put me in contact with Fr. Francis. I visited the community on a Come and See Weekend in 2012, applied for admission in the



Liem Nguyen

summer of 2013, and was accepted soon after. I entered the formation house in the fall of 2013 and began studies at the English Language Academy of DePaul University.

This year I am living in Milwaukee (Franklin) and studying in Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology's ESL program. I hope to improve my English for my education in Chicago next year.

I attended primary and secondary school in Vietnam. I also studied interior design for a year-and-a-half but left the program to come to the United States.

When I am not studying, I enjoy listening to music. Instrumental and classical music are my favorites. I also enjoy movies — all kinds — but Pixar is my favorite studio.

Frater Juancho Castañeda Rojas, SCJ

Hola! I am Juan Carlos Castañeda Rojas but everybody calls me Juancho (family nickname). I am 33 and I am proud to say that I am from the City of Everlasting Spring, Medellín, Colombia. I am crazy about horses, I love cooking, and now I am exploring painting, which I also love. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends.



Juan Carlos Castañeda Rojas, SCJ

Since I was a kid I felt that I was called to the religious life. However, I never thought that it was going to be a long distance call and that following my vocation was going to bring me to where I am now. I began my discernment process with the Priests of the Sacred Heart in the United States in January, 2006. Such an amazing experience learning not just the language and culture, but also about Fr. Dehon. I professed my first vows with the SCJs in August, 2013. It was an amazing moment because my parents were

with me sharing the gift of my vocation. I always have total support from my family even when we are far away. My experience with the Priests of the Sacred Heart has been amazing, I always feel welcome and even though learning a new language was not easy, I have found support from members of the community. The ESL program at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology was an amazing experience because I was able to meet SCJs from all over the world. Today I live at the formation house in Chicago. Here I have found people like me who are responding to God's call, here I found friends, but more than that, I found a home and a family.

I graduated from St. Xavier University and now I am in my third year of theology at Catholic Theological Union. I have met people from all over the world and it is amazing! This year I have the exciting experience of doing my ministry practicum at Taller de Jose, which is a place where we offer accompaniment to people with many different needs. I am excited about this ministry because I have the opportunity learn more about how I can identify the needs of people and offer better help.

Living in another culture with people with different personalities and backgrounds is not always easy, but it is that which has helped me to grow in my spirituality as a Dehonian. Community life, prayer, school and even fun times are the things that make this experience an amazing journey. I am happy to be part of this great family, I am proud to be Dehonian.

Patrick Skahill (candidate)

My name is Patrick Skahill and I was born on March 17, 1970, in Los Angeles, CA. I'm the sixth child of nine, and I spent my first 18 years in L.A. before joining the U.S. military. Over the past 12 years I lived in Las Vegas, working primarily as truck driver.

It was in Las Vegas that I heard and answered the call of Christ and service to the Church. I entered candidacy on August 22, 2014, the feast of the Queenship of Mary. It has been a year since I joined the formation community here in Chicago, so my discernment has just begun. It was difficult leaving everything behind as I am sure it is for most candidates. However, I'm very pleased and happy that I made the move. I have met many interesting people so far who have shown nothing but hospitality, kindness, and patience. Praise be to God.

Currently, I am attending St. Xavier University to finish my bachelor's degree and then will move on to Catholic Theological Union. I enjoy reading, exercise, and a good hearty conversation.



Patrick Skahill

Frater Joseph Vu, SCJ

I have made the long move back to Chicago after two years ministering at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston. I am currently resuming my graduate theology studies at Catholic Theological Union. My time in Houston was great and now I am transitioning back into student life, which is a

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Joseph Vu, SCJ

whole different world compared to parish life!

I am currently in the Masters of Divinity program for priestly ordination at CTU. This will be my fourth year of

studies. I have just returned to my ministry sites here in Chicago: St. Henry Parish and the Br. David Darst Center. I really do enjoy spending time with the youth and helping them on their faith journey. The ministries at these places have helped me grow so much as a person.

I am currently in my sixth year of temporary vows with the Priests of the Sacred Heart. I met the SCJs through my youth group. My vows continually remind me of my dedication to live my life's intent on being united with the Heart of Christ and to be in community with my brothers.

I really enjoyed my time at Our Lady of Guadalupe. It has been quite a transition back into the formation house, but some things haven't changed at all. The workload and paperwork are pretty much the same. I hope to graduate next year from the M.Div. program.

Formation team and others in community

As noted earlier, the Dehon Formation Community is an international, intergenerational religious community. Besides the candidates and SCJs in initial formation the community includes Br. Duane Lemke, SCJ, province formation director and Fr. Tim Gray, SCJ, formation team member.

Fr. Bob Bossie, SCJ, is a retired member of the community who continues to be active in social justice ministry. Fr. Joseph Mukuna, SCJ, is a member of the Congolese Province doing graduate studies in Biblical languages and literature at Loyola University. Fr. Andrzej Sudol, SCJ, is a missionary from the Polish Province who has previously served in India and the Philippines; he is currently taking classes at Catholic Theological Union. And Fr. Mark Mastin, SCJ, recently joined the community to take some sabbatical time after his discharge from the US Army where he served for four years as a chaplain, including a tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Read more about the Dehon Formation Community in Chicago at www.tinyurl.com/DehonFormation2015



Fr. John Czyzynski, SCJ

What it means to be a priest

This year Fr. John Czyzynski, SCJ, was asked to be the presenter at the annual Dehon Lecture sponsored by Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. His topic? In light of the Year of Consecrated Life he was asked to speak about the "dynamic interchange between the vocations of religious and diocesan priests as they advance the Church's mission in the world."

Speaking from his background as an SCJ who has been involved for over 40 years in the formation of men for the priesthood and/or religious life, he started by discussing the vocation of diocesan priests.

"As I reflected on how I might organize my thoughts about the ministry of a diocesan priest, I remembered something that I had read in Canon Law," said Fr. John. "Some of the most pastorally inspiring and challenging words about what is expected of a diocesan priest that I have ever reflected on are contained in Canons 528 and 529 of the 1983 revision of the Code of Canon Law. These particular numbers of the Code address specifically the duties of a pastor, but whether a diocesan priest has the title of 'pastor' or not, he is always a shepherd for God's People



Prayer and liturgy are a daily and integral part of the Dehon Formation Community in Chicago.

so what is contained in those numbers speaks to every diocesan priest.

"The very first duty mentioned is that the Word of God is to be announced in its entirety to the people. My brothers, that is your first priority as a priest. We need to live and pray that Word so that we can proclaim it the best we can. It is important to study the scriptures and consult homiletic aids and all those props that are available to us, but we especially need to absorb the Word, integrate it, make it our own so that folks do not level against us a criticism I once heard of a priest: 'he sounds like he is talking about something secondhand.'"

Fr. John continued to reflect on Canon Law, saying that he "was touched by the Code's call to 'bring the gospel to those who have ceased practicing their religion or who do not profess the true faith.' We hear a similar call from our wonderful Pope Francis. He has told us to 'get out of our sacristies,' to go to the folks, not to wait for them to come to us, but to follow the example of Jesus the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost and puts His life on the line to get them back."

Quoting the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, Fr. John noted that religious clergy, though they may minister in a parish, "have as their intended ministry the pastoral expression of the charism and mission of their institutes for the sake of the Church."

"That is what the life and ministry of religious clergy is to be about," said Fr. John. "We are not substituting for the shortage of diocesan priests in parishes. Always, in whatever ministry we may be involved in, the ministry of religious clergy is about serving God's people with the impetus we receive from the charism and spirituality of our particular religious communities."

Fr. John reflected on the words of Pope Francis who wrote that religious are to be "experts in communion."

"The message of community is so

important for people to hear," said Fr. John, "especially now because of what is going on in our world. Fear and ignorance are driving us apart. Just consider our struggles with racism among and within us. The news media is filled with the struggles and suffering of people as they try to migrate to safety. Advances in technology have made us aware that our world is truly a global village. We are all connected and we need to learn to live together.

"As religious we experience the internationality of our own communities. We struggle with the wonders and the woes of living in community with people who are different from us. That is where we are learning to be the "experts in communion" that Pope Francis says that we are called to be. Religious clergy bring what they have learned in their everyday lives to

the people they serve in ministry. We need to model and witness to community. If those we serve do not see it in our lives, our words calling them to live together lovingly will mean nothing."

There are differences in the unique vocations of religious and diocesan priests, but Fr. John concluded by noting that "we are all in this together. St. Paul talks about gifts that differ but all of which contribute to the building up of the Body of Christ, the Church, the People of God. So whether we are among the diocesan clergy or members of a religious community or members of the laity, we each need to know and celebrate and share the gift that the God has made us to be and to give."

The full text of Fr. John's presentation can be downloaded at: www.tinyurl.com/czyzyski.

Fr. Don Barnd: 1922 - 2015

Fr. Don Barnd, SCJ, died October 23 in suburban Milwaukee. He was 93. Originally from Morris, Minn., Fr. Don entered the Priests of the Sacred Heart in 1952 after six years in the Navy. Initially, he served the province as a brother. He ministered at St. Joseph's Indian School in South Dakota, the novitiate at Ste. Marie, Ill., Divine Heart Seminary in Donaldson, Ind., and Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Lenox, Mass., before volunteering for the missions in South Africa in 1968.



Fr. Don Barnd, SCJ

Fr. Don returned to the United States in 1970, and said that he noticed a change in himself after South Africa. "I wanted to go back to school," he said. Challenged by other SCJs, he began to think about the priesthood. He entered Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in 1975, and on his mother's 81st birthday in 1978, he was ordained to the priesthood. Years later in his retirement he returned to school again and earned his bachelor's in religious studies from Cardinal Stritch University in suburban Milwaukee and a Master's of Divinity degree from SHSST.

As a priest he served at the Kateri Indian Center in Sioux Falls, S.D., at St. Martin Church in Murdo, S.D., and as a "help-out" priest in parishes too numerous to list. He is interred in the community mausoleum at Sacred Heart Monastery.

Former superior general ordained bishop for Diocese of Setúbal, Portugal

SCJs from around the world join in the celebration

Outside the cathedral in Setúbal, hundreds of people lined the streets. For hours they stood in the rain, first to see the image of Our Lady of Fatima brought to the cathedral on pilgrimage, and then to get a glimpse of the man who would soon be their new bishop: José Ornelas Carvalho, SCJ.

On October 25, the former superior general of the Priests of the Sacred Heart became the diocese's third bishop. His ordination was linked to the 40th anniversary of the diocese. Among those in attendance were its first bishop, Bishop Manuel Martin (his 40th anniversary of ordination as a bishop would be the next day) and Bishop Gilberto Canavarro dos Reis. Bishop Ornelas succeeds Bishop Gilberto, who is retiring after 17 years of service.



Bishop Ornelas (center) processing to the cathedral with other bishops and clergy.

Atop the cathedral steps the soon-to-be-ordained bishop greeted the people before him, many of whom would not be able to come inside because of space limitations. Over 1,500 remained in the rain, watching the ordination on large screens posted on the front and side of the cathedral.

And then it was time for the ceremony itself. Bishop Ornelas passed through two columns of concelebrants, including Fr. Heinrich Wilmer, SCJ, the current superior gen-

eral of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, and many other fellow Dehonian priests and bishops who came from around the world.

Manuel Clemente, Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon and also president of Portugal's Bishops Conference, was the principal celebrant and ordaining bishop. He was joined at the altar by Bishop Gilberto Canavarro dos Reis (out-going bishop) and Bishop António de Sousa Braga, SCJ, bishop of Angra in the Azores.



LEFT: The North American contingent – Fr. John van den Hengel (regional superior of Canada), Fr. Stephen Huffstetter (general councilor), Fr. Jack Kurps and Fr. Ed Kilianski (provincial superior of the US Province). RIGHT - Bishop Ornelas prostrate on the floor during the Litany of Saints.



Archbishop Claudio Dalla Zuanna

Eventually all of the concelebrants would process into the cathedral, many using their vestments to wipe the raindrops off of their glasses.

Once all were seated Monsignor João José Lobato, vicar general of the Diocese of Setúbal, opened the Mass with a formal greeting to Bishop Ornelas from the diocese. The celebration, filled with music from start to finish, would last approximately three hours. Many remained outside for it all.



Bishop Ornelas greets the many gathered outside the cathedral, some of whom stood in the rain for over three hours watching the celebration on video screens.

A single desire; many paths

José Ornelas Carvalho, 61, entered the seminary at 13 hoping to be a missionary. He professed his first vows with the Priests of the Sacred Heart in 1972 and was ordained in 1981, still feeling the call to missionary service.

It was a dream reaffirmed during a two-year break from his theological studies when he served in Mozambique from 1974-76.

It changed me," he said. "It opened my eyes to the internationality of the congregation."

He hoped to return to Mozambique after his ordination but

the country's civil war thwarted those plans. Instead, he went to Rome, where he earned a licentiate at the Pontifical Biblical Institute. It was the first step on the path to a career in academics. From 1993 to 1996 he studied at the Jesuit University in Frankfurt Germany and in 1997 he received a Doctorate in Biblical Studies from the Catholic University of Lisbon. For many years he was professor of Sacred Scripture in Lisbon. He was just settling into what he thought would be his life's path when he was elected as provincial superior of Portugal.

"I had been teaching for about 11 years and thought that I had some capacity for it," he said. "I saw myself doing research, being a biblical scholar, giving conferences."

But the call to leadership moved him in a new direction, first in province leadership and then as superior general of the Priests of the Sacred Heart from 2003-2015.

Yet his love of the missions, and an international sense of the congregation, never shifted. These two passions became primary building blocks in his general administration.

When asked what gave him joy in looking back over his two terms as superior general, Fr. Ornelas quickly listed the increasing areas in which the congregation is now found, including new missions in Vietnam, Taiwan, Chad, Paraguay and Angola.

In fact, it was Angola that Fr. Ornelas was packed and ready to go to when he received a message from Pope Francis asking him to serve as the next bishop of Setúbal.

Pope Francis said to him: "I do not impose upon you, but I ask you to go and be the bishop of Setúbal... you will be a missionary, for Europe needs to rediscover its missionary dimension." And so he continues as a missionary, this time in his homeland.



Those in the back of the procession watch one of the large video screens to see what is going on at the front. The cathedral was too small to fit all the well-wishers.

View more photos from the ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving at:
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A vicar general and a vice provincial

On October 9 Fr. Carlos Enrique Caamaño Martín, SCJ, 48, was installed as the new vicar general for the Priests of the Sacred Heart. He is an alumnus of Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology's ESL program.

Fr. Carlos Enrique was regional superior of Venezuela when elected to the General Council in May. He was



Fr. Carlos Enrique

professed in 1994 and ordained in 1999. Much of his ministry in Venezuela was in education and formation.

Closer to home, Fr. Quang Nguyen, SCJ, has

been named vice provincial of the U.S. Province.

The first member of the council to be elected, Fr.

Quang, 50, is currently province vocation director.

Originally from Vietnam, he professed vows in 1995 and was ordained in 2000. His first assignment was at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Houston. He then pursued graduate studies in economics, earning a Ph.D. in 2014 from Claremont Graduate University. His dissertation, which he successfully defended in 2013, was "Doi Moi (Economic Renovation) Revisited: The positive economic outcome(s) and a negative externality, especially in the service sector of Vietnam."

Fr. Quang will continue to serve as province vocation director.



Fr. Quang

Fr. Cassidy receives Dehon Distinguished Ministry Award

During the annual Alumni Week Awards dinner at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in October, Fr. Tom Cassidy was awarded the Dehon Distinguished Ministry Award. Unfortunately, Fr. Tom was not able to

receive his award in person; he was serving in the formation program in India. Fr. Tom instead sent a video with his acceptance speech; the following is excerpted from it:

"...I am humbled by your bestowing this award on me. I find myself in very good company, from Fr. Cremer (the first to receive it in 1989), who was my professor of theology during my years at Sacred Heart, to last year's recipient, Christopher Klusman, who was a student during my tenure as rector.

"This award is named after our founder, Fr. Leo John Dehon, whose cry that 'Priests need to get out of the sacristy!' rings true today in the words of Pope Francis who said that 'If you want to be a shepherd you need to come home smelling like the sheep...'

"From the bottom of my heart I thank you for bestowing on me the Dehon Distinguished Ministry Award. My promise to you is that I will try to daily live up to its ideals... Finally, please keep me and our young Indian SCJ District in your prayers, and in turn I will ask that our 26 theologians pray for you as well."

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