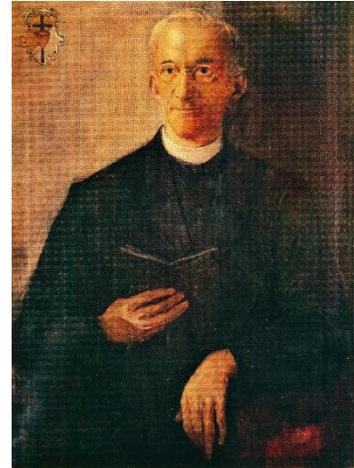


Dehonian

Esprit de Corps

*Ideas to foster social
and spiritual fellowship*



Get-togethers

- I would enjoy gathering with current and former SCJs to share food, prayer, and work with the less advantaged.
- Gathering on a local level
- Geographical [within a 100 mile radius] discussion/sharing groups
- Gathering on a national level
- Perhaps an offering of a get-together once a year.
- An “all hands” gathering every two years or so would be nice.
- An occasional event at the Sacred Heart Monastery—even if only a small number showed up
- Not sure there’s a logical connection or way to organize it, but I’ve often felt it would be rewarding to be part of activities like Mission Awareness meetings or Lay Associates—maybe just for a day, like observers.

Discussion

- Some means of ongoing discussion of particular issues that affect us
- Not sure, but I’ve always felt something deep within my personal makeup was attracted to the theme and image of the Sacred Heart. Ironically, most people assume that images of the Sacred Heart refer to emotions and sentiments and feelings, but my own career has been involved in the intellectual machinations of the human person. So I’d like to explore the relationship between the images of heart and head, perhaps?
- I’d be curious to hear how guys have been affected by knowing Fr. Dehon and his charism—their values and where they sense their “SCJ-ness” in how they have lived. Also curious to hear how their lives have been since leaving—jobs, spouses, partners, children.

- One thing that I personally would find as interesting as *SCJ News* is information about those of us who didn't get ordained and yet were significantly influenced by the SCJs academically and spiritually. While we may not be ordained, I suspect many of us are living our lives with a "Dehonian" spirit. It would be interesting to share and learn what we have done with our lives.
- List all the answers to this fill-in-the-blank question: "If Father Dehon had never been born, I never would have _____."

Retreat

- Would love to go on a short retreat with those interested in staying connected
- A Dehonian day of reflection at Sacred Heart School of Theology
- Offer a yearly retreat. It might be a way of further fostering the living out Dehonian spirituality in daily life and with our families, bonding with one another and identification with the SCJ community.

Charity "stint"

Communication

- Periodic communication
- Keeping in touch with the SCJ family
- Facebook or other Internet sharing vehicle for milestones, events, perhaps with pictures
- I'm wondering if guys would ever be willing to share pictures

Dehonian Associates

- Some kind of official lay association linked to the Congregation