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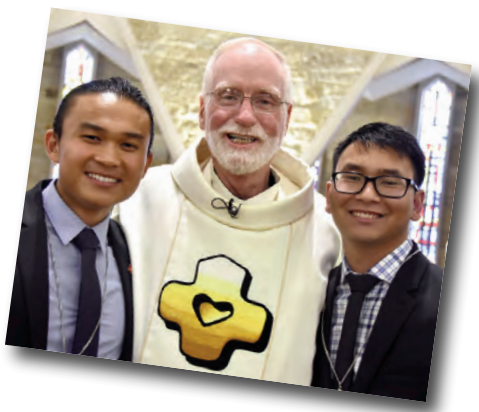
Two new Dehonians!

With the profession of their first vows on August 15, Phong "Paul" Hoang and Henry Nguyen became Dehonians, members of the US Province of the Priests of the Sacred Heart. The vows were received by Fr. Ed Kilianski, SCJ, US provincial superior, during a liturgy in the main chapel at Sacred Heart Monastery / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology.

"Today, I feel loved," said Frater Paul right after his profession. "I heard it at Adoration, I heard it all day. I give thanks to God for my vocation with the SCJs. I am grateful to the community for giving me an education, the gift of community, valuable ministry experiences, personal growth, and most importantly, a love for the Heart of Jesus."

Originally from Vietnam, Frater Paul, 26, is now a US citizen. Before entering candidacy, he earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Houston. As a candidate, Frater Paul was a member of the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement (TNNT) and also helped with the Vietnamese language program for children at Queenship of Mary parish in Joliet, IL. He did summer ministry with Sacred Heart Southern Missions in Mississippi.

"The experience in Mississippi strengthened my vocation with the SCJs," he said. Frater Henry, 29, was born and raised in Orange County, CA. "Five years in the making, three years in formation, has led me to profess vows with the Priests of the Sacred Heart," he said the week before his



Frater Phong (Paul), Fr. Ed and Frater Henry

first profession. "My vocation calls me to do love in all things," he continued. "By being 'Henry of the Heart of Jesus,' I feel that it is my duty to respond to the lack of God's love in the world, by spreading God's love to where people need it most. By becoming an SCJ, I take on a social responsibility, a tug to be present with others. "During this past year in the novitiate, I became certain that I must 'love with an open heart and



Dehonians gather around Phong and Henry as they profess their first vows

mind,' and be available. Being 'Dehonian' has become my identity. Ecce Venio has become embedded in me."

Frater Henry has been involved in a variety of ministries, including the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement (VEYM) at St. Henry's Parish and Queenship of Mary in the Chicago area and as a Youth Leader and Youth Leader Trainer, "assisting youth and young adults with their journey of faith, helping them to grow closer to God," he said. Last summer, he was a part of the ESL residential staff at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. "We had over 40 students from all over the world; I learned what an impact the SCJ presence has on other communities outside of the United States."

Fraters Paul and Henry are now members of the Sacred Heart Monastery community and doing their seminary studies at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology.

Three enter SCJ novitiate

Three men were received into the novitiate August 14: Hubert Senam Kodjovi Liassidji, John Huan Nguyen and Angel Romero.

Originally from Togo, but now a US citizen, Hubert entered the formation program in Chicago in January, 2017, and was a student at St. Xavier University. He is 37.

Reflecting on his vocation, Hubert said that "During my teenage years, I thought a lot about how I wanted to change the world. Growing up, I finally discovered that I could not change the world, but that I can BE the change in the world by the way I live my life. I have a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and so I am attracted to the fact that to be a Priest of the Sacred Heart is to be a 'Prophet of love and servant of reconciliation.' This really fits my call, and I think it



Angel, Huan and Hubert are received into the novitiate by Fr. Ed Kilianski at the novitiate chapel.

can help me to BE the change in the world.

"If become SCJ – by the grace of God – I do believe that I can fulfill this goal. By reflecting the love of the Heart of Jesus by the way I live, I would like to stand up for those who feel abandoned, for those who feel that they have no one in their lives. I want to seek justice for the poor, console broken hearts and try to reconcile people.

"I want to show the world a compassionate heart, a heart of a mother."

Angel, 34, is originally from Chihuahua, Mexico. Before entering formation, he worked in the legal profession. As a member of the Dehon Formation Community, he studied at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

"I am very happy to be able to enter the Novitiate because it is a moment to pray more intensely so that I may discern the path of my vocation," said Angel. "I think it is important to study the congregation, its history, the charism and the founder, Fr. Leo John Dehon. This represents not just the Priests of the Sacred Heart, but the Catholic Church itself as one sees

how a person can participate in ministry in service to God, living as a vowed religious. I believe that it is important at this stage of formation to be mindful of three elements: study, gaining knowledge, and discernment. All of this is done under the light of the Holy Spirit."

John Huan Nguyen, 31, is a novice from the Vietnamese District; however, this isn't his first time in the United States. Last summer he was a student in the ESL program at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. Originally from Hanoi, John became a candidate in Vietnam three years ago and has studied philosophy. After novitiate, John will begin his theological studies at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. Fr. Francis Vu Tran, SCJ, district superior, was present for his entrance to novitiate.

Fr. Ed Kilianski, SCJ, provincial superior, received the new novices. Almost 70 people packed into the small novitiate chapel to welcome John, Angel and Hubert.

Fr. Byron Haaland, SCJ, is novice master; Fr. Andrzej Sudol, SCJ, is associate novice master.

Celebrating commitment

On Saturday, September 8, the province celebrated nearly 200 years of vowed life with the Priests of the Sacred Heart (Dehonians).

This year's golden jubilarians are Fr. Bob Bossie and Br. Leonard Zaworski (50 years of vows). Also recognized during the ceremony were Br. Matt Miles (60 years) and Fr. Bryan Benoit (30 years).

Fr. Quang Nguyen, SCJ, vice provincial, was the main celebrant of the Jubilee Mass at Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake. The provincial superior, Fr. Ed Kilianski, SCJ, was homilist.

The jubilarians represent a wide range of ministry. For Fr. Bob, Dehonian spirituality was the source that nurtured his call to fight for social justice. For over 30 years he was on the staff of the 8th Day Center in Chicago. "For me, justice as a ministry and lifestyle is the fullest expression of Fr. Dehon's call for reparation, or reconciliation," he said. "To have a preference for the poor is to identify with Christ, with God."

Fellow golden jubilarian, Br. Leonard, felt a similar call, serving as a community activist in the Rio Grande Valley, helping to give voice



Br. Leonard and Fr. Bob receive congratulations from friends and family.

to the poor. "We tried to empower people who never felt that they could make a difference," he said. "We helped them to find the courage to participate in the system, to seek change." The call to serve the poor and disenfranchised later compelled him to serve in the missions, and later as a braille translator, bringing text to life for those with vision impairments.

Br. Matt spent many years in senior ministry before his own retirement; Fr. Bryan has been active in parish ministry.

Honoring ordained ministry

A week after the province honored SCJs who celebrated their religious jubilees, the Sacred Heart Community at SHML hosted a celebration for SCJs noting 60, 50 and 40 years of ordained ministry. To accommodate the number of guests, the anniversary Mass was moved to Sacred Heart Monastery / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. It took place September 14.

The SCJ priesthood jubilarians included Fr. Tom Lind and Fr. Richard Johnston (60 years of ordained ministry), Fr. Mark Fortner (50 years) and Fr. Jim Walters, Fr. Tim Gray and Fr. Yvon Sheehy (40 years).

Fr. Tom, a Minneapolis native, served for many years at St. Joseph's



Fr. Quang Nguyen expresses the province's gratitude for the jubilarians' years of service.

Indian School in Chamberlain, S.D., before entering parish ministry in northern Mississippi. He is now retired and a member of the Sacred Heart Community in Pinellas Park, FL.

Although he spent a few years in vocations and education, most of Fr. Richard's ministry has been in parishes, primarily in Texas and Mississippi. A Milwaukee native, he is a retired member of the Houston community.

Fr. Mark professed first vows as a member of the U.S. Province in 1962 but most of his priesthood, from 1969 – 1999, was spent in Indonesia. Fr. Mark returned to the United States permanently in 1999. He served in formation and in pastoral counseling before retiring and joining the Sacred Heart Community at SHML.

Fr. Jim and Fr. Yvon professed their first vows in 1969. Both ministered for many years in South Dakota, and later, in Wisconsin. Fr. Yvon was pastor of St. Martin of Tours



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Fr. Quang (right) shares a smile with 60-year jubilarian Fr. Richard Johnston.

parish (Franklin, WI) and province vocation director. Currently, he is the residential director of the ESL program at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. Fr. Jim is director of the Hispanic Studies program at SHSST; for many years he served in Hispanic ministry in Texas.

Fr. Tim just celebrated his 50th anniversary of vows last year. Although he did spend some years teaching and on the formation team, much of his ministry has been among the Spanish-speaking, serving at several parishes in Mississippi and Texas. He is currently associate pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston.

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"Discovering Pope Francis," Pope Francis Symposium at

Many voices come together in prayer



Vietnamese worship community celebrates

Saying good-bye to Fr. Tady

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Discovering Pope Francis

“I get invited to quite a few Pope Francis conferences and this has been absolutely, by far, the best one that I have been at for the sheer concentration of insight and quality of speakers, but also, the quality of those listening. I’ve really sensed you listening in these days.”

The quote is from Dr. Austen Ivereigh in his closing comments at “Discovering Pope Francis: Theological, Philosophical, Cultural and Spiritual Perspectives.” Ivereigh, a journalist and author of *The Great Reformer*, a biography of Pope Francis, was the opening presenter at the October 8-11 symposium. He was one of ten international scholars from around the world who spoke on various aspects of Pope Francis, including his formative experience as an Argentine and as a Jesuit, as well as the challenges of today’s papacy.

The symposium was hosted by Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, an apostolate of the Priests of the Sacred Heart and, in part, the brainchild of Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. It was during the archbishop’s visit to Sacred Heart last year for the Dehon Lecture that the idea for a symposium on Pope Francis began to take shape.

In the archbishop’s introduction to the first full day he said that “Many theologians want everything to be simply black and white. However, Pope Francis is a man for whom in many matters discernment is essential...”

“We must be able to live in tension between the poles and form a creative tension in openness to the Spirit to find the path forward to many of the world’s problems. This polarity affords us the opportunity to dialogue, and through dialogue, discover the truth... This symposium



Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, was one of the prime motivators behind the symposium.

will be a major step in equipping the Church in the United States to understand, receive and defend the magisterium of Pope Francis and to meet the challenges of our day.”

So much material was covered during the symposium that it would be impossible to briefly summarize it in a single feature story. The following are just a few quotes from the presenters:

Joy is key

“Joy is absolutely key to evangelizing,” said Dr. Ivereigh in his presentation. “If people do not find that joy in our proclamation, they will never be captivated. It’s the joy that [Pope] Francis has never lost in spite of everything. He never lost the joy that he had the night of his election when he spent 20 minutes praying in the chapel before coming out on the balcony, when he said that he had an experience of freedom and peace that had never left him. That joy has stayed with him throughout. And it is the joy that he is inviting us to embrace.

“He told the Jesuits in 2016, but it applies to all of us: ‘The true work is to console the faithful people and through discernment help them so that the enemy of human nature does not rob us of our joy.’

“The joy of evangelizing, the joy of the family. The joy of the Church, the joy of creation. Joy runs through the titles of all of his documents... It’s clear that he is trying to tell us something. The joy that comes from trusting God to guide us through the storm of our tribulation, the sweet joy of evangelizing a world in flux.”

Latin American influence

“We have to understand Pope Francis in terms of Latin America,” said Dr. Susan Wood, SCL, during her presentation, titled “Pope Francis and the Ecclesiology of De Lubac.” She is professor and chair of the Department of Theology at Marquette University.

“We know that the polarities in the Church mirror the polarities in society,” she continued. “This country is torn apart. So, what is the gift that we can bring to polar difference? The gift is to be able to hold that polarity. He [Pope Francis] is not trying to collapse either side of the argument into a winner and a loser, or some other synthesis. He is allowing it enrich the catholicity of the Church.”

“To understand that, we have to put that in context. I think that we understand Pope John Paul II given his formation in Poland; we understand Pope Benedict in terms of a secularized Europe. We have to understand Pope Francis in terms of Latin America.”

A missionary outlook

“To understand the Pope’s perspective, you have to have a missionary outlook,” said Dr. Massimo Borghesi, professor of Moral Philosophy at the University of Perugia (Italy) and the author of the internationally renowned biography of Pope Francis titled *Jorg e Mario Bergoglio: Una biografia intellettuale*.

“A Church that doesn’t live and understand the mission as part of the Spirit doesn’t understand Pope Francis,” Dr. Borghesi continued. “The pope’s outlook is to encounter, to meet everyone, to communicate Christ to them.”

“Everyone should carefully

read *Evangelii Gaudium* [The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis’ 2013 apostolic exhortation]; it is Pope Francis’ manifesto. Everything about Pope Francis is there. You have to read it line by line to really understand who the Pope is. That is where you understand the missionary outlook that absolutely drives this entire pontificate.

“Remember that when he was young, Pope Francis wanted to go as a missionary to Japan. The mission guides and drives this disciple of St. Ignatius. He is devastated by a world that grows further away from Christ and he absolutely needs to find a way to communicate Christ to the world.”

Other presenters included Bishop Robert Barron (via video), auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries; Fr. Stephen Bevens, SVD, Louis J. Luzbetak, SVD Professor of Mission and Culture, Emeritus, Catholic Theological Union; Dr. Rocco Buttiglione, a member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences who holds the St. John Paul II Chair of Philosophy and History of European Institutions at the Lateran University in Rome; Dr. Guzmán Carriquiry, Vice President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America; Dr. Peter Casarella, associate profes-



Many of our students – those in formation (seminary and novitiate) and in the ESL program – were able to attend the symposium.

sor of theology at the University of Notre Dame; and Dr. Rodrigo Guerra Lopez, founder and researcher at the Center for Advanced Social Research, Mexico.

Archbishop Jerome Listcki of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee welcomed symposium participants for a Mass and reception at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Milwaukee on October 10. Concelebrants included Bishop Jeffrey R. Haines and Bishop James T. Schuerman, auxiliary bishops of Milwaukee, as well as Archbishop Christophe Pierre, and several Dehonian priests. Bishop Haines also sat in on several sessions at the symposium.



Dr. Austen Ivereigh speaks during the final panel discussion



Bishop Heiner Wilmer, SCJ, waves to the crowd following his ordination in Hildesheim

A new Dehonian bishop

On September 1, thousands of people, including Dehonians from around the world, filled the cathedral of Hildesheim and two nearby churches to be a part of the episcopal ordination of Heiner Wilmer, SCJ, as the 71st bishop of the German diocese.

Archbishop Stefan Heße of Hamburg was the ordaining bishop. The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Nikola Eterovic, presented the papal certificate of appointment. Among the concelebrants were Bishop José Ornelas Carvalho, who served as Dehonian superior general before Bishop Heiner, and Fr. Carlos Luis Suarez Codorniú, the newly elected superior general.

Until his appointment, Bishop Wilmer was the superior general of the Priests of the Sacred Heart. His coat of arms prominently features the Dehonian cross, which is also his bishop's cross.

His motto, "Adiutores Gaudii Vestri," based on 2 Corinthians 1:24, encompasses his understanding of his service as bishop. St. Paul writes: "Not that we lord it over your faith; rather,

we work together for your joy, for you stand firm in the faith."

The Diocese of Hildesheim, which includes the city of Hanover, is one of the oldest dioceses in the world. It was founded in 815 and is located in northern Germany; it is over 18,500 square miles and includes approximately 610,000 Catholics and 200 priests. Bishop Wilmer succeeds Bishop Norbert Trelle, who headed the diocese from 2006 until 2017.

Bishop Wilmer was provincial superior of the German Province when he was elected superior general in 2015. He was born on April 9, 1961 in Schapen, Germany, was ordained in 1987, and professed his first vows with the congregation in 1982.

Prior to his service as provincial superior Bishop Wilmer held a number of positions in education. From 1998 – 2007 he was headmaster of Gymnasium Leoninum in Handrup, Germany. Before that, he spent a year teaching German and history at the Jesuit's Fordham Preparatory School in New York (USA).

From 1995 – 1997 he served at

Liebfrauenschule, a school in Vechta, northern Germany, as a teacher of religion, history and politics, as well as a school chaplain.

Bishop Wilmer has also taken part in several social initiatives with the poor and disenfranchised. In 2006 he spent three months in Caracas, Venezuela, doing catechesis among the city's barrios. From 1996 – 1997 he worked to develop a training initiative for women at a penitentiary in Vechta (Germany).

During his year teaching in New York he served in the Jesuits' soup kitchen. And in 1993 he spent four months in Toronto, Canada, serving as a chaplain at "L'Arche Daybreak," a residential home for people with disabilities.

His studies have included French Philosophy at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, and Fundamental Theology at the University of Freiburg, where he earned his doctorate. The title of his thesis: "Mystik zwischen Tun und Denken. Zum Ort der Mystik in der Philosophie Maurice Blondels" [Mysticism between doing and thinking. The place of mysticism in the philosophy of Maurice Blondel]. Bishop Wilmer is also an author with several published works.

After the episcopal ordination, thousands moved to the cathedral courtyard for an outdoor party. A German band played as German-themed foods were shared with the crowd, including German beer!



Fr. Jan de Jong, SCJ, representing the US Province, congratulates the new bishop

Fr. Leonard Tadyszak, eldest member of US Province, dies

Fr. Leonard Tadyszak, SCJ, the eldest member of the US Province at 96, died September 16, at the Congregational Home in Brookfield, WI. He had been professed nearly 75 years.

A Milwaukee native, Fr. "Tady," as he was often called, learned of the Priests of the Sacred Heart through an advertisement in a religious magazine. "It was so small I could barely see it," he said of the ad. "But I felt like I was called to serve the Sacred Heart so I contacted them."

It was while he was chopping logs with the CCCs (Civilian Conservation Corps – a program that put young men to work during the Depression) that he started to think about a vocation.

"After seeing that ad I just wrote to them [the Priests of the Sacred Heart] and told them I wanted to join," he said. Soon after, he received a letter from Fr. John Emonts, SCJ, saying that the priest he had written to, Fr. Henry Hogeback, SCJ, had just died in a car accident.

"But he added that I was still welcome to come to Hales Corners – I guess they didn't have much of an admissions process then," said Fr. Tady, laughing.

At 19 he was considered a "PG" or "post-graduate" student, so he was placed in an intensive two-year Latin program at the minor seminary in Donaldson, Ind.

He completed his seminary studies at Sacred Heart Monastery and was ordained to the priesthood in 1952. Like many newly ordained

priests at the time, his first assignment was back at the seminary.

"They needed teachers, so that's where we went," said Fr. Tady. He became a Latin teacher at Divine Heart Seminary.

"I didn't know Latin all that well," he said, looking back on that first year. "All I had were those two years at Donaldson and a little more later on. But I stayed about two days ahead of the class so I could figure out what they were going to ask. After seven years I actually got to know the language pretty well!"

In 1961, he took on a totally new assignment – he left for De Aar, South Africa. Fr. Tady enjoyed being a missionary and stayed for four years before returning to the U.S. Province. Then, it was back to school. He served at Trinity College in Redlands, Calif., Sacred Heart Seminary in Victorville, CA, the novitiate programs in both Ste. Marie, IL and in Baileys Harbor, WI, and at Kilroe Seminary in Honesdale, PA.

After many years in education, Fr. Tady became a "pinch-hitter" of sorts, filling in at parishes when others were on vacation, or serving as a fill-in until a permanent SCJ was assigned to a location.

In 1992 he retired, and for several years split his time between the province retirement communities in Pinellas Park, FL and Franklin, WI. At the time of his death he was a member of the Sacred Heart Community at SHML, with residence at the Congregational Home in suburban Milwaukee.



Fr. Tady

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40th anniversary

On October 7, the Vietnamese worship community of Milwaukee celebrated its 40th anniversary. Since 2007, the community has been a part of St. Martin of Tours parish in Franklin, WI (suburban Milwaukee), ministered to by the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

Fr. Francis Vu Tran, an American SCJ originally from Vietnam, was the community's first SCJ pastor. Fr. Francis is now superior of the District of Vietnam and Fr. Joseph Quang Tran, SCJ, a member of the district, is the current pastor to the Vietnamese community in Milwaukee, as well as associate pastor of St. Martin of Tours.

The Vietnamese worship community is not a separate parish within St. Martin of Tours. There are special Vietnamese celebrations and cultural activities, such as Tet (Vietnamese New Year) but they are events hosted by the full parish and welcome to all parishioners.



Fr. Joseph Quang Tran, pastor of the Vietnamese community

Several SCJs took part in the anniversary Mass, including two former pastors: Fr. Anthony Russo, SCJ, and Fr. Yvon Sheehy, SCJ. And at the end of the Mass a birthday cake with “40” in candles on the top was wheeled out. But it wasn’t in honor of the Vietnamese community, it was for their pastor, Fr. Joseph Quang Tran, who turned 40 himself on October 9.

Dehonians called to build bridges in divisive times

“And so for you who are Dehonians, wherever you are, how are you prophetic?” asked Fr. Jose Gonzales. “Are you faithful to the charism of your congregation? Are you being faithful to reparation? As you know, when reparation happens, reconciliation is possible.”

During an informal presentation September 11 at Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake, Fr. Jose, a Milwaukee diocesan priest, shared his experience of ministering to undocumented migrants at St. Adalbert parish in Milwaukee. He is pastor of the parish, one of the largest Latino parishes in the area, as well as a member of the Hispanic Ministries staff at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology.

“As Dehonians, you must remind us that there is a heart,” he said. “You

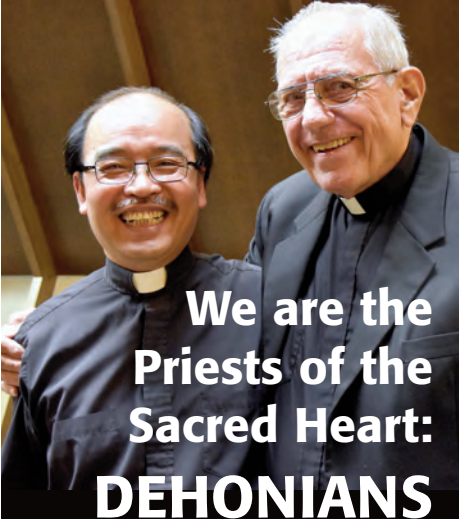
are called to be bridge-builders among cultures calling forth the beauty of humanity and yet it is so hard to do. We seem to be more and more polarized, even with our table conversations, they have become so politicalized. Often, we just want to get away from the table and yet the invitation is to stay at the table and stay in the conversation.

“In these moments, I am discovering more and more the importance of drawing strength from being present to the Blessed Sacrament.” Read more at www.dehoniansusa.org at **NEWS/FEATURES**.

We can be an example of diversity in the Church

“When we all work together, we become a beautiful example of the Church’s community in its diversity and unity,” said Fr. Tomasz Flak, SCJ, during his homily at the October multicultural Mass at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. “Each of us becomes a teacher when we talk about ourselves, our family, our culture and customs. Each of us becomes a student when we are open to meeting another person, to know about him, his family, his culture and customs.”

Read the full homily on the province blog at: www.scjusablog.org



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Our ministries are diverse, as are our members. Yet our goal is the same: to work with a common heart in service to God’s people, reflecting the love of Christ as experienced by our founder, Fr. Leo John Dehon

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