



Dehonian Esprit de Corps

*Facilitating spiritual and social fellowship among
SCJs, former SCJs, and SCJ seminary alumni*

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Welcome to the quarterly mailing of ***Dehonian Esprit de Corps***, intended to facilitate a spiritual and social fellowship among SCJs, former SCJs, and SCJ seminary alumni. The multiple ways in which we express a common spirit enrich us all and I value whatever level of participation feels right for you. Your comments and suggestions for this fellowship will help to shape its future. *Vivat Cor Jesu!*

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In his book of meditations, The Retreat with the Sacred Heart, Fr. Leo John Dehon presents Jesus speaking directly to the reader. The following is from the last meditation of the book.

“The reign of my Heart in society is the reign of justice, charity, mercy, and compassion for the lowly, the humble, and for those who suffer. I am asking you to dedicate yourself to all these works, to encourage them and to cooperate with them. Support those institutions which can contribute to the reign of social justice and which defend the weak against oppression by the powerful.”

The Retreat with the Sacred Heart, 40th Meditation



The SCJs in Canada and the US have chosen as a priority to focus on the issue of migration and refugees. In 2015, the SCJ North American Committee on Immigration published, **North American Dehonian Story of Immigration**. This 136-page book is a collection of immigration stories from SCJs, and the women and men with whom and to whom they minister. Although initially intended for SCJs as the first step in a “see, judge, act” process to address the needs of those who face the immigration system in Canada and the United States, this book is now available to a wider audience. If you would like a free copy of the book, click here [\[link\]](#).

The name of our group, *Dehonian Esprit de Corps*, is a nod to Leo John Dehon and the French foundation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart. Developing the mailing list is a work in progress. Since December, I have contacted 123 former SCJs and SCJ seminary alumni for whom I have current contact information. Click here [\[redacted\]](#) to see the list of those who responded by the end of February. If you know of someone who would like to be on this list, please send me his contact information, or suggest that he write to me directly. Later, I will provide contact information for everyone on the list. In the meantime, should you want to connect with an individual, I will be happy to send you his contact information.

Click here [\[redacted\]](#) to view a list of anniversaries [first profession of vows, ordination, marriage, and death] occurring in April, May, and June. If you spot a mistake, so easy to make with all these dates, please let me know.

Please remember in your prayers **Richard Fagon** [professed vows in 1962], who was recently diagnosed with a serious blood disorder. He welcomes email at rfagon@hargray.com. Also, **Mike Burke, SCJ** [professed vows in 1956], died from a massive heart attack on February 9, 2017.

Look for the next mailing on **June 23** [*The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*], which will include the information that you shared about yourself and your suggestions for this fellowship. Please send any additional info and suggestions. Click here to send me an email [\[redacted\]](#).

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The Priests of the Sacred Heart invite former SCJs and SCJ seminary alumni to join them in celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 23, 2017,

at Sacred Heart Monastery, Hales Corners, Wisconsin.

10:00 AM Power Point Presentation by David Schimmel:

Friends of the Heart of Jesus, Mentors of the Dehonian Family.

11:00 AM Eucharistic Liturgy followed by lunch.

Those who wish can gather as a group for lunch. RSVP to David.