



McGrath Institute for Church Life

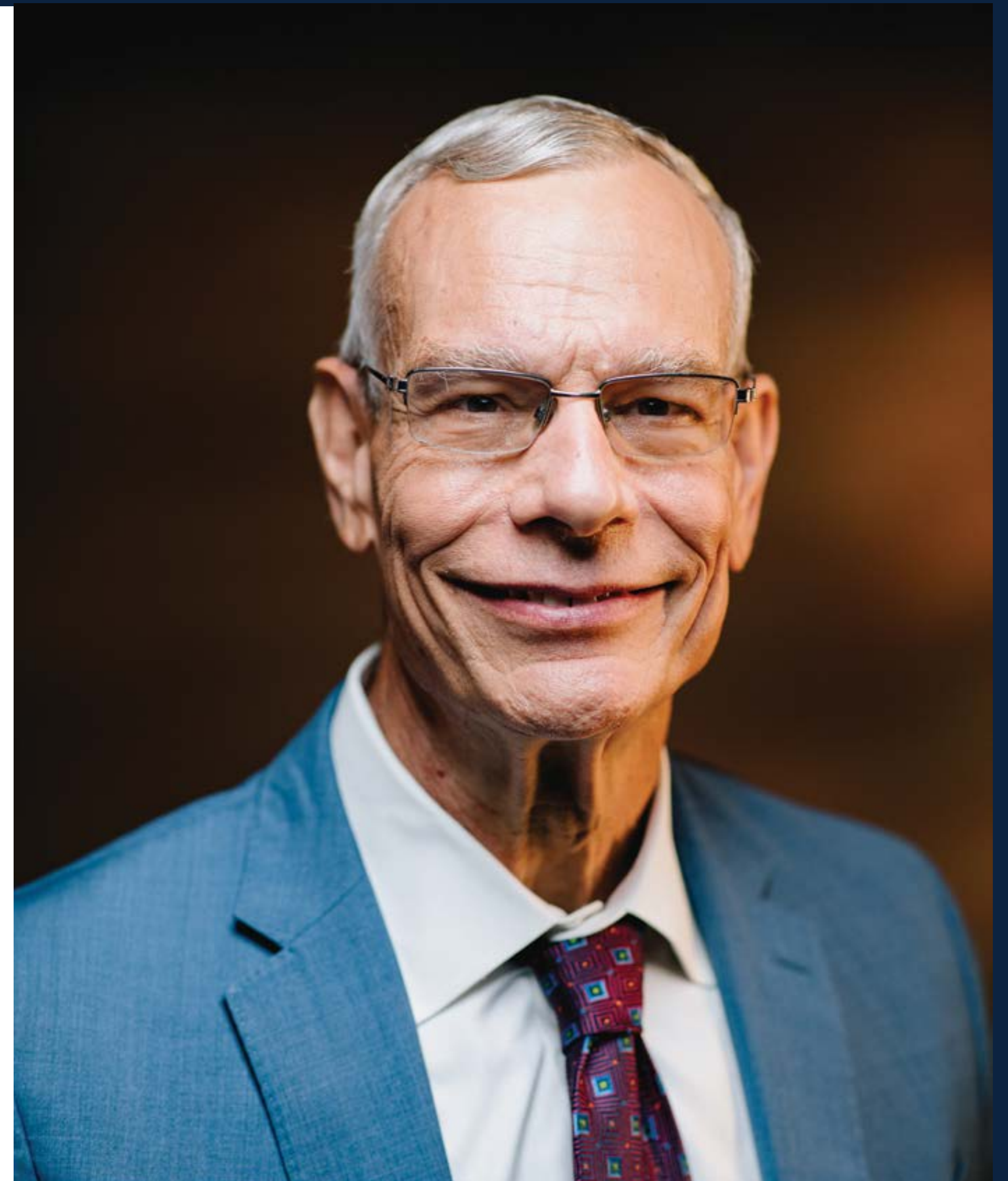
Annual Report

2022

Letter From the Director

Dear Friends,

As our world begins to resume its normal patterns, the lessons of resiliency, grace, and flexibility we have learned in recent years continue to take root in and strengthen our efforts, challenging our thinking and guiding our path. In 2022, we welcomed the onset of new initiatives, and existing programs continued to flourish in strength and impact.



In many cases, in-person programming resumed, creating spaces for personal interaction and fellowship, allowing for greater communion. We see this renewed spirit of communion manifested in the very essence of our Institute and the University: in the students, faculty, staff, and Church leaders we work with every day.

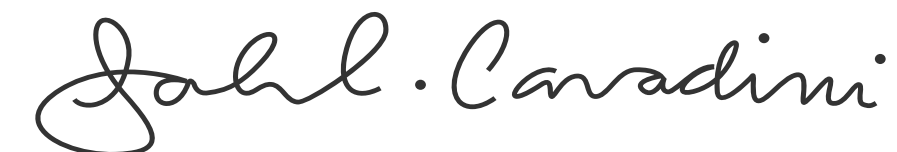
With opportunities to approach our work in different ways, now more than ever, our Church thirsts for innovative thinkers who are deeply committed to the faith and their calling, to continued learning, and to bringing Jesus' message to the world.

Through the work of our programs, we strive to form Church leaders with the expertise to navigate an increasingly complex time, and the compassion to respond thoughtfully to the nuances and beautiful diversity of a multicultural Church.

To do this, we draw upon our strategic plan in our goal to serve as a vital place of encounter, connecting the best in scholarship, pastoral practice, and teaching to the Church's mission of evangelization. We seek to become a living institutional witness to Christ and his message. To live this mission, we are working urgently to meet today's pressing challenges, with the faith to know our work flows only through God's grace.

In this report, you will find a snapshot of our efforts in 2022. Thank you for your support and accompaniment on this journey.

Yours in Christ,


A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Cavadini". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

John C. Cavadini, Ph.D.
McGrath-Cavadini Director, McGrath Institute for Church Life
Professor, Department of Theology

The background of the slide is a low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a large, ornate church dome, likely St. Peter's Basilica. Two flags are visible on tall poles, one on the left and one on the right, both featuring heraldic designs. The sky is a deep blue. A decorative horizontal line with a central diamond-shaped ornament is positioned above the title.

Our Mission

The McGrath Institute for Church Life bridges the Catholic intellectual life and the life of the Church in order to form and empower faithful Catholic leaders for service to the Church and thereby the world. In collaboration with our ecclesial partners, we propose and enact a renewed vision of Church life through scholarship, pastoral expertise, and teaching to discern and address the needs of the Church.

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Our History

For nearly half a century, the dedicated faculty and staff of the McGrath Institute for Church Life have partnered with Catholic dioceses, parishes, and schools to address today's pastoral challenges with theological depth and rigor.

As a collaborative partner with clerical and lay Catholic leaders at all levels, we provide theological tools and spiritual formation to help address today's most pressing pastoral challenges with urgency and impact.

By connecting the Catholic intellectual life of the university to the life of the Church, we form faithful Catholic leaders for service to the Church and the world. We are proud to serve as a preeminent source of creative Catholic programming for evangelization and formation, sparking the Catholic imagination and encouraging the Body of Christ throughout the United States.

Our Programs

Leadership

John Cavadini has served as the director of the [McGrath Institute for Church Life](#) since 2000.

He inaugurated the Echo program, Notre Dame Vision, and is responsible for the continued growth and outreach of the McGrath Institute.



JOHN CAVADINI

McGrath-Cavadini Director

Church Communications Ecology Program

The Church Communications Ecology Program provides a learning community for parish leaders to develop a deeper understanding of the social and psychological effects that digital tools are having on individuals and communities.



BRETT ROBINSON

*Associate Professor of the Practice,
Catholic Media Studies
Director, Communications*



LESLEY KIRZEDER

*Program Director,
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Church Life Journal

Church Life Journal offers insights on theology, philosophy, and culture from some of the best minds and writers in the Church today.



ARTUR ROSMAN
Editor-in-Chief



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Communications Department

The Communications Department manages the communications strategy and promotional needs for the McGrath Institute's programs.



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Publicity Specialist

Echo Graduate Service Program

Echo students earn a Master of Arts in Theology at the University of Notre Dame while serving in a parish or school in one of the Echo partner dioceses located throughout the United States and in Ireland. Echo students benefit from a robust two-year formation program that integrates their work in faith formation, theological study, and life of faith to serve the Church and explore a career in ministry.



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Events and Administration

The Events and Administration staff support the Institute's programming, events, and personnel.



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BARBARA LUTER

Program Coordinator

Fiat Program on Faith and Mental Health

The Fiat Program, established in 2022, strengthens the capacity of the Church to accompany those with mental illness and their loved ones through the formation of Catholic leaders, research, and teaching.



BETH HLABSE

*Program Director, Fiat Program on
Faith and Mental Health*

Finance and Operations

The Finance and Operations group oversees the Institute's human resource needs and budgetary initiatives.



BRIAN DEAN

Director of Finance and Operations



PATRICIA BELLM

Grant Finance Manager

New Faculty & Staff

The Institute welcomed three new faculty and staff members in 2022. In addition, three current members of the McGrath Institute received new faculty appointments.



GEOFFREY BURDELL

*Associate Director,
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ARTUR ROSMAN

*Associate Research
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Notre Dame Center for Liturgy

The Notre Dame Center for Liturgy seeks to renew the Church through robust liturgical formation, serving as a source of education, formation, and inspiration for the men and women of faith who have dedicated their lives of Christian discipleship to building up the Church.



TIMOTHY O'MALLEY

*Academic Director,
Notre Dame Center for Liturgy*



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Notre Dame Center for Liturgy*



BARBARA LUTER

Program Coordinator

Notre Dame Office of Life and Human Dignity

The Notre Dame Office of Life and Human Dignity forms Catholic leaders to promote pastoral practices supportive of major life issues in parishes, schools, and all levels of Church life.



JESSICA KEATING FLOYD

*Program Director,
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Notre Dame Vision

Through summer conferences for high school students and campus/youth ministers, Notre Dame Vision empowers young people to recognize grace at work in their lives and respond to God's call by offering their gifts in service to the world.



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Science & Religion Initiative

The Science & Religion Initiative equips leaders, administrators, and teachers to be competent and effective communicators of the complementarity of faith and reason, science and religion.



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HEATHER FOUCAULT-CAMM

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Science & Religion Initiative*



MEGHAN GIESKE

Administrative Assistant

STEP and Camino

STEP and Camino Online Courses offer a flexible course of theological study that maintains a faithful and intellectually rigorous curriculum. Expert-designed courses for Church leaders are offered in English or Spanish.



TIMOTHY O'MALLEY

Director of Education



CLARE KILBANE

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*Program Associate,
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LAURA HARTZ

Administrative Assistant

Sullivan Family Saints Initiative

The Sullivan Family Saints Initiative promotes scholarship and fosters devotion to the saints through research; provides educational and formation opportunities for students, Church leaders, and the general public; and helps to renew a culture of devotion to the saints on Notre Dame's campus.



LEONARD DeLORENZO

*Director of Undergraduate Studies;
Academic Director, Vision*

Thriving in Ministry Initiative

Thriving in Ministry programs support those who have been called to a life of ministry through intellectual and spiritual renewal, resources, and guidance on navigating pastoral



KATHERINE ANGULO

*Program Director,
Thriving in Ministry Initiative*



Highlights of the Year

Pastoral Expertise

"Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding."

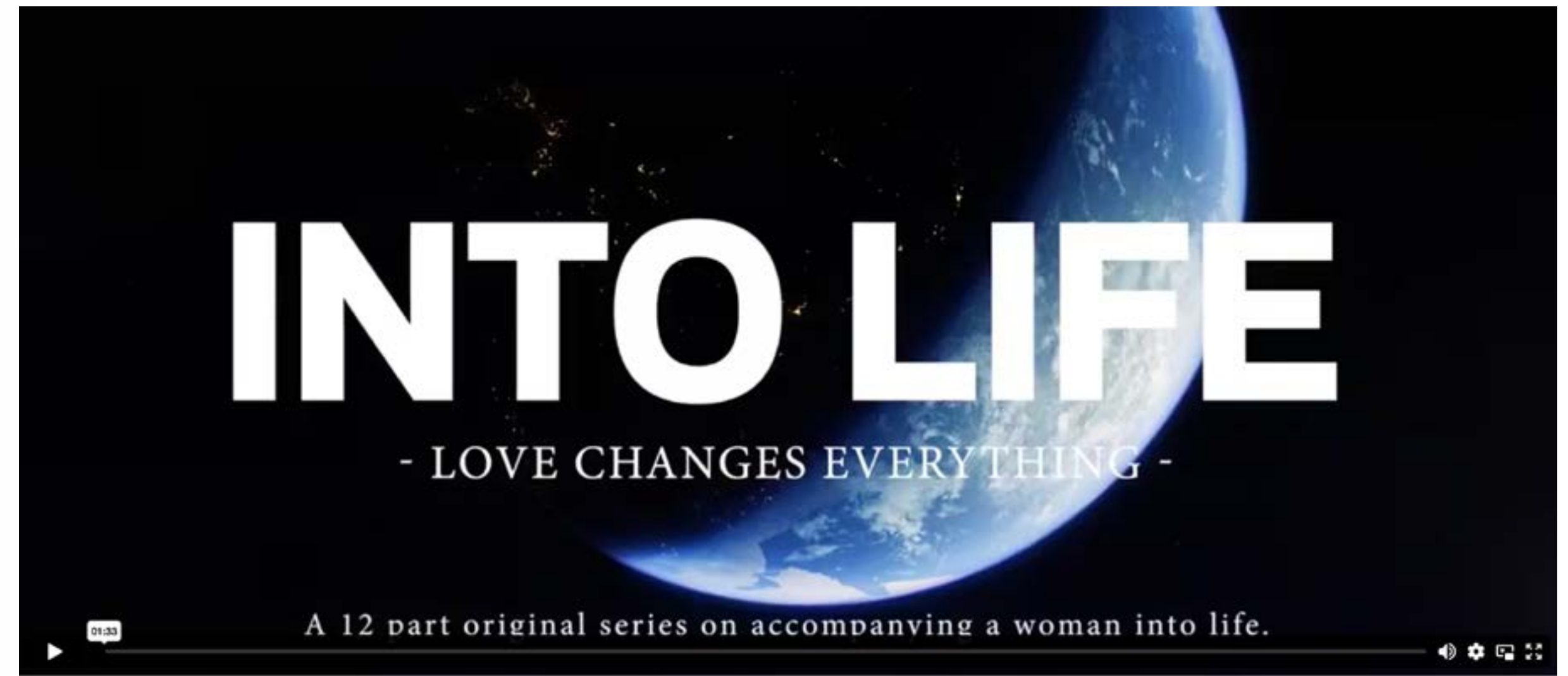
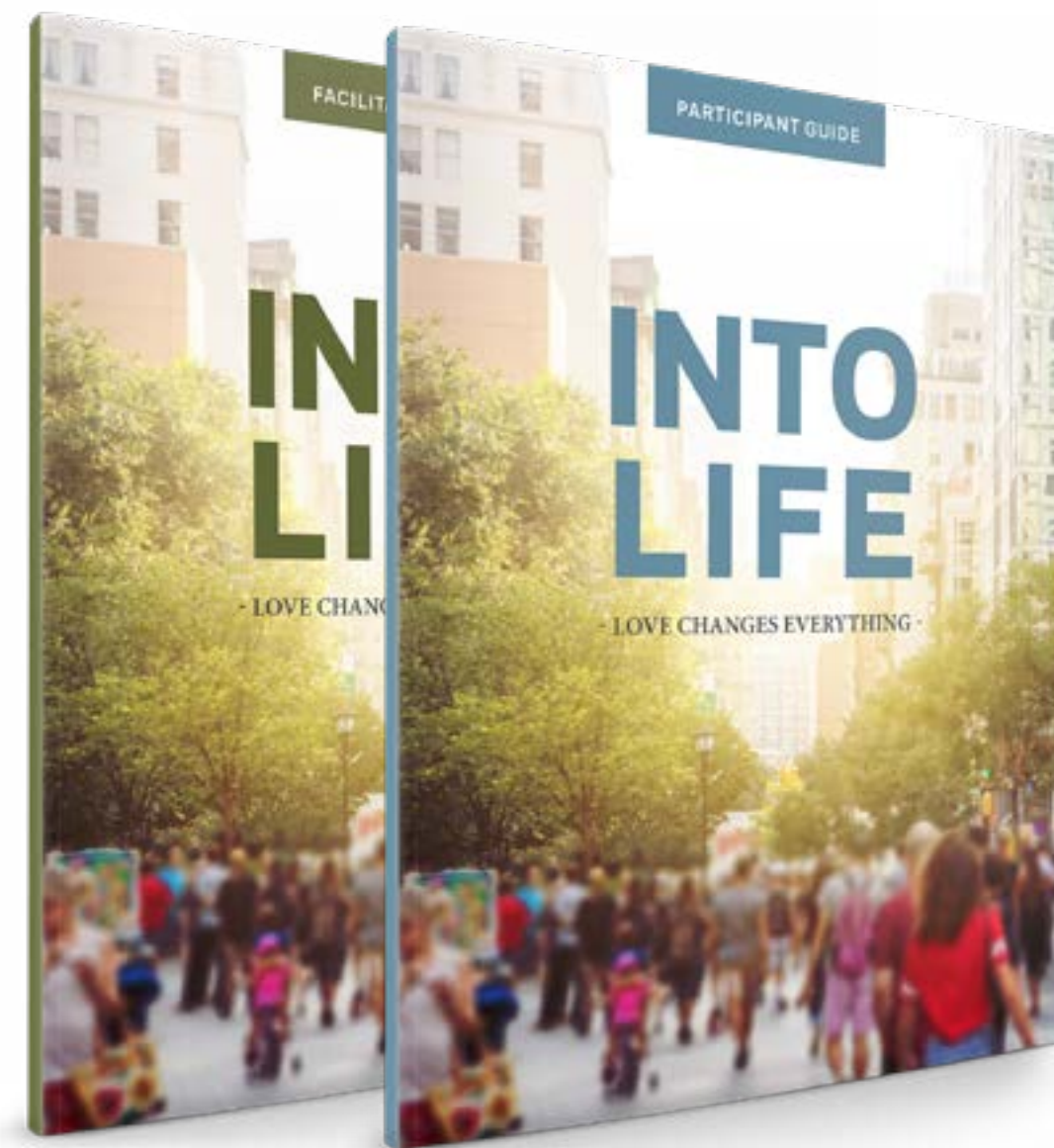
— JEREMIAH 3:15



INTO LIFE Series

Partnering with the Sisters of Life and CampCampo Films, the Notre Dame Office of Life and Human Dignity launched the free resource *INTO LIFE: Love Changes Everything*.

This video series educates participants on accompanying a woman who experiences an unexpected pregnancy. *INTO LIFE* consists of 12 videos, personal reflection questions, and guides for group discussion. While the series was designed to be completed in small, in-person groups over 12 weeks, it has the flexibility to be used in different ways, including for individual use at one's own pace. *INTO LIFE* has touched the lives of 16,000 participants to date. More than



90% of the dioceses across the nation have accessed the *INTO LIFE* website.

The series is anchored in the deeply loving theological framework that the Sisters of Life, a religious community founded in 1991, practice as they walk with pregnant women. Starting with “Summoned to Life: Spiritual Foundations” and ending with “Listening a Person into Life: Reflective Listening,” the

course is an approach to pro-life ministry based on Church teachings rather than politics. As one participant named Janie put it, “The introduction video had me in tears!” As participants learn how to be attentive to the heart of a woman who is pregnant and vulnerable, they deepen their commitment to recognizing the goodness present in others, a commitment that will strengthen relationships in every aspect of their lives.

McGrath Launches Fiat Program on Faith and Mental Health

In March, the McGrath Institute was pleased to launch the Fiat Program on Faith and Mental Health. By bringing the relevant sciences into dialogue with the Catholic intellectual and moral tradition, the Fiat program strives to decrease experiences of isolation and despair among those with mental illness and their loved ones by strengthening parish cultures of communion and hope.

In October, the Fiat Program hosted an inaugural symposium. Convening psychologists, theologians, ministers, and persons living with mental illness, the symposium charted future directions for the program's integral approach to pastoral formation.

"The mental health needs of the mystical Body of Christ are becoming more apparent as urgent needs within the Church. Our response as a Church, as modeled by Fiat, needs to be both integrated and multidisciplinary."

—MARIBEL RODRIGUEZ LAGUNA MA, LPC-S
Past President, Catholic Psychotherapy Association



Since the program's initiation, Beth Hlabse, the program director, has facilitated workshops for the McGrath Institute's Teaching Human Dignity Symposium, Vision Campus Youth Ministers, and the Science and Religion Initiative's Faith and Reason Days. Hlabse has also supported the Echo Program in further integrating mental health and psychological concerns within its formation program. To foster deeper synergies with the Center for Social Concerns, Hlabse co-taught a community-engagement seminar in the spring of 2022 for undergraduate students titled "Accompaniment and Mental Illness: Known in the Breaking of the Bread," through which students entered into relationship with persons living with serious mental illness in the community of South Bend.

Thriving in Ministry Initiative

Thriving in Ministry programs support those who have been called to a life of ministry through intellectual and spiritual renewal, resources, and guidance on navigating pastoral challenges, and promoting affiliation within the multicultural Church.

Programs include the Young Adult Innovation Hub, Strong Foundations for Catholic Leaders, Bishop D'Arcy Program in Priestly Renewal, and the Gibney Initiative for Family Catechesis, along with ongoing partnerships with Porticus focusing on the needs of the multicultural Church.

These vitally important programs serve to uphold and guide those who have chosen a life of service and ministry, and promote the health and vitality of our present and future Church.

Young Adult Innovation Hub

With the support of a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., the McGrath Institute has partnered with Iskali to form the Young Adult Innovation Hub, serving the young adult Hispanic Catholic community.

Throughout the year, MICL staff met with Iskali leaders advising them on the formation offered to young adult leaders. Iskali, in turn, has partnered with Catholic parishes in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana to re-envision their ministry to Hispanic young adults. This model will be used as a pilot for implementation at additional parishes across the county.

Together, the two organizations will create an innovative culture of co-responsibility for congregations in which young adult Hispanic Catholics experience an encounter between



their most pressing realities and a solid, sustaining formation rooted in Catholic theology.

For the Institute, this partnership offers an important opportunity to expose faculty and staff to the unique realities of the Hispanic Catholic Church.

Strong Foundations for Catholic Leaders

The Strong Foundations for Catholic Leaders Program supports young lay leaders who have recently begun their professional service in the Church. The program addresses the unique challenges they face and provides the resources, guidance, and support they need to thrive in their ministry.

The program consists of two, one-week conferences during consecutive summers at the University of Notre Dame. During the week, participants receive professional and pastoral development, financial and career planning, and personal and relational support. Participants also meet with a mentor-minister dedicated to supporting, challenging, and accompanying them for the duration of the program and for at least two years after the program's completion.

The typical cohort consists of 15 young lay leaders who have already completed formal training for ministry in the Church and who are still in the first few years of their ministry. This program, fully funded and underwritten by the McGrath Institute with the support of a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., provides lodging and meals on campus during the week-long conference.

It's worth noting that every participant in the first cohort of the Strong Foundations program has obtained new jobs in leadership in their area of ministry.

In November, the McGrath Institute welcomed 12 Church leaders from the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, for the Strong Foundations for Catholic Leaders program on mental health. Over the 3-day program, these leaders strengthened their professional skills as they nourished their faith and understanding.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy Program in Priestly Renewal

The Bishop John M. D'Arcy Program in Priestly Renewal is an experience of intellectual and spiritual renewal for diocesan priests across the United States. The retreat-style conference has historically taken place each summer on Notre Dame's campus.

When COVID halted in-person sessions, the program shifted to an online video format that has reached approximately 7,000 priests. The next in-person session is scheduled to take place in 2026.

In addition, the Thriving in Ministry Initiative produced a video series about the Eucharistic Revival that debuted in early 2022. Available in both Spanish and English, this series was developed to provide intellectual, pastoral, and practical content based on the National Eucharistic Revival. Throughout the year, Program Director Katherine Angulo offered

retreats around this content to priests in the Dioceses of Tucson, Dallas, Grand Rapids, and San Diego.

The Gibney Initiative for Family Catechesis

The Gibney Initiative for Family Catechesis embraces the diverse spiritual needs and complex realities of multigenerational immigrant communities in the United States.

Designed to reach communities wherever they are in their formation and to invite them into a deeper understanding of the distinctive aspects of Christian parenting, this program focuses on formation, community building, prayer, and action.

Through two-hour evening sessions in Spanish and English, members of the McGrath team offer dioceses and parishes new methods of affiliation to overcome the existing divisions between immigrant parents and growing

numbers of first- and second-generation Hispanics born in the United States.

Beyond the project's immediate scope, the MICL also sees this as a learning experience, as it seeks to adjust its content and pedagogy for Hispanic audiences. The Holy Family Catechesis program is currently offered to members of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas and the Diocese of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Invitation to Dialogue with Catholic Leaders

An Invitation to Dialogue with Catholic Leaders from the Multicultural Church, which took place in April, was designed to foster authentic discourse with multicultural leaders within the Catholic Church. With the support of a grant from Porticus, the Institute was able to host 14

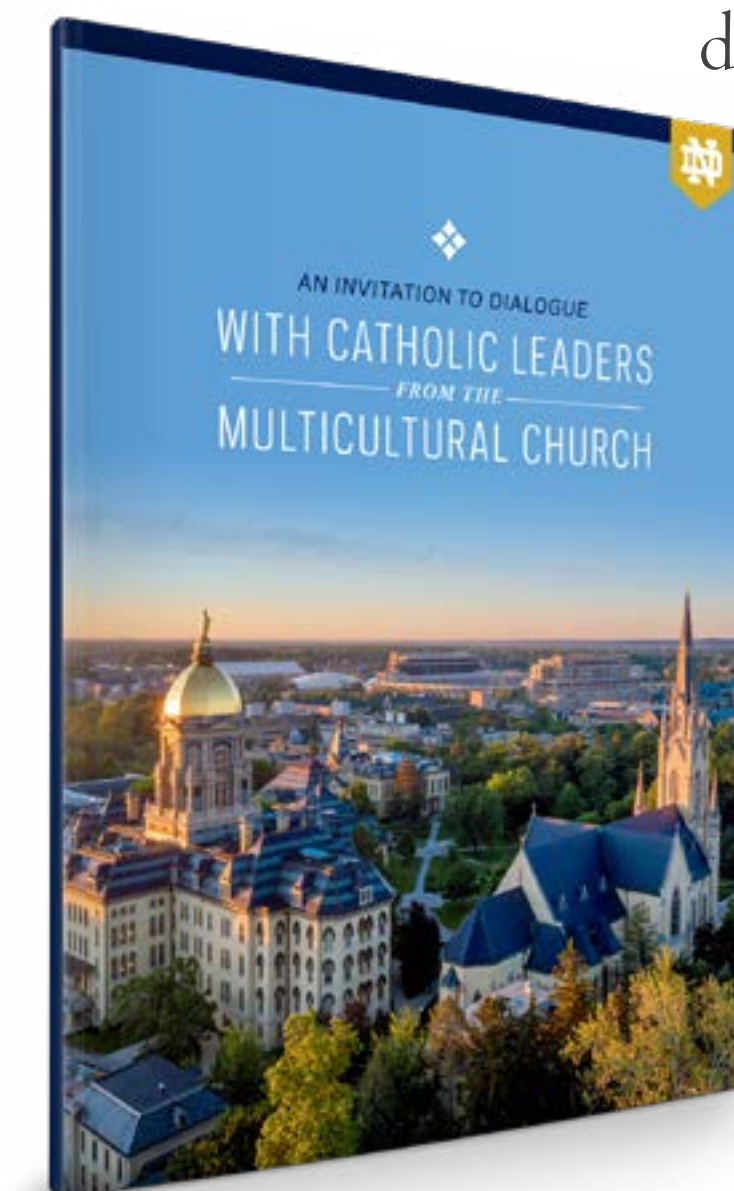
Church leaders and 3 Porticus participants, who were joined throughout the 3-day session by faculty and staff members of the McGrath Institute.

The gathering included small group discussions, and open mic sessions providing a space for participants to say “what if?” and dream about a Church in which their communities are full contributors.

Among the struggles that the participants discussed were that dioceses and

parishes often lack sufficient staff to support multicultural ministry and that Catholic schools do not always properly teach the history, reality, and achievements of the multicultural Church in the United States.

Despite the challenges that the participants discussed, their love



of and zeal for the Church was evident. Reflecting on his experience, a leader named Benito said, “I enjoyed the fact that the McGrath staff was present in all our conversations.” He also affirmed that “this process prompted thoughts, ideas, and reflections that could positively impact my ministry that I would have not pondered were it not by this gathering.”

One McGrath faculty member noted that “we saw the Church at work...the Church as she is, on the ground, hoping to hand herself to others, to open unto the future.”

Both organizations look to continue the conversation and work toward the promise of the Church of 2050.

Sullivan Family Saints Initiative Welcomes Inaugural Fellow

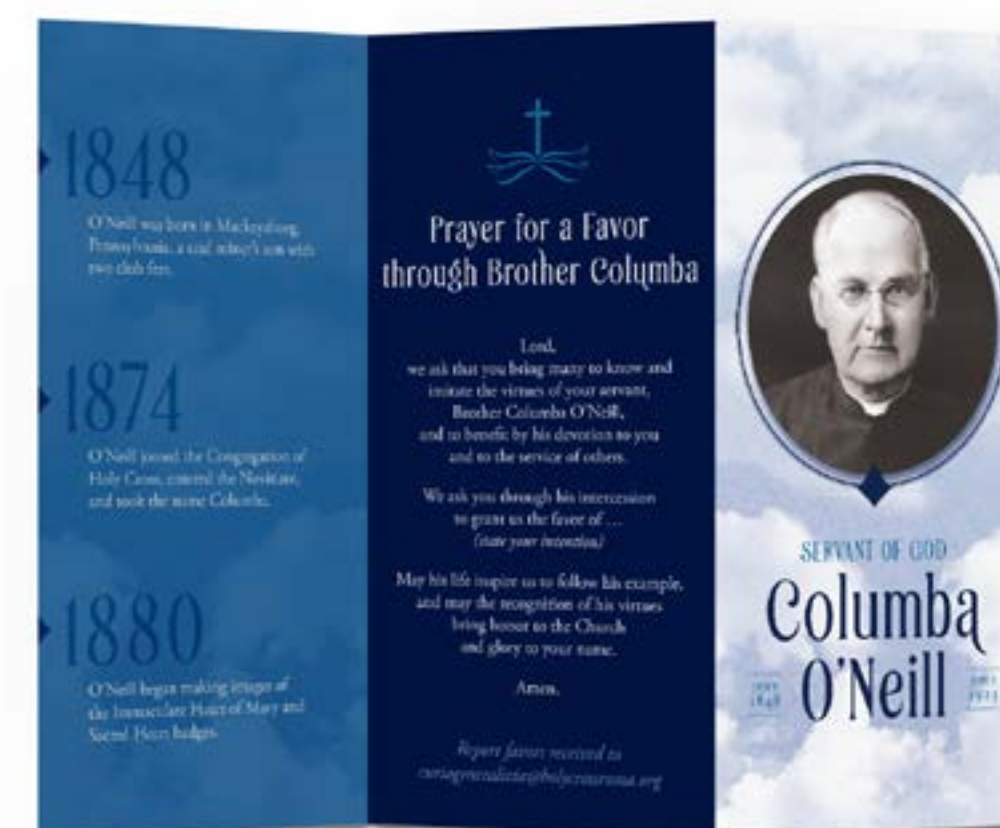
Meg Hunter-Kilmer, the first Sullivan Family Saints Fellow, has engaged in a variety of projects during her year-long fellowship. Consistent with the purpose of the fellowship—to encourage devotion to and advance scholarship around the saints—Hunter-Kilmer has spoken at Notre Dame Vision and Saturdays with the Saints, written for *Church Life Journal*, conducted research on the saints, and developed teaching resources and prayer guides.

Reflecting on her experience, Hunter-Kilmer shared, “having the support of the McGrath Institute and access to Notre Dame's library and electronic resources has been

a true godsend this year as I've dug into the lives of saints from South Korea to Southern California and Bangladesh to Uganda. When we tell the world about these saints, we give people hope that the Lord loves them deeply in the midst of their brokenness and struggle as well.”

Hunter-Kilmer holds two degrees from Notre Dame: a B.A. in theology and an M.T.S. in Systematic Theology. After teaching religion in Catholic schools for five years, she began traveling the world giving talks on Catholic subjects, particularly the lives of the saints.

She has also authored two books on the saints: *Saints Around the World*, an international saints picture book, and *Pray for Us: 75 Saints Who Sinned, Suffered and Struggled on Their Way to Holiness*.



Mathis Liturgical Leadership Program Welcomes Inaugural Cohort

Seeking to promote deeper affiliation with the Church by promoting a Eucharistic culture in parishes, schools, and dioceses, the Mathis Liturgical Leadership Program (MLLP) welcomed its inaugural cohort to Notre Dame in July 2022 for a week-long orientation.

The fully-funded, 2-year program provides its 21 participants—including priests, parish and diocesan ministers, Catholic educators, and other Church leaders—with in-person and online education and formation, along with the opportunity to work with experts, and immersion experiences in Rome and San Antonio. In the summer of 2024, Mathis Liturgical Leaders will return to Notre Dame to present a capstone project aimed at building

Reflecting on the sessions and insights offered during the MLLP summer orientation, one participant shared,

“This past week has already started shaping my approach to ministry in my parish, has inspired a new idea for my project, and has given me confidence that I’ll be able to do it.”

up a particular facet of Eucharistic culture in their respective communities.

Beyond the program, Mathis Liturgical Leaders will continue to partner with the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy in various capacities as ambassadors for the MLLP and for the formation of Eucharistic culture.

Church Communications Ecology Program

In the age of widespread societal change due to the proliferation of digital media and technology, the Church Communications Ecology Program (CCEP) offers Church leaders, educators, artists, communicators, and ministers an opportunity to investigate and respond to the social and psychological effects of the digital age. Supported by funding from the Lilly Endowment Inc., the CCEP launched its second cohort in January 2022.

The 17-member cohort participated in a 6-week intensive online media theory course and later met in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for a week-long immersive workshop. While there, participants explored concepts from the course and conducted research for their capstone projects aimed at addressing the



challenges of the digital age in their own vocations and communities. The program concluded in June 2022 at Notre Dame with the Summer Capstone Conference, during which participants presented their research projects and engaged with panelists from various national and international universities and institutions.

Church Life Today

Available on OSV Podcasts, *Church Life Today*, hosted by Leonard DeLorenzo, brings in experts on relevant subjects affecting the Church.

The most popular episodes from 2022 were “National Study of Catholic Priests, with Stephen White”; “The Genesis of Gender, with Abigail Favale”; and “The First Mexican-American Saint? Meg Hunter-Kilmer on the ‘Bishop of the Barrio.’”

Both upbeat and informative, *Church Life Today* had downloads in 37 countries for episodes published in 2022. Moreover, the show, which started in 2018, had 5,276 downloads in 2022, and 4,201 downloads in the United States alone.



Notre Dame Vision

Notre Dame Vision resumed in-person programming in 2022 for high school students and campus and youth ministers.

Undergraduate students at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College, and Holy Cross College prepared for months to welcome 422 students to Notre Dame's campus for the 19th summer of Notre Dame Vision for High School Students.

Drawing on the examples of the saints, and on spiritual practices such as Eucharistic Adoration, Scripture reading, prayer, and reflection time, along with small group discussions and presentations, students spent time discerning how God was calling them to serve the Church and world.

Additionally, 59 educators and ministers spent time contemplating their calls to serve



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—AIDEN
2022 Vision Participant

youth in the 14th summer of Notre Dame Vision for Campus and Youth Ministers. They also engaged in formation including prayer and reflection time, and presentations from keynote speakers.

Aiden, a high school participant, reflected: "Vision allowed me to renew my relationship with God. I have attended Catholic school for most of my life, but have often breezed over the activities and prayers without truly understanding God's presence. Vision taught me to be receptive of these moments in my life and seek out God. Vision also granted me the amazing chance to learn new skills to bring with me to build my relationships with friends and family members."

A 2022 Vision Mentor offered the following: "So many of us struggle with self-doubt, self-worth, excessive self-reliance, and a fear of prayer, and of relying on God; in fact, my struggle with these things is still a work in

progress. All that being said, I feel called to accompany others by being a listening ear and giving them those reminders that have brought me closer to God and have helped me take better care of my whole self.”

Also in 2022, Notre Dame Vision was delighted to welcome Craig Gould to the team as Associate Director of the program.

Compelling Preaching Initiative

The Notre Dame Center for Liturgy at the McGrath Institute was one of 32 organizations who received funding in an invitational round of grants from Lilly Endowment Inc.’s Compelling Preaching Initiative, designed to help Christian pastors strengthen their abilities to proclaim the Gospel in more engaging and effective ways.

“We are excited about the work that these organizations will do to foster and support preaching that better inspires, encourages, and guides people to come to know and love God and to live out their Christian faith more fully,” said Christopher L. Coble, Lilly Endowment Inc.’s vice president for religion.

The Compelling Preaching Initiative is part of Lilly’s longstanding interest in supporting projects that help to nurture the religious lives of individuals and families and foster the growth and vitality of Christian congregations in the United States.

“This program perfectly aligns with our mission to connect the intellectual life of the university to the daily pastoral challenges facing today’s Catholic leaders,” says Timothy O’Malley, Academic Director of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy.

Take a Second Look Program

The Take a Second Look program is a multi- department collaboration, led by Fr. Kevin Grove, C.S.C., Anthony Pagliarini of the Department of Theology, and Joshua McManaway of the McGrath Institute.

Developed for undergraduate students taking foundational theology courses during their freshman year, this program gives students the opportunity to gather with classmates from their same dorm outside of class. During small group meetings and an academic Bible study, students are guided through discussions using the intellectual tradition of the faith. The goal is to accompany them through this time of questioning and growth to a deeper understanding that will help them live out their faith over a lifetime.



Scholarship

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

— 1 CORINTHIANS 2:12



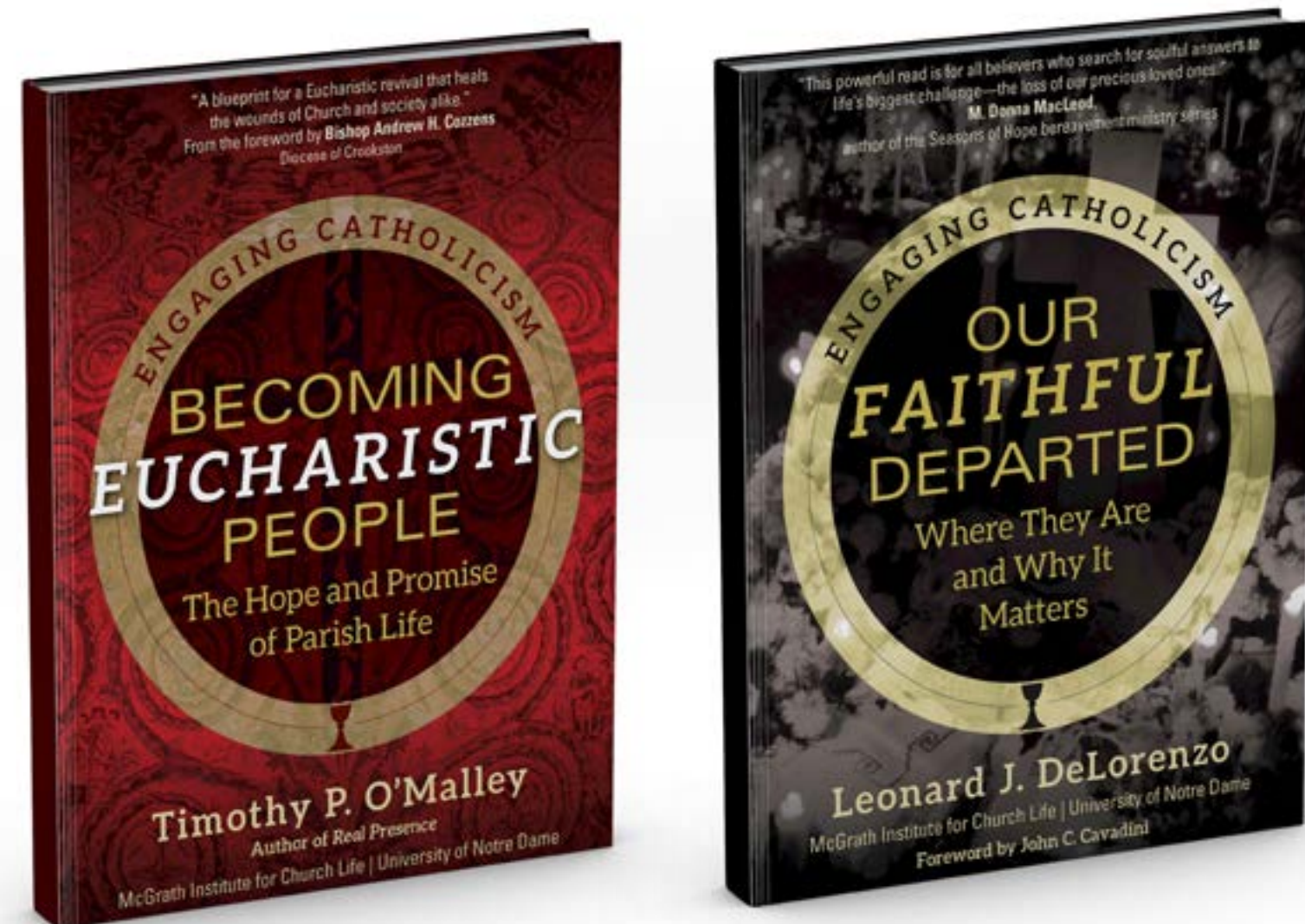
Engaging Catholicism Series

Since 2021, McGrath has partnered with Ave Maria Press to produce the six-part Engaging Catholicism series, which seeks to help readers explore the beauty and truth of the Church by succinctly explaining doctrines that can be considered complex and by discussing important pastoral and spiritual practices.

New to the series in 2022 are *Becoming Eucharist People* by Timothy P. O'Malley, which focuses on building Eucharistic cultures in parishes, and Leonard DeLorenzo's *Our Faithful Departed*, which contemplates the Church's tradition on the relationship of the living to the dead. These titles join *Creation* by Christopher Baglow, *Ten Ways to Pray* by Carolyn Pirtle, and *Real Presence*, also by Timothy O'Malley.

Moreover, Timothy O'Malley and Leonard DeLorenzo participated in a book signing at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore in November, on the day before the Notre Dame vs. Boston College football game.

Engaging Catholicism has reached many readers with a total number of 34,077 purchases for the series. This includes *Real Presence* and its Special Edition and eBook, *Becoming Eucharistic People* and its Special Edition and eBook, *Ten Ways to Pray* and



its ebook, *Creation* and its eBook, and *Our Faithful Departed* and its eBook. Also, Ave Maria Press created a companion kit for *Becoming Eucharistic People*, which has instructions and resources to help churches lead book studies. 60 kits were sold in 2022.

The Notre Dame Center for Liturgy has created resources to accompany Timothy O'Malley's book, *Becoming Eucharistic People*.

The first resource, [Renewing the Parish Through Enculturated Reverence](#), became available in June 2022, in honor of the feast of Corpus Christi and the launch of the Eucharistic Revival initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The sixth and final book in the Engaging Catholicism series, *Angels and Saints: Who They Are and Why They Matter*, by Elizabeth Klein, will be released in November 2023.

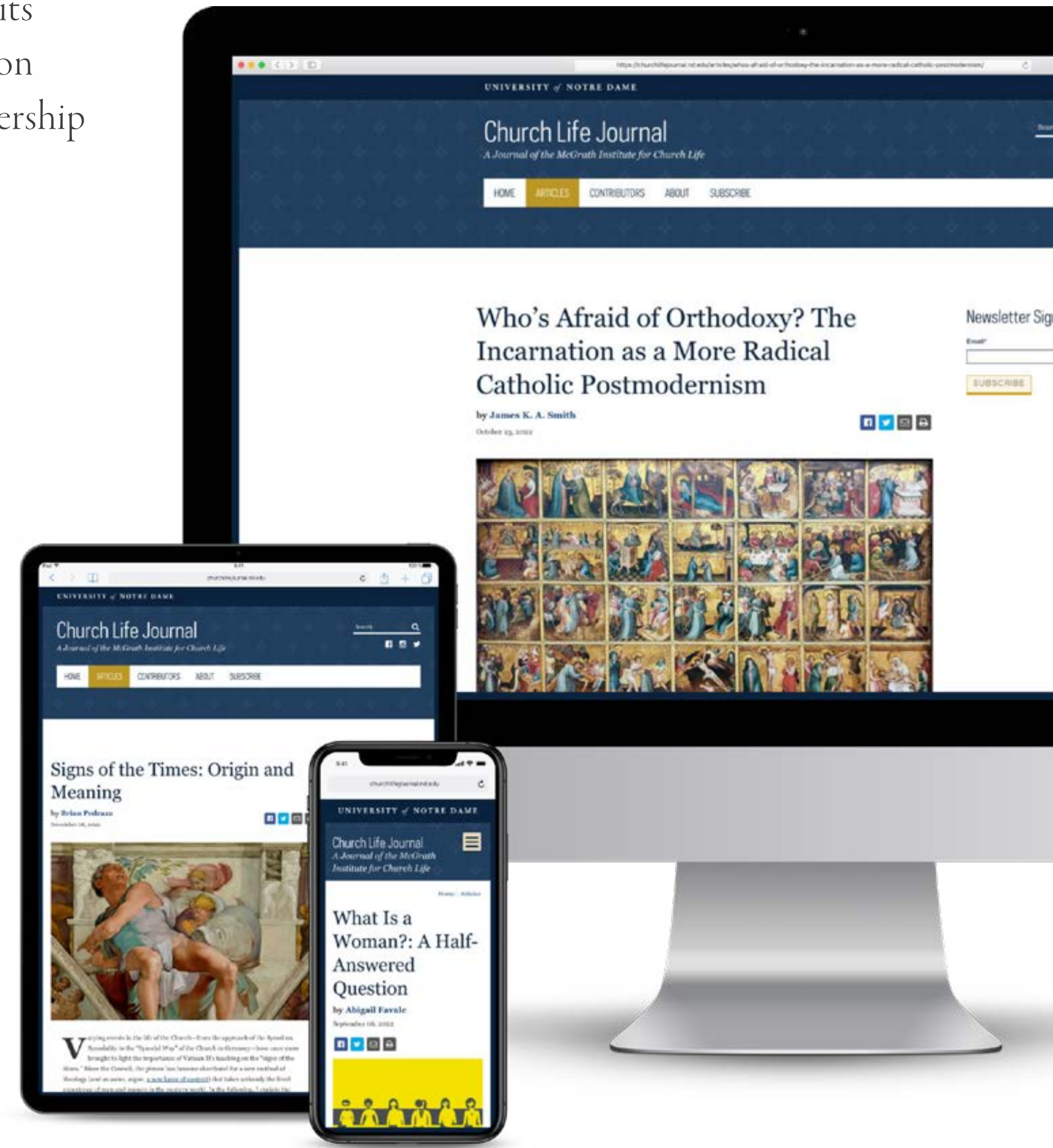
Church Life Journal

Church Life Journal offers readers first-rate Catholic scholarship, focusing on first principles grounded in themes related to the flourishing of Church life: catechesis and formation, the arts, liturgy, pro-life culture and human dignity, Catholic education, science and religion, and technology. It is a place where Catholic leaders can think through the intellectual and pastoral problems of our day.

In 2022, the journal reached a new overall high of 1.62 million hits. The journal's audience continues to expand worldwide.

In recognition of his contribution to the Institute's mission, *Church Life Journal* Editor-in-Chief Artur Rosman has been appointed to Notre Dame's faculty at the rank of Associate Research Professor. This appointment recognizes his work with the journal, which

has earned international recognition for its unique combination of scholarly erudition and accessibility to a Church-based readership both within and beyond the academy.





Teaching

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

— PSALM 32:8



Notre Dame Office of Life and Human Dignity

In summer 2022, Life and Human Dignity staff welcomed 84 individuals from 21 states across the nation to the Teaching Life and Human Dignity Symposium.

The symposium is a week-long, on-campus gathering for leaders in Catholic education and diocesan ministry. Participants develop a deeper understanding of human dignity in the Catholic intellectual tradition and its application in educational and pastoral contexts.

“Holding the Symposium on Notre Dame’s campus enhances the learning atmosphere, and by offering chances to go to Mass, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and participate in Eucharistic Adoration, promotes the

opportunity to grow in my understanding of what it means to be a Catholic educator,” added one participant.

In the fall, the Office of Life and Human Dignity and the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture co-sponsored a 3-part webinar series titled “Caring for Women and Children: Navigating Medicine, Law, and Policy After Dobbs.” The series addressed questions facing women, physicians, and policy makers following the U.S. Supreme Court’s historic decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*.

In the spring, the LHD team hosted a Conversations that Matter series titled



“Morality and the Microscope: The Basics of Bioethics,” which considered various scientific and theological perspectives about what it means to be human.

In the spring, LHD welcomed Pastoral Fellow Gloria Purvis to campus, where she spoke on “An Examination of Conscience: Race, the Church, and the Public Square.”

Echo 19

In response to the needs of an evolving Church, last summer the Echo Program was proud to welcome its 19th class of students who have been called to serve in schools and parishes in Echo's 17 partner dioceses across the United States and Ireland. These 30 students from 20 colleges and universities across the nation have made the commitment to serve the Church, engage in integrative

formation, and work toward their Master of Arts in Theology for the next two years.

One current Echo student offered the following, "It is such a gift that my classmates and I are all grounded in the same thing: love for Christ and his Church. I have loved learning about my parish community and their unique ways of serving one another and getting to be a part of it! And Echo staff and partners have been incredibly supportive and encourage me to be my best self."



STEP & Camino Online Theology

More than 2,600 individuals from 160 dioceses and 16 different countries across the world deepened their understanding of the faith by taking a STEP or Camino course in 2022. These online theology courses, created by Notre Dame theology professors and other theologians, are designed for catechists, school teachers, lay ministers, deacons, and others seeking distance learning that is intellectually-rigorous and faithful to the Catholic tradition.

In June, the McGrath Institute was delighted to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Camino, its online theology program offered in Spanish, with an intimate gathering on campus. Additionally, STEP and Camino staff successfully transitioned the program to the Canvas learning platform.

Science & Religion Initiative

In 2022, the Science & Religion Initiative (SRI) was awarded a nearly unprecedented fifth grant from the John Templeton Foundation. Due to this continuing partnership, SRI has realized great success in training Catholic educators to integrate science and faith by bringing the Church's tradition into dialogue with modern scientific research. Based on post-seminar surveys, information learned and resources gained, SRI has reached approximately 467 teachers participating in SRI summer programming alone.

In addition, the SRI team offered Faith and Reason Days at Cambridge Matignon School in Cambridge, Massachusetts; McGill-Toolen High School in Mobile, Alabama; Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey; and at the Portsmouth Institute for Faith and Culture in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.



Through a strategic partnership with the Society of Catholic Scientists that began in 2019, day-long events now include “The St. Albert Initiative for High-School Teachers and their Students,” which features talks from

scientists and theologians as well as special “Ask a Scientist” poster sessions. This year’s event took place in February in Chicago.

In their more extensive offerings, SRI’s week-long Foundations Seminars took place on Notre Dame’s campus and in New Orleans. Foundations features lectures by scientists, philosophers and theologians, collaborative discussions and implementation workshops, with special tracks in chemistry, physics/astronomy, biology, philosophy, and theology.

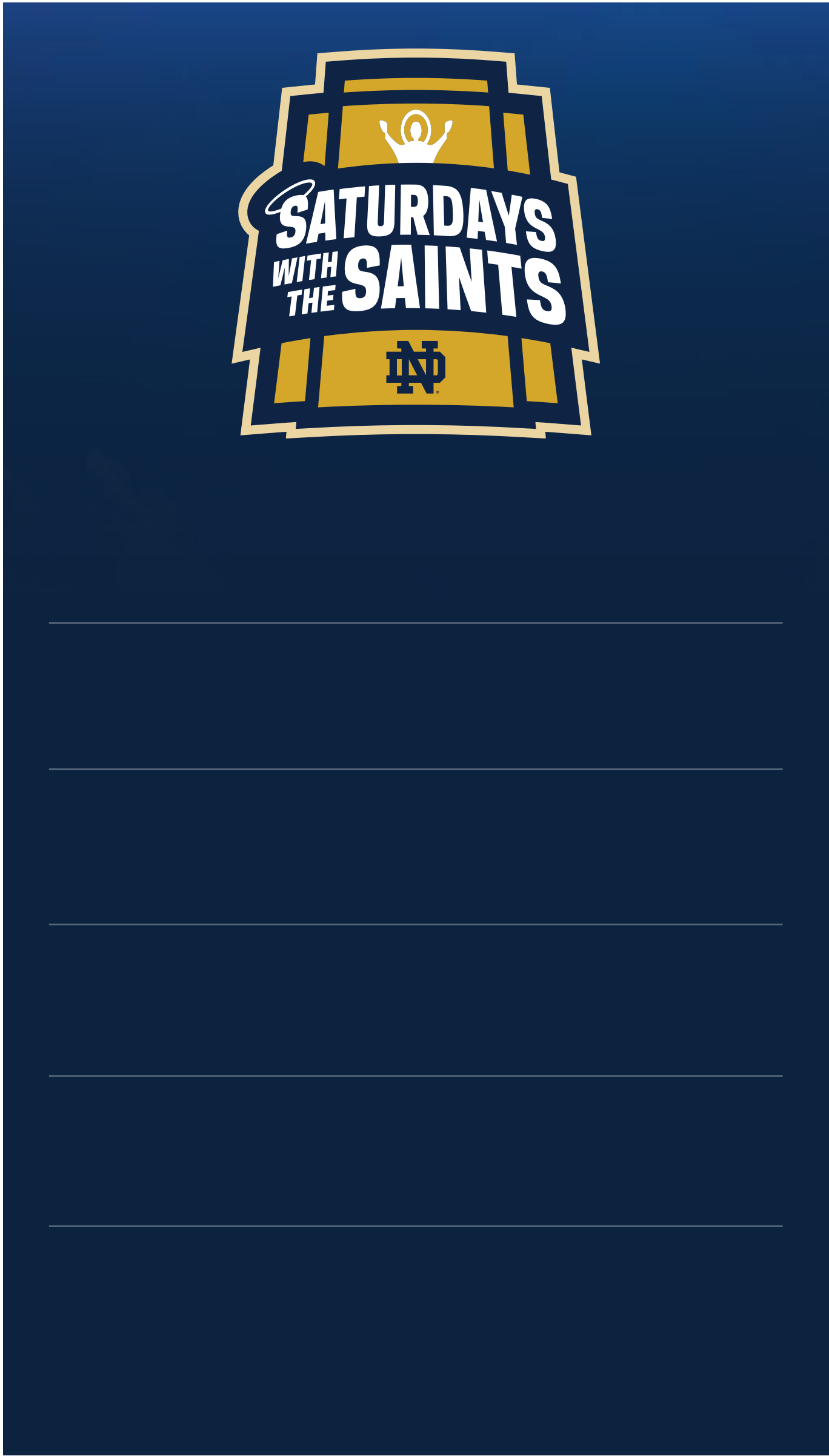
SRI hosted their first international Capstone seminar in Dublin, Ireland at the ND Global Gateway. The program included discussions on the history of the Church’s relationship to science, St. John Henry Newman, and the art and science of worship. Prior to 2022, SRI has hosted four Capstone events at the University of Notre Dame covering topics as diverse as ‘Quantum Mechanics’ and ‘Evolution and the Human Soul.’

Saturdays with the Saints

During this popular game-day tradition, theology faculty and McGrath Institute staff deliver dynamic lectures on saints following a specific theme. The theme for the twelfth year of Saturdays with the Saints was “Saints of the Blessed Mother.” Lectures begin 4 hours before kick-off at Geddes Hall and are free and open to the public.

The Body and Beyond

The Body and Beyond is a free, virtual seminar series that was offered in 2022, in which those who care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities were equipped to provide education in human sexuality. They were also invited to share their own insights related to the content being presented so that it could be further refined and improved.



From a Catholic perspective, human sexuality is understood as being more than biology and reproduction. When considered in its fullness, human sexuality communicates both God’s love and plan for the human person. All young people then, especially those with special needs, benefit from “Sex Ed.”

Catechist Academy

Last year, more than 30 students took part in the Catechist Academy, which places Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, and Holy Cross students in parishes across the South Bend/Mishawaka community. Participants spend 3-5 hours each week serving as catechists to students from kindergarten to Confirmation age. Additional placements can include RCIA, youth ministry, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, as well as ministry to those with special needs.



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The McGrath Institute for Church Life partners with Catholic dioceses, parishes, and schools to address pastoral challenges with theological depth and rigor. By connecting the Catholic intellectual life to the life of the Church, we form faithful Catholic leaders for service to the Church and the world.