

**ADVANCED SEMINAR ON MISSION**  
***WISDOM AND THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY***

**FALL 2024**

**WEDNESDAYS 2:00 – 4:00 PM**

**FACILITATORS: ANTHONY C. SCIGLITANO**  
**MSGR. RICHARD M. LIDDY**

**AIM:** TO HIGHLIGHT THE MISSION OF SETON HALL UNIVERSITY IN THE LIGHT OF THE CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION AND CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

**LEARNING GOALS:**

- WHAT IS MEANT BY A TRADITION?
- HOW COULD THE CATHOLIC TRADITION IN ANY WAY IMPACT THE MISSION OF THE CONTEMPORARY UNIVERSITY?
- HOW RELATE TRADITION AND INNOVATION?
- HOW CAN PHILOSOPHY OR A GENERAL METHODOLOGY BE HELPFUL ON THIS JOURNEY?

**SEPTEMBER 25: THE QUEST FOR MEANING AND THE MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**

[TOPICS: STAGES OF MEANING AS COMMON SENSE, THEORY, INTERIORITY]

- KENNETH GARCIA, “REVERSING THE SECULARIST DRIFT: JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AND THE TELOS OF CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION” [ANTHONY SCIGLITANO]
- RICHARD LIDDY, “THE CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION”

**OCTOBER 9: CHRISTIAN NARRATIVE GRAMMAR, MISSION AND IDENTITY**

- ANTHONY SCIGLITANO, “CHRISTIAN NARRATIVE GRAMMAR, MISSION AND IDENTITY”

**OCTOBER 23: AUGUSTINE, THOMAS AND THE CATHOLIC TRADITION**

[TOPICS: “THE ORIGINS OF CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY,” THE PLATONIC AND ARISTOTELIAN TRADITIONS, “CHRISTIAN REALISM”]

- RICHARD LIDDY, “AUGUSTINE’S INTELLECTUAL CONVERSION”
- RICHARD LIDDY, “THE QUESTION OF GOD”

**NOVEMBER 6: NEWMAN’S CONVERSION: BETWEEN LIBERAL AND EVANGELICAL RELIGION**

[TOPICS: NEWMAN’S LIFE AND TIMES, THE DISCOVERY OF HISTORY AND INTERIORITY, THE IDEA OF THE UNIVERSITY]

- RICHARD LIDDY, “LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT: NEWMAN AND CONVERSION”
- ANTHONY SCIGLITANO, RELIGION AS THE “ENLIGHTENMENT’S OTHER”

**NOVEMBER 20: THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**

[TOPICS: APPLYING THE CATHOLIC TRADITION TO THE DISCIPLINES AND PROFESSIONS]

- RICHARD LIDDY, "WISDOM AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE DISCIPLINES"

**DECEMBER 4: MAKE-UP**