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Connecting Generations Through Our Shared Purpose

This two-part series focuses on understanding Gen Z's values, needs, and hopes and the intersection between these values and the Mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart. The first part of the series focuses on educating participants on the topic, while the second part aims to engage participants in various conversations.

Connecting Generations Through Our Shared Purpose is the result of a collaboration between members of Sacred Heart DNA. This newly formed group intends to connect a new generation with the Society of the Sacred Heart.

“THE STATE OF RELIGION AND YOUNG PEOPLE” AND THE INTERSECTIONS WITH OUR SHARED SACRED HEART DNA

Wednesday, May 18, 2022
6:30-8:00 pm EDT

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OUR SACRED HEART DNA

PERSONAL INTEGRITY

The alignment of heart, mind, and will so that actions match personal beliefs



SPIRITUALITY

A conscious formation of interior life by engaging in contemplative practices & prayer



BELONGING & COMMUNITY

A desire to form authentic relationships and a genuine understanding of the importance of community



ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

A belief in the inherent dignity of all and a commitment to serving the common good



TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION

Collaborative actions in favor of a dignified life for all that flow from a spirituality connected with the heartbeat of the world



ABOUT US

Sacred Heart DNA is a group of RSCJ and young people connected by the Society of the Sacred Heart's Mission and work. This group aims to create spaces and opportunities for young people (ages 17-35) to engage with RSCJ and others rooted in a shared purpose that is unique to Sacred Heart. Having experienced the charism of the Society in varying ways, this group believes in a common thread, or DNA, that unites us and countless others who have also experienced this charism. Specifically, we think five characteristics are inherent to this Sacred Heart DNA.

Sacred Heart DNA is organized, facilitated, and founded by Sr. Reyna Gonzales, RSCJ, Director of Youth and Vocation Ministry for the Society of the Sacred Heart – USC Province.

ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

PART 1

“THE STATE OF RELIGION AND YOUNG PEOPLE” AND THE INTERSECTIONS WITH OUR SHARED SACRED HEART DNA

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Dr. Josh Packard, Executive Director of Springtide Research Institute on “The State of Religion and Young People” followed by a panel of speakers on “The Intersections of Our Shared Sacred Heart DNA.”

PART 2

HONORING ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE’S VISION THROUGH CONTINUED CONNECTIONS

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This session will primarily focus on group discussions on the presentations from the previous week led by the panelists, RSCJ, and Sacred Heart DNA Team Members and will close with a meditation and prayer service in honor of St. Madeleine Sophie's Feast Day.

Please join us for our first event, a two-part virtual seminar, to learn more about Sacred Heart DNA.

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MEET THE SPEAKERS



Sr. Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ, is the Provincial for the Society of the Sacred Heart – United States & Canada. Most recently served as the head of the Conference of Sacred Heart Education and has held numerous leadership positions as an educator. Notably, she served as head of school at Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bellevue, Washington, from 1990 to 1998, and at Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart in Miami, Florida, from 1998 to 2015. In addition, she has served on the board of trustees at several Network of Sacred Heart schools and as a member of the Sacred Heart Commission on Goals, the Network of Sacred Heart Schools board, the Northwest Association of Independent Schools, and the Florida Council of Independent Schools. In 2000 and 2016, Sister Cooke was a delegate to the General Chapter of the Society of the Sacred Heart, the governing body of the international Society that represents all RSCJ. She holds a bachelor's degree in English and history, cum laude, from Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York, and an interdisciplinary Master of Arts in social sciences from the University of Chicago.

Sr. Sheila Smith, RSCJ, brings experience working in education and pastoral ministry with marginalized groups in Canada and organizing locally based social justice advocacy. Since 2017, she has been the NGO Representative for the Society of the Sacred Heart at the United Nations. Sheila is a community scholar, holding a Ph.D. in theology. Her area of research concerns how the ethics of mutual recognition can help disentangle the link between colonialism and the human trafficking of Indigenous women and girls in Canada. Sheila has been active in human trafficking prevention since 2004, when she co-founded Persons Against the Crime of Trafficking in Humans (PACT-Ottawa) and, in 2010, the Ottawa Coalition to End Human Trafficking (OCEHT). Her most recent grassroots involvement in human trafficking prevention is working in solidarity with Indigenous grandmothers in Northern Ontario, Canada, who are educating their communities and helping to heal survivors.



María Casares is an alumni of the Sacred Heart School of Mexico City. She has done volunteer work in her country, Mexico, in Europe and Africa. She volunteered at Ritsona Refugee Camp in Greece in a women's empowerment project. In Ethiopia, she worked as a kindergarten teacher and took part in the program against Malnourishment of the mission. Currently, she studies International Relations and wants to focus her career in the areas of Humanitarian Aid and Refugee crisis.

Amanda Codina is the Student Program Coordinator for the Network of Sacred Heart Schools. In this role, she has facilitated various programs for students that focus on the importance of understanding differences and Sacred Heart Leadership. She recently started the first Network Student Advisory Committee, comprised of 20 high-school Network students who serve as the liaisons between her office and students. Before this, she worked for the Conference of Sacred Heart Education. She is a graduate of Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart ('02) in Miami, Florida, where she served as Assistant Dean of the High School after college. Amanda holds an M.A.Ed. in Counseling Psychology from Boston College and an M.A.Ed. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Miami. After graduate school, she worked as the Upper School Dean of Students at Convent of the Sacred Heart in New York, NY.



Dr. Josh Packard, Executive Director of Springtide Research Institute, is an accomplished researcher with an expertise in the sociology of religion and new forms of religious expression. A talented speaker and writer, with over 10 years of teaching experience, Josh has been a guest on numerous radio shows and podcasts, and has been an invited speaker at many conferences, events, and workshops. He has been published widely in both academic and popular outlets, including Christianity Today, The Aspen Institute, The Huffington Post, Desert News, and Christian Science Monitor, among others. Josh earned his Ph.D. in sociology from Vanderbilt University and did his undergraduate work in English at Texas Lutheran University.