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Shalom!

The Seton Hall campus is bursting with new life as crocus, daffodils and cherry blossoms are in full bloom. We gaze in wonder and with deep gratitude at the beauty the spring season brings!

For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come, and the song of the turtledove is heard in our land. (Song of Songs 2:11-12)

There is much for us to celebrate in this month of rebirth and renewal as we enjoy warmer days with more sunlight in New Jersey.

As you'll read in this month's highlight, March is also a time, both globally and nationally, to contemplate and commemorate the many significant contributions women make in our world.

Keeping this in mind our director, Father Lawrence Frizzell, wrote a blog post that outlines two recent conferences: one devoted to the role of women in interreligious dialogue and the other devoted to calling for more leadership opportunities for women in all areas.

May we be inspired to think deeply and to actively work to deconstruct thoughts, opinions and social norms that run counter to advancing the dignity, rights and equality of women and girls!



Dignity, Rights and Equality of Women

Two historic conferences regarding women and the implications of their indispensable role in caring for humanity and our world took place in late January and mid-March. However despite this vital work, much of which is unsung, very few women are in leadership positions and many still remain voiceless and powerless.

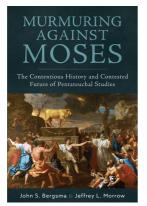
Read Father's Reflection



Teachers Study Day

Save the date and join us online on April 21 for the professional study day, "How the Bulgarian Jews Survived the Holocaust," with Dr. Joseph Benatov, University of Pennsylvania.

> Sign up today



Scholars Forum

On March 29 the University Core at Seton Hall will host the online Scholars' Forum in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. Dr. Jeffrey Morrow (Immaculate Conception School of Theology) will present, *Murmuring against Moses: the Contentious History and Contested Future of Pentateuchal Studies,* a book he co-authored with Dr. John Bergsma (Franciscan University of Steubenville).

> Learn more



Dr. Jasmin Cyril

Father Frizzell interviewed Dr. Jasmin Cyril, Associate Professor of Fine Arts at Benedict College (SC), about her work and research, including the spirituality of ancient Coptic art.

> Listen to their discussion

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