



THE LUMEN CHRISTI INSTITUTE

Annual Report and Program Overview | Academic Year 2022 - 2023



IN YOUR LIGHT WE WILL SEE LIGHT

Celebrated University of Chicago President Robert Maynard Hutchins once remarked that the Catholic Church has **“the longest intellectual tradition of any institution in the contemporary world.”** The mission of the Lumen Christi Institute is to make that tradition a vital part of the culture of today’s university.

The Lumen Christi Institute continues to enrich academic communities at the University of Chicago, across the nation, and even throughout the world with the insights of Catholic thought, in order to engage our secular culture in dialogue and ultimately to renew our civilization by forming leaders for a global society in need of Christian wisdom.

Dear friends of the Lumen Christi Institute,

It is an honor to share with you this annual report, which reflects the twenty-fifth year of the Lumen Christi Institute and my first as its director. As I look back on the Institute's history, I am humbled by the accomplishments of my colleagues and predecessors. For twenty-five years, the Institute's programs have offered intellectual formation to both Catholics and non-Catholics, sharing how the Church's tradition enriches every aspect of human life.

In my first year as an undergraduate at the University of Chicago – and the fifth year of the Lumen Christi Institute – the Institute hosted 10 events. Fast forward another twenty years. During 2022-23, the Institute hosted 137 programs and over 5,600 attendees.

Growth is one theme in the Lumen Christi Institute's history and its national impact is another. The Institute's model for fostering a dialogue between the secular university and the Catholic intellectual tradition has inspired similar organizations at colleges and universities across the country. Colleagues serving the campuses of Cornell, Harvard, Penn, USC, and UVA formed the initial membership of the In Lumine Network. Now, another five young institutes – located at Duke, Michigan, Nebraska, Hope College, and Williams College – are joining our collaborative efforts.

I would be remiss if I did not share the greatest fruit of the Institute: friendship. During this past year, I have heard countless stories of students, faculty, and community members who have formed deep friendships through participating in the Institute's programs. As one long-time friend of the Institute puts it: "Lumen Christi is where I found my people."

As we look ahead, I find inspiration in the words of Jesus in the Gospel of St. John: "I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." There is something sacred in the act of learning; through the use of reason, we come to know God. For this reason, the friendships one makes through deep discussions – especially conversations grounded in the Church's deep intellectual tradition – form a strong foundation for meaningful friendships.

Please know that we keep you and your families in our daily prayers here at Gavin House.

Yours in Christ,



Daniel Wasserman-Soler
Executive Director, The Lumen Christi Institute

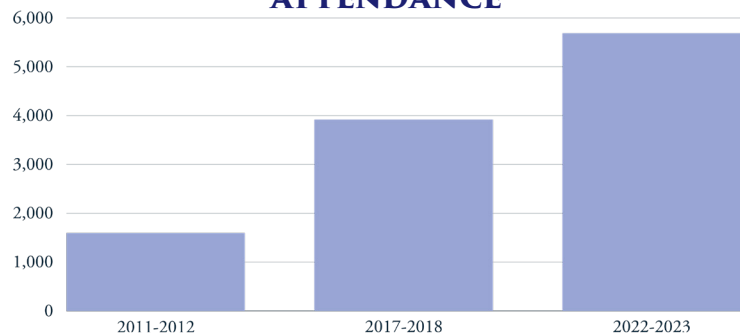


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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS AND GROWING INTO THE FUTURE

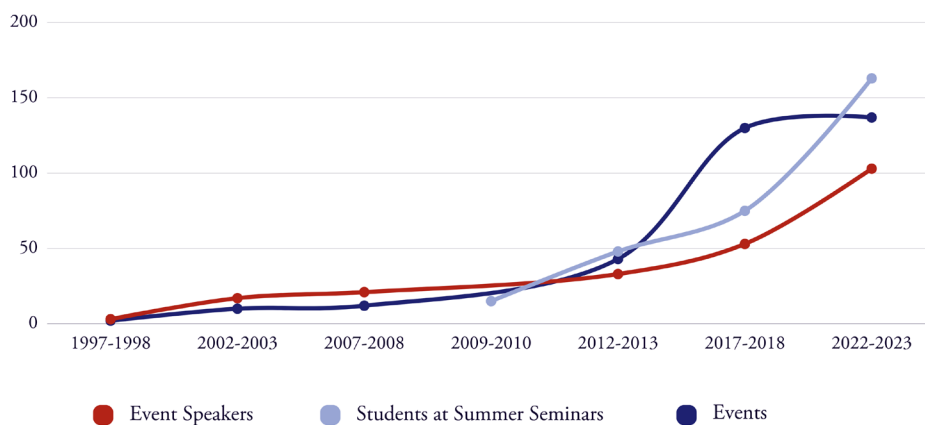
In its founding year of 1997 – 1998, the Lumen Christi Institute organized two events. That number has significantly grown over the last 25 years, with the institute organizing **137 events** over the past year with attendance numbers reaching **5,688**. In the early days of LCI, programming was entirely local: the goal was to bring the richness of the Catholic intellectual tradition to undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Chicago. Since the founding of the summer seminars in 2009, the Institute has steadily expanded its national and international impact – in the summer of 2023 LCI hosted **163 students** for intensive week-long formation, including **3** brand new seminars on **science and religion**. These seminars were part of the newest achievement of the Institute: the inauguration of the **In Lumine Network**. In 2022-2023 with the aid of a grant from the John Templeton Foundation, the Institute finally realized a long-term dream of formally extending the wealth of wisdom of the faith across the United States. The In Lumine Network boasted **11 sister institutes** by the summer of 2023.

ANNUAL EVENT ATTENDANCE



2011 is the first year of complete event attendance records

PROGRAMMING GROWTH METRICS



WHAT WE'RE PROUD OF



IN HYDE PARK

Woodlawn House 2022-2023 was the first year of providing housing to male graduate students. Along with their chaplain, residents of Woodlawn House lived in intentional community by eating together, lending a hand with cooking and housework, praying together, participating in Mass, and offering a space for other Catholic graduate students to gather and build relationships.

Expanding student reading groups These groups offer a less formal way for students to gather and discuss key texts in the Christian tradition and beyond, which enable them to delve deeper in self-directed study, benefit from the insights of their peers and build lasting friendships. Since the onboarding of the new director, focused programming targeted towards deep learning and relationship building has been LCI's top priority.



NATIONWIDE

Summer seminars now include 3 offerings for students of the hard sciences. The Templeton Foundation and In Lumine Network affiliates helped put on the first ever science and religion seminars in the summer of 2023, including a seminar on technology, the environment, and theological wisdom at Duke, where students participated in formal sessions and worked on the campus' sustainable farm.

The In Lumine Network was founded in 2022 and already features 11 institutes across the country. Affiliated institutes receive training and support from LCI in beginning or expanding their own local programming in the intellectual tradition of the Church and co-sponsor national events like summer seminars and online lectures.



2022-2023 EVENT STATISTICS

IN-PERSON EVENTS

103
speakers

109
events

2,952
attendees

ONLINE EVENTS

Podcast



6,748 plays

Across more than 50 countries around the world

Twitter



43,100 impressions

YouTube



167,835 views

18% increase in lifetime views

Facebook



2,918 followers

2.5% increase in total followers

Instagram



684 followers

19% increase in total followers

Online
Programs



28
events

2,736
attendees

CATHOLIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Forming the next generation of Catholic faculty

2022-23 HIGHLIGHTS 2023 Summer Seminars

In 2023, LCI hosted its 15th year of summer seminars with a new high water mark of **10 seminars** at universities across the United States, Canada, and Italy including **3 new seminars** on science and religion.



Theology for Engineers and Scientists with Sr. Damien Marie Savino, F.S.E. (Aquinas College) and Peter Casarella (Duke University) at Duke University Divinity School.

Truth and Authority in Augustine's *City of God* with Russell Hittinger (Lumen Christi Institute) and Fr. Michael Sherwin, O.P. (Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas).



Economics and Catholic Social Thought with Mary Hirschfeld (University of Notre Dame), Joseph Kaboski (University of Notre Dame), Msgr. Martin Schlag (University of St. Thomas, MN), and Kirk Doran (University of Notre Dame) at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome.

The Thought of Rene Girard: Understanding the Faith in a Secular Age with Grant Kaplan (St. Louis University), Trevor Merrill (Caltech) and Cynthia Haven (National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar) at Stanford University.

UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

Bringing Catholic wisdom to the secular academy

2022-23 HIGHLIGHTS Lectures & Reading Groups



Symposium on the Future of Natural Law

with Scott Roniger (Loyola Marymont University), John Bowlin (Princeton Theological Seminary) and Fr. Kevin Flannery, S.J. (Gregorian)

**OCT
27**



Noncredit Course on Modern Mysticism

with Bernard McGinn (University of Chicago Divinity School), Sr. Ann Astell (Notre Dame), Rev. Maurice Charles (Rockefeller Chapel), and more

**OCT-
NOV**



Panel Discussion on “Ideologies of War and Theologies of Healing: Ukraine One Year Later”

with Archbishop Borys Gudziak, Elizabeth Prodromou (Boston College), Perry Hamalis (North Central College) and Gayle Woloschak (Northwestern University)

**FEB
23**



Lunch Discussion on “Faith, Markets, and Meaning”

with Sally Blount (CEO of Catholic Charities of Chicago)

**MAY
11**

CULTURAL FORUM

Engaging and educating the lay public

2022-23 HIGHLIGHTS Symposia & Conferences

SEPT-
JUL

The Newman Forum The Newman Forum for High School Students exposes teenagers from Chicagoland and beyond to the intellectual and spiritual life of the Church in an integrated way. In 2022-2023 the Newman Forum helped **749** high schoolers deepen their faith and connect with like-minded peers.



FEB
4

Red Mass and Lecture on “Law and Lawyers in Thomas More’s Utopia” with University of Chicago president emerita Hanna Holborn Gray.



APR
12

West Suburban Series lecture on “Man’s Stewardship of Creation” with Fr. Terrence Ehrman, C.S.C. (University of Notre Dame). Part of an annual lecture series for lifelong learners across Chicagoland.



APR
18

Magis Lecture on “Evil and the God of Love” with Fr. Stephen Fields, S.J. (Georgetown University). A partnership with St. Ignatius College Prep to host lectures on faith and reason for the laity in Chicago.



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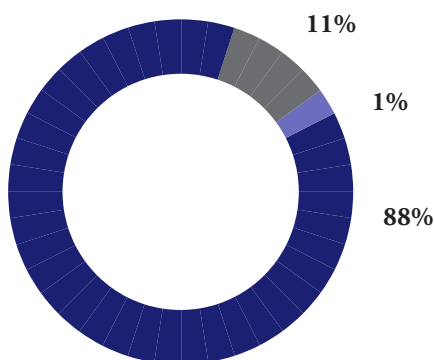
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	Current Year	Prior Year
REVENUES		
Contributions and Grants	\$3,287,794	\$1,974,302
Program Fees and Other Income	\$122,078	\$52,234
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,409,872	\$2,026,536
EXPENSES		
Educational Programs		
Cultural Forum	\$355,073	\$325,855
Catholic Scholars	\$1,601,354	\$779,070
University Program	\$437,178	\$329,030
Residence	\$209,831	
Total Program Expenses	\$2,603,435	\$1,433,955
Supporting Services		
Management and General	\$33,848	\$94,149
Fundraising and Development	\$319,321	\$267,005
Total Supporting Services Expenses	\$353,169	\$361,155
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,956,605	\$1,795,110

NET INCOME

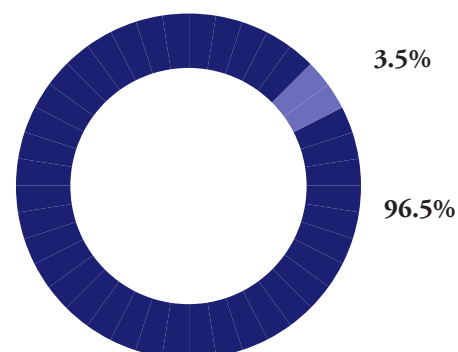
\$453,267

\$231,426



Operating Expenses

Educational Programs **\$2,603,435**
 Fundraising & Development **\$319,321**
 Management & General **\$33,848**



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