

# SCIENCE IN SEMINARIES ESSAY AWARDS

“For the new evangelization to be effective, it is essential to have a deep understanding of the culture of our time in which the social communications media are most influential. Therefore, knowledge and use of the media, whether the more traditional forms or those which technology has produced in recent times, is indispensable. Contemporary reality demands a capacity to learn the language, nature and characteristics of mass media. Using the media correctly and competently can lead to a genuine inculturation of the Gospel. At the same time, the media also help to shape the culture and mentality of people today.”

- Pope John Paul II, *Ecclesia in America* (1999) No. 72

## AWARDS TO SEMINARY FACULTY

We are pleased to announce the following awards for essays submitted by Faculty in Roman Catholic seminaries.

*Comments provided by judges*

### **\$1000 - THOMAS MCLAUGHLIN**

St. John Vianney Theological Seminary  
Denver, Colorado, USA

#### **The Heavens Declare the Glory of God**

*“An especially incisive commentary on Psalm 19 in the age of science.”*

### **\$500 - STEPHEN JAYARD SUSAINATHAN**

Papal Seminary, Pune, India

#### **Seminary, Science and Signs of the Times: An invitation to be Wise, not Otherwise**

*“A pertinent approach on the placebo-nocebo effects in the interaction between physics and psychism with consequences for the dialogue science and religion.”*

### **\$500 - STACY TRASANCOS**

Holy Apostles Seminary, Cromwell, Connecticut, USA

#### **These Thy Atoms**

*“A splendid review of questions related to physics and chemistry/theology through the notion and history of atoms.”*

The reviewers of the International Essay Competition, Cycle I, were :

- Rev. Dr. Thierry Magnin, scientist, engineer, priest and rector of the Catholic University of Lyon, France.
- Dr. Ignacio Silva, science-theology researcher and program coordinator at The Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, Oxford University, UK.
- Professor Emerita Doris Donnelly, theologian and Project Director of Re-Engaging Science in Seminary Formation, John Carroll University.

Essays will appear on our website, [semscience.org](http://semscience.org), after publication in other venues.

## AWARDS TO SEMINARIANS

We are pleased to announce the following seminarians will each receive a grant of \$500US for their contributions to the International Science Essay Competition.

### **ALEX CLARK**

Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology  
Wickliffe, Ohio USA

#### **Morality and Science: Scientism and Existence of Objective Morality**

*“Very clear and good articulation of the relationship between science-philosophy and moral theology, apposite method and well-chosen references.”*

### **MICHAEL O’CONNOR**

Mount Angel Seminary, Mount Angel, Oregon, USA

#### **Going the ‘Other’ Way**

*“A creative reflection by the author, a neurobiologist, in conversation with scientism.”*

### **BRO. LARRY ONOKPITE, SPS**

St. Joseph Theological Institute, Cedara, South Africa

#### **The Multiverse: A Reflection**

*“A very pertinent reflection indicating good knowledge of science and theology; a well-constructed essay.”*

### **STOPHYNUS UGOCHUKWU ANYANWU**

Bigard Memorial Seminary, Enugu, Nigeria, Africa

#### **Scientific Paradigm in Dialogue with Theological Methodology in Age of Science**

*“Very good sense of the dialogue and well done synthesis of current and pertinent positions.”*

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