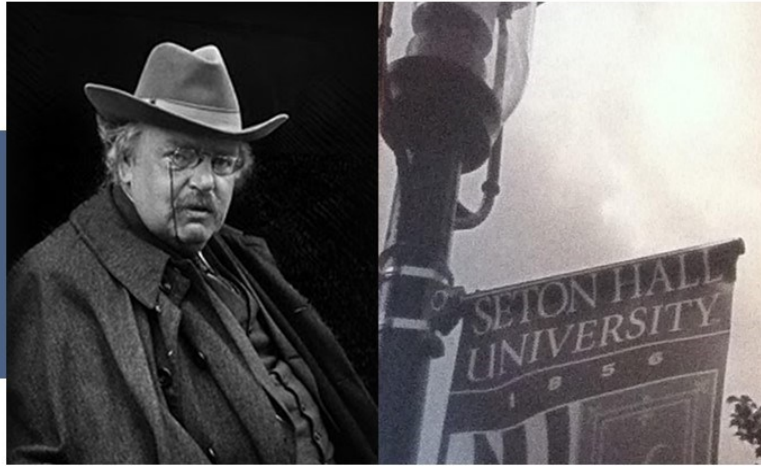


The 2025 Newsletter of the  
G.K. CHESTERTON INSTITUTE for FAITH & CULTURE



*Imagine a world with leaders rooted in Chestertonian ideals*

## *Happenings at the Chesterton Institute . . .*

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It is with commitment and enthusiasm that we began this year, which marked the start of the second half-century, that continues the work started by Father Ian Boyd, in 1974, as a pioneer Chestertonian who had a key role in the Chesterton revival worldwide.

This year, our important part of our work was of course, to continue our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, with the publication of two double issues of *The Chesterton Review*, which were exceedingly well received by our friends, readers and supporters all over the world; we continued with our podcast "Speaking about Chesterton" which has proven to be an excellent outlet to reach so many Chestertonians in all corners of the world, as well as organizing and participating in lectures and programmes.

Our work continues the mission that is central to the Catholic Intellectual Tradition of Seton Hall University, as we work in close collaboration with the Center for Catholic Studies, the Department of Catholic Studies as well as many other areas of the university.

Our Chestertonian community in the United States, Canada and around the world, continues to grow, through our programmes, publications and social media outlets. Literally over one million people have engaged with our Institute from near and far.

One important project I worked on this year with the editor of *The Chesterton Review*, Professor Dermot Quinn, was one that honors Father Boyd and his legacy. The institute published a collection of essays by Father Boyd, entitled *An Earthly Story with a Heavenly Meaning*, edited by Dermot Quinn, with the preface by Dr. Patrick Manning. This publication was possible with the support of Seton Hall University.

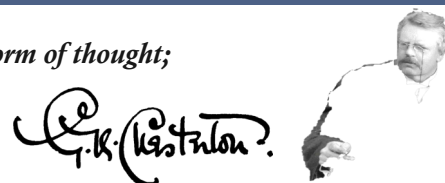
We express our gratitude to Seton Hall University for their continued commitment to the work of the Institute, as we look to the future "imagining a World with Leaders Rooted in Chestertonian Ideals."

We thank you for your friendship and support that help us advance our work, as we continue the Institute's valuable research, writing and publications on important topics like global Christian traditions and Catholic social teaching for years to come. Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year, we invite you to join us on this journey, as we look forward to the future.

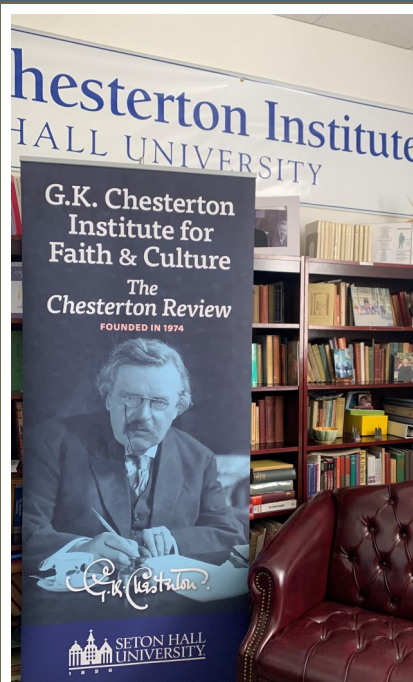
*Gloria Garafulich-Grabois*  
*Director*

### *Our gratitude for your continued support of our work*

*"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought;  
and that gratitude is happiness doubled by  
wonder."*



## About the G. K. CHESTERTON INSTITUTE for FAITH & CULTURE



### 51 YEARS OF THE CHESTERTON INSTITUTE

The G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture, founded in 1974 by Father Ian Boyd, C.S.B., is based at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ, where it is a part of the Center for Catholic Studies. The purpose of the Institute is to promote the thought of G. K. Chesterton and his circle and, more broadly, to explore the application of Chestertonian ideas in the contemporary world. The Institute's work consists of conferences, lecture series, research and writing.

The Institute was founded when Father Boyd was at St. Thomas More College in Saskatchewan, Canada. The Institute has been based at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J. since 1999. The move of the G.K. Chesterton Institute from Canada to the United States occurred twenty-five years ago, when Monsignor Robert Sheeran, then President of Seton Hall, invited Father Ian Boyd to come to the University.

In July 2020, after 46 years as President of the Institute and Editor of *The Chesterton Review*, Father Boyd retired. Upon his retirement he was named President Emeritus of the Institute and Founding Editor of *The Chesterton Review*. Father Boyd continued to be involved from afar in the work of the Institute until his death in January 2024.

Gloria Garafulich-Grabois is the Director of the Institute and Managing Editor of *The Chesterton Review* and *The Lonergan Review*—the journal of the Bernard J. Lonergan Institute. Professor Dermot Quinn, became editor of *The Chesterton Review* in 2022.

## About FATHER IAN BOYD's VISION FOR THE INSTITUTE



"I think in the work like the one we have been carrying out for 50 years at the Chesterton Institute, its effect is what I call cumulative. It builds up slowly, but it builds on its past, and in that way, I think it's Catholic, I think for us Catholics, we do think in terms of the future. We are people, that are Easter people. People of hope turning towards the future. So, this is not an antiquarian cult of Chesterton. We are talking about something immensely relevant for today and tomorrow and for the future. My vision for the Institute has to do with making people aware of what is already present—of what has been going on for 50 years and we hope will continue for another—for a hundred-years into the future. A Catholic university is not just for today, for the moment—it is for all time.

I think that Chesterton is being re-discovered everywhere and we are, we can without boasting, we are at the center of that work and it would be of great interest to many people to know that, as I say, the secret of Seton Hall is partly the presence of the Chesterton Institute right here, in our own university. I think the alumni, the Catholic world first of all, and even a larger world of those who read, and those who love Chesterton, that goes beyond, that is an ecumenical dimension. I think we represent that too.

Our Chesterton work is versatile, it deals with themes—particular themes. Chesterton has been there before us, we would like to alert people to the presence of that Chesterton work right here at the university. We need to startle people that at Seton Hall University, a leading Christian writer for our age finds his home, that he has been here, but his presence has not been well-known, not as well-known as it should be for the people in New Jersey, New York, America itself. We need to find a way to startle people, of surprising them."

## LAST WORD |

### 50 Years of Chesterton

*In January, the BBC launched the 12th season of its hit series Father Brown, based on the fictional crime-solving Roman Catholic priest created by G.K. Chesterton. Ever since Chesterton's short stories were first published in 1911, Father Brown has delighted millions worldwide.*

*Yet what's even more influential than the pop-culture fame of his fictional character is Chesterton's impact on Catholic thought. He stands as an important intellectual figure, a keen religious thinker who argued in defense of the Catholic faith and influenced countless other Christian thinkers.*

*Since 1999, Seton Hall has hosted the G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith and Culture, dedicated to Chesterton, his work and his ideas. In light of the institute's 50th anniversary, celebrated in 2024, Seton Hall magazine reached out to its director, Gloria Garafulich-Grabois, for more information.*

#### **To begin with, who was G.K. Chesterton?**

He was an English writer, a prolific one. He was a novelist, playwright, poet, journalist, editor, theologian and philosopher. Beyond the Father Brown stories, he also wrote other well-regarded works including *Orthodoxy*, *The Man Who Was Thursday* and *The Napoleon of Notting Hill*. Chesterton converted to the Roman Catholic faith in 1922.

#### **What made G.K. Chesterton special?**

He was incredibly versatile. He could write about serious topics in a way that the general reader could understand. His writing still interests readers today, and his works have been translated into many languages. He's one of the most quoted English-language authors worldwide.

And so his writings and his ideas continue to be relevant.



#### **What does the G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith and Culture do?**

Father Ian Boyd founded the institute in 1974 in Canada to promote Chesterton's thinking. Since then, the institute has shared his ideas, bringing them to a contemporary audience. We host programs — lectures and conferences — in person and online, and we publish a highly praised journal, *The Chesterton Review*, with two double issues a year. We have also published special issues in Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and French. We produce a blog "Paradox, Wit and Wisdom" and we recently launched a podcast called "Speaking about Chesterton." For 18 years, the institute has also co-sponsored the University's monthly Spanish Mass, along with Campus Ministry.

#### **When did the G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith and Culture move from Canada to Seton Hall?**

It was 25 years ago that Monsignor Robert Sheeran, president of Seton Hall at the time, invited Father Boyd and the Chesterton institute to relocate here. Father Boyd retired in 2020 after 46 years as the institute's president and the founding editor of *The Chesterton Review*. Upon his retirement, professor Dermot Quinn was named editor of the journal. At that point, Father Boyd was named president emeritus, and he continued to be involved in the institute until his death in January 2024.

#### **What projects does the institute have planned?**

This fall, we will publish a special collection of essays in honor of Father Boyd. ■



## About CHESTERTON INSTITUTE — OUR FIRST 50 YEARS

### G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture

**50<sup>th</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY

1974-2024



As we celebrate this important half-century milestone, we celebrate the life-long work of our founder, Father Ian Boyd, and we look to the Chestertonian community to help advance Father Boyd's legacy and for the Institute to continue its valuable research and writing on important topics like global Christian traditions and Catholic social teaching for years to come.

Our work, with the support of Seton Hall University and the Chestertonian community, continues the work and the vision of Father Ian Boyd, to *"Imagining a World with Leaders rooted in Chestertonian ideals."*

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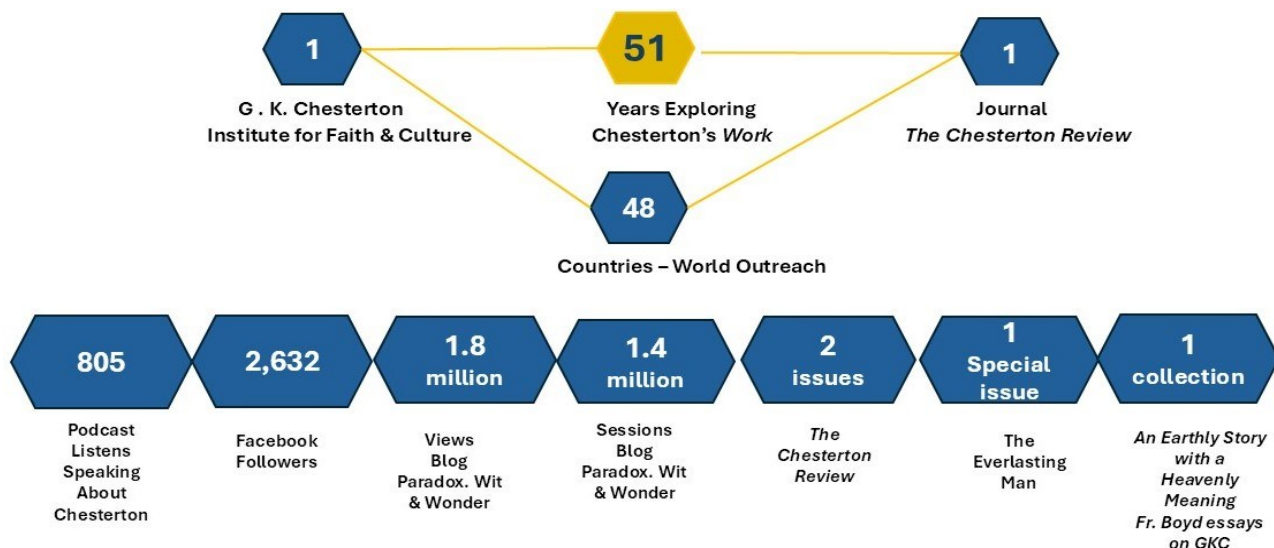
Father Ian Boyd, Founder and President Emeritus

G.K. Chesterton, the leader Christian writer, and multifaceted figure and the Chesterton Institute have a home at Seton Hall University, and through our extensive outreach, in the larger world. Please join us, as we continue to preserve and advance Chesterton's and Father Boyd's legacy for generations to come.

We invite you to visit our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary webpage by clicking [here](#)

### The Chesterton Institute — By the Numbers

#### 2025 by the numbers



Our Work — Our Impact — Our Outreach  
OUR FIRST FIFTY-ONE YEARS  
1974—2025

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Institute & the Review  
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## About CHESTERTON INSTITUTE in 2025

Today, May 29<sup>th</sup>, marks the  
151<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the birth of  
G.K. Chesterton



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### 2025 Faculty Summer Seminar The Living Word of God: Still Alive Today?

Hosted by the Center for Catholic Studies, the Center for Vocation & Servant Leadership,  
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### The CHESTERTON REVIEW



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G.K. Chesterton

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025  
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Hosted by the Center for Catholic Studies and  
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THE EVERLASTING MAN SPECIAL ISSUE

### The CHESTERTON REVIEW



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The G.K. Chesterton Institute  
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rejoices on the announcement of  
our new Holy Father  
Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost  
Pope Leo XIV



## SPEAKING ABOUT CHESTERTON

The *Podcast* of the G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture



### *Imagining a World with Leaders Rooted in Chestertonian Ideals*

We cordially invite you to subscribe to our podcast channel.

The podcast explores the thought and writings of G.K. Chesterton, with *Gloria Garafulich-Grabois*, director of the G.K. Chesterton Institute and professor *Dermot Quinn*, editor of *The Chesterton Review*.

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***We thank you for your interest in our podcast!***

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## EPISODES



**Episode 1:** Series I “Reading Chesterton” – Selected Stories of Father Brown

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**Episode 3:** Series I “Reading Chesterton” – Selections from “*Orthodoxy*”

**Episode 4:** Series I “Reading Chesterton” – Selections from “*What I saw in America*”

**Episode 5:** Series I “Reading Chesterton” – Selections of Chesterton’s Christmas Poems

**Episode 6:** “The adventure of being born” – Celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of G.K. Chesterton’s birth

**Episode 7:** “Chesterton & Belloc—a fastidious friendship” – a dramatic reading

**Episode 8:** Series II “Chesterton around the world” – Chesterton and England

**Episode 9:** Series II “Chesterton around the world” – Chesterton and Ireland

**Episode 10:** Series II “Chesterton around the world” – Chesterton and Poland

**Episode 11:** Series II “Chesterton around the world” – Chesterton and France

**Episode 12:** Series II “Chesterton around the world” – Chesterton and Italy

**Episode 13:** Elizabeth A. Seton meets G.K. Chesterton – a thought-provoking conversation.

**Episode 14:** The Chesterton Institute’s new publication: “An Earthly Story, with a Heavenly Meaning” — Father Boyd essays on G.K. Chesterton.

**Episode 15:** Series III “The Two Leos” — Chesterton and Leo XIII

**Episode 16:** Series III “The Two Leos” — Chesterton and Leo XIV

**Episode 17:** “Pope Leo XIV”, a podcast of a lecture by Christopher Altieri



# PARADOX, WIT & WONDER

The *Blog* of the G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture



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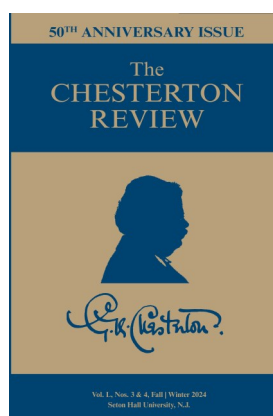
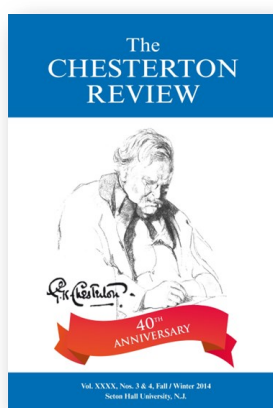
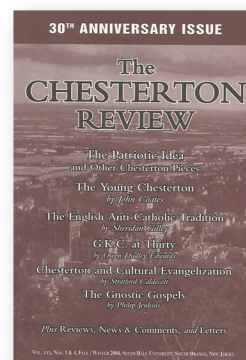
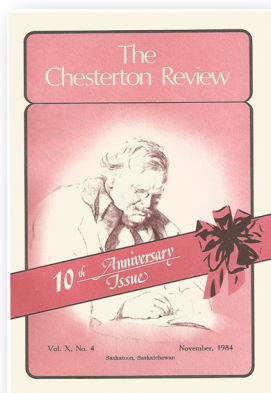
The blog was launched in late 2022 and has since being very well received by people from all over the world.

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***Thank you for following our blog!***

## THE CHESTERTON REVIEW Anniversary Covers—the first 50 years



## Fifty years of *The Chesterton Review*



2024 marked the fiftieth birthday of *The Chesterton Review* – a cause for celebration, if ever there was one. Founded in 1974 in the centenary year of Chesterton’s birth, it has been the indispensable instrument for the revived worldwide interest in Chesterton that has been such a feature of the years ever since. Brilliantly edited for most of its half-century by the late Father Ian Boyd, the *Review* has been a vehicle for the best of contemporary Chesterton scholarship and a continuing inspiration for those wishing to understand the genius of an extraordinary man. It has flown the flag for Chesterton’s intellectual circle and for other writers in the Christian sacramental tradition, among them Hilaire Belloc, Maurice Baring, and Christopher Dawson. Father Boyd insisted on the highest standards for his journal and, thanks to his efforts and the efforts of those who helped him, *The Chesterton Review* has fulfilled his generous hopes. For fifty years, its pages have been marked by scrupulous scholarship, elegant writing, lively debate, beautiful pictures, and, behind them all, a certain largeness of soul that we might call Chestertonian. It is a towering achievement.

*The Chesterton Review* now looks forward to another fifty years. There is still a demand for what Chesterton once termed “transcendent common sense.” As it begins its second half-century, *The Chesterton Review* intends to supply it.

—Dermot Quinn, D.Phil.  
Editor, *The Chesterton Review*.

# The Chesterton Review

The G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture at Seton Hall University published volume 51 of its widely recognized journal.

Nos. 1 & 2  
Spring Summer Issue



Last year, *The Chesterton Review* celebrated its fiftieth birthday. With this issue, we now begin our second half century. The birthday was duly acknowledged with warm memories of Father Ian Boyd, the founder of the feast. But acknowledgement and thanks are also due to those without whom *The Chesterton Review* would not and could not survive – its loyal readers. With your continued support, for which I am very grateful, I trust that we are well launched for another fifty years .”

—Dermot Quinn, D.Phil.  
Editor, *The Chesterton Review*

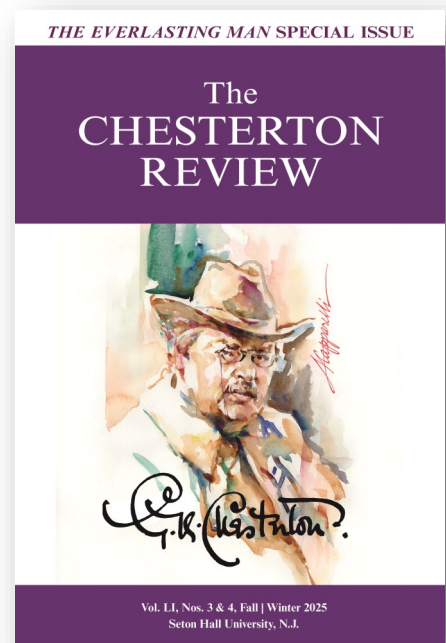


Nos. 3 & 4  
Fall Winter Issue

## THE EVERLASTING MAN Special Issue

This year marks the one-hundredth anniversary of *The Everlasting Man* (1925), the last volume of Chesterton's great apologetic trilogy that began with *Heretics* in 1905 and continued brilliantly with *Orthodoxy* in 1908. A centenary is an occasion for taking stock, for asking how well a book stands up after a long duration of discussion and debate. It is also a reason for celebration, for recognizing the qualities that make a book - any book - a classic. It is, thirdly, an opportunity to take the long view. For all these reasons, a special issue of the *Review* devoted to *The Everlasting Man* seems in order. The book deserves the status of classic. If it is still in print, it is because it is still important. If it continues to answer arguments, it is because those arguments (despite Chesterton's best efforts) have not gone away. It is, in its own way, an everlasting book.

—Dermot Quinn, D.Phil.  
Editor, *The Chesterton Review*



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## G. K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture

### 2026 Program

In the next few weeks, the Institute will announce its upcoming 2025 program.

Next year's program will include:

- a series of conferences and events in an online as well as in-person formats in the United States as well as abroad
  - New podcast series!
  - The publication of volume 52 of *The Chesterton Review*
  - And much more!



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*"There is really nothing like The Chesterton Review, and if there ever was, it existed in a bygone Golden Age of journals and magazines. They, however, are all dead. The Review abides."*

—Philip Jenkins, *Chronicles Magazine*, (June 2014)

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR WORK

Your *tax-deductible* contribution will help support key projects of the **G. K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture** such as the continued publication of *The Chesterton Review* and our 2025 programme.

The G. K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture needs your support, and a bequest would be an effective way of providing that help. Please remember us in your will.

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