
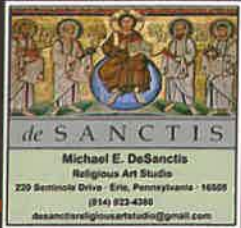


Monday, November 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
at Faith Lutheran Church, 5414 E. Lake Road

A Proper Seat for Emmanuel:
Personal Reflections on the History and Meaning of the Christmas Crèche



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This lavishly illustrated presentation will examine the crèche-building activities of Dr. Michael E. DeSanctis, Professor Emeritus at Gannon and Scholar in Residence at the Jefferson Society. The presentation will address the central role played by St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) in the development of Nativity scenes of the sort that have become fixtures within Christian churches and households during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. It will also describe how Dr. DeSanctis has adapted such scenes to the needs of modern audiences to share the message of Christ's birth.

Light refreshments following. All are welcome!