

Dr. Patrick Craine



On July 1st, 2025, Dr. Patrick Craine will be the new President of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College. Congratulations on your new appointment. Dr. Craine holds a doctorate in theology, is well known in the SWC community as an alumnus, former staff member, and sessional instructor. He brings with him significant professional experience in the pro-life movement and Catholic media as a journalist, editor, and executive.

Dr. Cassidy, Chair of the Board of Directors, commented they are delighted with their incoming president. "His energy, enthusiasm, intelligence, and deep commitment to our mission promise to make his years with us exciting and successful." Past President, Dr. Schintgen says, "He has many excellent qualities: faithful Catholic, expert communicator, seasoned manager, collaborative team-builder, prudent decision-maker... and the list goes on."

Dr. Craine attained a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, minoring in English Literature, at Redeemer University College in 2009, after studies at Dalhousie University and Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy. He obtained a Master of Arts in Philosophy from Holy Apostles College & Seminary in 2016. In 2022, he obtained a Master of Arts in Theology and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Dominican University College in Ottawa. In April, he defended his dissertation for the (civil) PhD in Theology and the (ecclesiastical) Doctorate in Sacred Theology at Dominican University College. The civil degrees are awarded jointly with Carleton University.

Dr. Craine and wife, Jenna Craine, have lived with their family in Barry's Bay since 2013. They have six children ranging in age from 2 to 15. Dr. Craine was born in Kingston, Ontario, and moved to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, during his childhood. Meeting Jenna in the summer of 2004 during an evangelistic mission project in downtown Halifax – when she was a student at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy – led him to the Barry's Bay area in 2005, first as an extended guest at Madonna House, and then as a student at the then-Academy in the fall of 2005. He served as Dean of Students in 2007-2008. During that time he proposed to Jenna at the Marian grotto adjacent to the college's campus, and they married in the summer of 2008.