



THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES @ VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

2020 SENIOR ESSAYS

Caroline Arnold	<i>Insignes Pietate Viri</i>: Virgil, Augustine, and Dante on the Virtue of Piety What is piety? How does Christian revelation change our understanding of true piety, and why?
Gina Arnold	Love and Dating on the College Campus To what extent has dating on the college campus become dysfunctional and how might it be transformed for a better future?
Molly Bonini	Exploring Restlessness through <i>Dancing After Hours</i> How do we seek to still our restless hearts if not through spirituality?
Abigail Carr	Finding Fullness in the True Self: When the Seeds of Christ Strip the False Self Away What are the limitations of only living in the false self?
Quinn Dang	On Humility and Beauty: Servitude in Excellence Where is the proper place of human being in this reality?
Marikate Des Rosiers	On Despair and Relationality How do we navigate the ceaseless flow of our temporal life?
Christina Dietzler	Tilling Soil in the Human Heart and Mind: Recovering the Ultimate Questions that Dispose Us Toward Seeking to Know and Love God If "the desire for God is written in the human heart," what causes us to forget, overlook or reject this reality?
Ashley Hock	Controlling Consumerism: Labor as a Mean to a Useless End How has modernity shaped our conception of work? How should we think about work in order to create a better society?
Connor Kovacs	A Search for a Happiness What is our final end?
Timothy Long	Even the Mercy of the Lord Burns: Violence, Distortion, and Grace in Flannery O'Connor, Jacques Maritain, and Karl Barth What is the strange relationship between violence and grace in Flannery O'Connor's fiction?
Chaisen Petrino	Know Thyself: It's Complicated Can we fully know ourselves?
Felicity Petruzzi	And Other Stars What is it like to be on the cusp of independent life?
Hannah Rao	The Call to Holiness: Lessons from Irish Saints What do early Irish saints have to teach us about the call to holiness?
Aidan Riess	The Philosophical Roots of our Ecological Crisis How has the impoverished view of reality present in modern philosophical thought led to what Pope Francis describes as the "Technocratic Paradigm?"
Kendall Smith	The Quest for Joy Through Aspirations and Vocations What are the true values of work and vocation as they relate to human happiness?
Timothy Warren	Unplugged: An Examination of Digital and Physical Escapism What are the different ways we escape from reality? Is one better or worse for our flourishing?
Rebecca Zalar	Love is All: The Different Dimensions and Intricacies of Humanity's Most Intense Emotion What kinds of love create a life well lived?