

AMERICA, RELIGION & CATHOLICISM

a night looking at America's religious values in the 19th century

A Dramatic Presentation

ISAAC HECKER

at the LYCEUM

Kirkoff Center Room 2263

Grand Valley State University—Allendale

7-9:00 p.m.

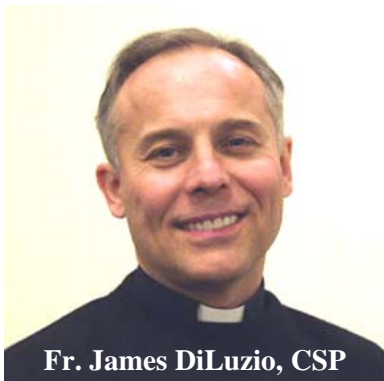
Friday, October 17

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2008 is the 150th Anniversary of the Paulist Fathers—the First religious Order of Catholic Priests established in the United States. Fr. Isaac Hecker, CSP (pictured->) was a convert to Catholicism and founder of the Paulist Fathers. His cause for sainthood began this past January when he was officially declared a "Servant of God." The Paulist Fathers minister here at Grand Valley at the new Saint Luke University Parish/ Catholic Campus Ministry as well as the long established Catholic Information Center and now at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Grand Rapids

Father Isaac Hecker, founder of the Paulist Fathers, began his missionary work determined to invite non-Catholics to the treasures of Catholic Christianity. While his fellow Paulists preached "missions" to Catholics at their local parishes, Isaac booked himself into town halls, concert halls and other public venues taking advantage of what was called "the Lyceum movement."



Fr. James DiLuzio, CSP

Lyceums were organizations sponsoring professional speakers who would tour from town to town, lecturing on history, politics, art, and culture. Often these lectures were followed by open discussions.

As a Paulist missionary and actor Fr. James DiLuzio will re-create one of Isaac's captivating lectures entitled "A Search for Rational Christianity, or Why I Became a Catholic" as delivered at the Chicago Opera House on May 14th 1868. The evening program will also feature excerpts from other Hecker Lectures on "Church and State" and "The Holy Spirit in the Individual and Society."

Open discussion will follow.