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### **Awards, Grants, and Honors**

- ❖ **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology, was awarded a summer stipend in the amount of \$10,000 by Seton Hall University's University Research Council. The stipend, which was bestowed on May 18, 2019, will support Dr. Fortin's project titled "The Metaphysics of Sexual Difference."
  
- ❖ **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, was awarded a summer stipend in the amount of \$10,000 by Seton Hall University's University Research Council. The stipend, which was bestowed on May 18, 2019, will support Dr. Scully's co-edited book project with Dr. Anthony Briggman (Emory University). The book project is titled "New Narratives for Old: Reading Early Christian Theology Using the Historical Method."

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.M., S.T.L.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology:
  - For his contributions to interdisciplinary communication, received the designation “Fellow,” the highest grade of membership in the International Institute of Informatics and Systemics, in Orlando, FL, on July 9, 2019.
  - For his contributions relating Second-Order Cybernetics to Lonergan’s Philosophy, received the Ranulph Glanville Memorial Award, bestowed by the International Institute of Informatics and Systemics, in Orlando, FL, on July 9, 2019. The award is named for the late Anglo-Irish cyberneticist Ranulph Glanville.

## Speaking Engagements

- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, served as a guest speaker on the hour-long “Inner Life” talk show on the nationwide station *Relevant Radio* (Newark area: 1430 AM), discussing with the show’s host the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel reading, and responding to callers’ questions and comments, on the following dates:
  - [May 31, 2019.](#)
  - [June 28, 2019.](#)
  - [August 9, 2019.](#)
- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, presented “How to Be Happy: Ancient Wisdom and New Research.” Public lecture, at Montclair Public Library, Montclair, NJ, on June 5, 2019. Approximately 50 people attended.
- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented “The Jewish Jesus, the Catholic Jesus: The Jewish Background to the New Testament.” Lecture, for the

Lexington, KY branch of Legatus, in Lexington, KY, on July 11, 2019. Approximately 40 people attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.M., S.T.L.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, served as a guest speaker on the topic of “Pastoral Logotherapy,” on the half-hour “Kinship of Catholics and Jews” show, hosted by Reverend Lawrence E. Frizzell, S.T.L., S.S.L., D.Phil., Director and Associate Professor, Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Program, on Seton Hall University’s radio station (WSOU 89.5 FM). The show was taped at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on August 8, 2019, and aired on WSOU 89.5 FM on August 11, 2019.

## Special Events

- ❖ **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. ’88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, and Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality, interviewed **Donna L. Orsuto, S.T.D.**, Director of the Institute of Spirituality of the Pontifical Gregorian University and Co-Founder and Director of The Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas, Rome, Italy, for a Facebook Live session sponsored by and held at ICSST, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on June 26, 2019. In the interview, Dr. Orsuto and Dr. Traflet discussed the upcoming graduate course on Women Mystics, which Dr. Orsuto taught at ICSST in Summer 2019, as well as the upcoming retreat, *St. Catherine of Siena: Mystic, Reformer, and Doctor of the Church*, which Dr. Orsuto facilitated at ICSST on July 13, 2019. Two hundred eighty-four people engaged in this Facebook Live session. Organized by **Diane M. Carr, M.A. ’07**, Coordinator of Graduate and International

Services, this Facebook Live session is available on

<https://www.facebook.com/halltheology/videos/467444667353274>

- ❖ ICSST sponsored *St. Catherine of Siena: Mystic, Reformer, and Doctor of the Church*. Day-long retreat, at ICSST, on July 13, 2019. **Donna L. Orsuto, S.T.D.**, Director of the Institute of Spirituality of the Pontifical Gregorian University and Co-Founder and Director of The Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas, Rome, Italy, facilitated this retreat. Ninety people attended. Further information about this retreat can be found at

<https://www.shu.edu/theology/news/retreat-explores-the-life-of-st-catherine-of-siena.cfm>

## Mission and Service

- ❖ **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology:
  - Continues his service as coordinator of prison ministry religious services for the Archdiocese of Newark, at Essex County Correctional Facility, Newark, NJ, on an ongoing basis. This includes interaction with jail administration for arrangement of Catholic services and accessibility of the sacraments for detainees. Additionally, Dr. Fortin serves as prison minister at Essex County Correctional Facility, Newark, NJ, every Friday. In this role, Dr. Fortin offers Bible studies and outreach to county, federal and Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees.
  - Presented “A Farewell to Form: Union of Mind and Reality in Bonaventure, Aquinas, and Ockham.” Part two of a three-part lecture series titled *Post-Truth: How We Got Here*, hosted by Communion and Liberation, in New York City, on April 3, 2019. Approximately 20 people attended.

- ❖ **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration; Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology; and Founder and Co-Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality:
- Was interviewed on topics of Catholic spirituality, on the “Morning Air” show with John Harper, on *Relevant Radio* (1430 AM), in August and September 2018. Interview topics included:
    - [“Christian Community in the Dachau Concentration Camp,”](#) on August 6, 2018.
    - [“Mother Teresa’s Dark Night,”](#) on August 31, 2018.
    - [“Four Lessons from Mother Teresa’s ‘Dark Night of the Soul,’”](#) on September 5, 2018.
  - Presented the following:
    - Three mornings of reflection on “The Life and Spirituality of St. Edith Stein,” for the Carmelite Novitiate, Middletown, NJ, from August 7-9, 2018. Approximately nine individuals, including novices, attended.
    - “The Lord’s Prayer and the Seven Last Words of Christ.” Formation Program presentation, to the 4<sup>th</sup> Theology class, at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 11, 2019. Approximately seven seminarians attended.
    - “St. Edith Stein: A Life of Merciful Presence.” Lecture, at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY, on April 28, 2019. Approximately 75 people attended.
    - “An Ordination in Dachau: The Clandestine and Courageous Work of Josefa Mack.” Lecture, as part of Newark transitional deacons’ Canonical Priestly Retreat,

at Benedictine Monastery, Morristown, NJ, on May 22, 2019. Nine people, including deacons, attended.

- “Facing Life’s Challenges: How the Word of God Helped St. Edith Stein to Live a Life of Heroic Virtue.” Two lectures, at the Catholic Bible Conference of the Archdiocese of Newark, held at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on June 22, 2019. A total of approximately 20 people attended Dr. Traflet’s presentations.

❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director for the Seminary:

- Served as facilitator for a formation group (the senior class) of seminarians at the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Andrew’s Hall, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on a weekly basis throughout the academic year. The group focused on the theology of the priesthood as found in the papal document *Pastores Dabo Vobis* (“I Will Give You Shepherds”).
- Delivered a vocation talk at Mass, at St. Aloysius Parish, Jackson, NJ, on August 19, 2018. Approximately 300 people attended.
- Presented “Welcoming Christ into our Hearts.” Advent talk, at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington, NJ, on December 14, 2018. Approximately 100 people attended.
- Preached a 40-hour devotion homily on the topic “Christ Truly Present” and presided at vespers, at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington, NJ, on January 13, 2019. Approximately 100 people attended.

- Facilitated a day of recollection on the topic “Role of Parents,” for parents, at the Little Sisters Convent, Cherry Hill, NJ, on January 26, 2019. Approximately 25 families attended.
- Facilitated a retreat on the topic “Catholic Identity,” for faculty of Cardinal Spellman High School, Bronx, NY, on February 18, 2019. Approximately 50 people attended.
- Led a women’s retreat, conference on the topic “The Mercy of God,” and Eucharistic devotion, at St. Francis Retreat Center, Easton, PA, on February 23, 2019. Approximately 100 people attended.
- Celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ, on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019.
- Preached the Parish Mission on the topic “Renewal of our Faith,” at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Whiting, NJ, on March 11, 2019. This included conferences, confessions, Mass, and Eucharistic devotion. Approximately 200 people attended.
- Delivered a talk on the topic “Catholic Men and their Responsibility to Lead,” at the Archdiocese of Newark Men’s Conference, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on March 16, 2019. Additionally, Father Koch led the Eucharistic procession and served as a confessor at the conference. Approximately 2,000 men attended.
- Facilitated a Lenten retreat day for the Franciscan Sisters, in Parsippany, NJ, on March 23, 2019. Father Koch celebrated Mass, served as a confessor, and presented conferences on the topic “Renewal of Vows.” Approximately 60 Sisters attended.
- Led prayer and conferences on the topic “Meditations on the Passion” along the way, and celebrated Mass, for a Stations of the Cross procession from St. Theresa Parish, Linden, NJ, to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ, on March 24, 2019. Approximately 900 people participated in the procession.

- Led a pilgrimage retreat in Krakow, Poland: *In the Steps of Pope John Paul II*, from June 14-25, 2019. Each day, Father Koch celebrated Mass, preached a homily, and presented a conference on “Life as Pilgrimage.” Twenty-eight people participated.
- Facilitated a retreat on the theme *Renewing My Commitment to Christ*, for the Little Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, in Cherry Hill, NJ, from July 15-22, 2019. At the retreat, Father Koch delivered two conferences daily and celebrated Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Approximately 20 Sisters attended.
- Facilitated a retreat on the theme *Forming the Heart of Christ*, for seminarians of the Diocese of Camden, at San Alfonso Retreat Center, Long Branch, NJ, from August 4-7, 2019. At the retreat, Father Koch delivered two conferences daily and celebrated Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fifteen seminarians attended.
- Helped to organize, and attended an approximately 65-mile walking pilgrimage on the theme *From Mary to Jesus*, from Great Meadows, NJ to Our Lady of Czestochowa shrine in Doylestown, PA, from August 8-11, 2019. During the pilgrimage, which was attended by approximately 2,000 people, Father Koch celebrated Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and delivered conferences.

❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology:

- As *Censor Librorum* for the Archdiocese of Newark, reviewed the 2020 Paulist Press *Ordo*, which is distributed to most US dioceses for use in church sacristies.
- Hosted a retreat day for Seton Hall University’s Contemplative Pedagogy Committee, at St. Mary’s Abbey Retreat Center, Morristown, NJ, on September 21, 2018. Approximately 15 Seton Hall University faculty members and two students attended.



- Celebrated Seton Hall University’s principal Mass in celebration of the Feast of All Saints, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 1, 2018.
- Hosted *Fratres in Unum* session for recently ordained priests from Immaculate Conception Seminary, at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 7, 2018. Four priests attended.
- Served as a confessor at *Gaudemus in Christo* retreat for newly ordained priests, sponsored by the Office of Continuing Formation of Priests, at Villa Pauline, Mendham, NJ, on November 28, 2018. The 2018 ordination class of the Archdiocese of Newark attended.
- Celebrated Mass for Catholic Schools Week, at Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, NJ, on January 28, 2019.
- Presented “Transition to the Major Seminary.” Presentation to the Seniors of St. Andrew’s Hall College Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on February 26, 2019.
- Presented a reflection on vocation witness talk to the Delbarton School Senior class, at their day of recollection, at St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ, on February 27, 2019. Approximately 120 people attended.
- Conducted a day of recollection for the seminarians of Cathedral Seminary House of Formation (Douglaston, Queens), at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY, on March 24, 2019. Approximately 50 people attended.
- Conducted a morning of recollection for men, at Nativity Parish, Fair Haven, NJ, on April 6, 2019. Approximately 15 people attended.
- Presented a lecture on John Henry Newman, at St. Patrick’s Pro-Cathedral, Newark, NJ, on April 10, 2019. Approximately 15 people attended.

- Served as a confessor at *Gaudemus in Christo* retreat for newly ordained priests, sponsored by the Office of Continuing Formation of Priests, at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ, on April 23, 2019. Approximately 30 priests attended.
  - Provided spiritual direction to seminarians from throughout the US, at the Institute for Priestly Formation’s Summer Program for Diocesan Seminarians, at Creighton University, Omaha, NE, meeting weekly with each seminarian, from June 11-July 27, 2019 (for 13 seminarians).
  - Served as a priest-mentor for the course IPF 502: *Growing into Authentic Manhood with Christ the Priest* (3 credits), offered at the Institute for Priestly Formation, Creighton University, NE. In this role, Monsignor McCarren assisted the psychologist-professor in relating the course material to the life of the priest. Monsignor McCarren rendered this service from June 11-July 5, 2019.
- ❖ **Reverend W. Jerome Bracken, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, served as homilist at Seton Hall University’s principal Mass in celebration of the Feast of All Saints, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 1, 2018.
- ❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented “Living The Our Father through Forgiveness.” Talk, at St. Patrick’s Pro-Cathedral Parish, Newark, NJ, on November 8, 2018. Approximately 20 people attended.
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean, served as a facilitator of the *Gaudemus in Christo* retreat for newly ordained priests, sponsored by the

Office of Continuing Formation of Priests, at Villa Pauline, Mendham, NJ, on November 28, 2018. The 2018 ordination class of the Archdiocese of Newark attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Lawrence B. Porter, K.H.S., Ph.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology and Director, Turro Seminary Library, preached on “The Jewish Piety of Saint Joseph: A Warning about the Sin of Antisemitism,” at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange, NJ, on March 14, 2019. Approximately 80 people attended.
  
- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, presented the following:
  - “‘From the Beginning’: Finding God in Our Marriages – A Lenten Reflection on Marriage & Family.” Presentation, delivered twice, for one and one-half hours each, at St. Catherine Parish, Mountain Lakes, NJ, on April 2, 2019. A total of approximately 75 people attended.
  - “End-of-Life Issues.” Two-hour presentation with Q&A, for the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic Clergy’s Annual Presbyteral Days, at The Breakers Hotel, Spring Lake, NJ, on May 1, 2019.
  
- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, delivered four lectures on philosophy, for the “Philosophy for Deacons” aspirancy formation program for the Diocese of Paterson, NJ. The event was sponsored by ICSST’s Center for Diaconal Formation, at St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ, on April 13, 2019. Approximately 20 permanent diaconate candidates attended.

- ❖ Six faculty members of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology served as assessors and examiners for a candidate in the Pastoral Provision. This candidate is a married former Anglican priest who has converted to Roman Catholicism and seeks ordination as a Catholic priest. This service was rendered at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, NJ, on May 2, 2019, by the following ICSST faculty members:
  - **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology.
  - **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spiritual Director.
  - **Reverend Lawrence B. Porter, K.H.S., Ph.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology and Director, Turro Seminary Library.
  - **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration; Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology; and Founder and Co-Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality.
  - **Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D.**, Professor of Church History.
  - **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L, S.T.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies.
  
- ❖ **Reverend Roberto Ortiz, S.S.L., S.T.D. (Cand.)**, Director of Liturgy and Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, presented *Life in the Spirit Seminar*, session 5, “Commitment to Christ,” at St. Ann Parish, Hoboken, NJ, on May 30, 2019. Approximately 15 people attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, presented “The Gospel of Luke: Key Themes and Passages” / “*El Evangelio de Lucas: Temas y pasajes clave.*” Workshop, first in English and then in Spanish, at the Catholic Bible Conference of the Archdiocese of Newark, held at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on June 22, 2019. Approximately 40 people attended Father Gadenz’s workshops (20 people each at the English workshop and the Spanish workshop).
  
- ❖ **Sister Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, presented the following:
  - “Paul and the New Evangelization.” Formation presentation for resident seminarians, at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on September 14, 2018. Approximately 40 seminarians attended.
  
  - “‘I am not ashamed of the Gospel’: What Paul Can Teach Us About Evangelization Today.” Workshop, at the Catholic Bible Conference of the Archdiocese of Newark, held at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on June 22, 2019. Preaching “Christ Crucified” as the power and wisdom of God was as difficult in Paul’s day as it is in our own. Sister Pascuzzi guided participants in this workshop in considering the difficulties faced by Paul, and how these difficulties compare to the difficulties we face today in our efforts to preach the Gospel. With Sister Pascuzzi, participants in this workshop also considered the strategies Paul used to exhort and persuade believers to live Spirit-animated lives that reflect the Gospel values. Twenty-six people participated in the workshop.

## Off-Campus Course

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, taught IPF 504: *The Mystery of the Liturgy: Receiving in Celebration and in Life* (2 credits), for The Institute for Priestly Formation, at Creighton University, Omaha, NE, from July 9-27, 2018.

## Publications

- ❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, continues to write (especially on the readings for Mass) for his website: “The Catholic Spiritual Life,” at <http://professorjohnston.com/>. The website averages about 2,100 visits per month.
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, published the following:
  - A journal article: “Participation and Analogy: Keys to Understanding ‘*Subsistit In*.’” *Josephinum Journal of Theology* 25 (2018): 14-28.
  - An article on the website of the journal *First Things*: [“Catholic Universities and Gianni Vattimo.”](#) (June 11, 2019).
  - An article in a book: “Vatican II and Analogical Thinking.” In [The Book of Acts: Catholic, Orthodox, and Evangelical Readings](#), edited by Charles Raith II. Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press (2019): 67-78.

- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, published the following:
  - Two articles in conference proceedings:
    - “The Metaphysical Foundations of Catholic Education.” In *Metaphysics 2015: Proceedings of the Sixth World Conference, edición multilingüe*, edited by David G. Murray, 229-48. Madrid, Spain; and Rome, Italy: Editorial Fundación Fernando Rielo; Fondazione Idente di Studi e di Ricerca, 2018.
    - “Metaphysical Foundations of Human Ecology in Light of Recent Papal Teaching.” In *Metaphysics 2015: Proceedings of the Sixth World Conference, edición multilingüe*, edited by David G. Murray, 813-23. Madrid, Spain; and Rome, Italy: Editorial Fundación Fernando Rielo; Fondazione Idente di Studi e di Ricerca, 2018.
  - A journal article: “Conscience, Consciousness, and the Person: Karol Wojtyła’s ‘Trans-Phenomenological’ Approach to Subjectivity, Intersubjectivity, and Participation.” *Philosophical News* 1, no. 16 (July 2018).
  
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, published a journal article: “Pope Paul VI—Ecumenical Pioneer,” *Ecumenical Trends* 48, no. 4 (April 2019): 1-15.
  
- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, published a journal article: [“Hermeneutical Insights on the Gospels: Ratzinger’s \*Jesus of Nazareth in Retrospect\*.”](#) *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 13, no. 1 (Spring 2019): 76-93.

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, with Kenneth W. McDonald, Ph.D., P.E., published a book: [\*Pursuing the Honorable: Reawakening Honor in the Modern Military\*](#). Landham, MD: Lexington Books, May 2019.
  
- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published the following:
  - A journal article: “Thy Kingdom Come: The Church and the Kingdom of God in Loisy’s *L’Évangile et l’Église*.” *Downside Review* 137, no. 1 (2019): 3-13.
  - A book review of *Johannine Ethics: The Moral World of the Gospel and Epistles of John*, co-edited by Sherri Brown and Christopher W. Skinner. [\*Journal of Moral Theology\* 8, no. 2 \(2019\)](#): 141-43.
  
- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.M., S.T.L.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, published the following:
  - Two journal articles:
    - [“A Real Options Analysis of Spacecraft Software Product Line Architectures,”](#) co-authored with Thomas Marlowe. *American Journal of Engineering and Technology Management* 4, no. 2 (June 12, 2019): 47-56.
    - [“A Logotherapeutic Approach to Pastoral Counseling Education for Catholic Seminarians.”](#) *American Journal of Psychiatry and Neuroscience* 7, no. 2 (July 23, 2019): 43-51.
  - A book review of *Aquinas and Modern Science: A New Synthesis of Faith & Reason*, by Gerard M. Verschuuren. *The Chesterton Review* XLV, nos. 1 & 2 (Spring/Summer 2019): 137-40.



- A magazine article: “The Theology that Helps Makes Science Possible.” [\*Roman Echoes\* 23, issue 4 \(July 2019\): 30.](#)
  
- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, published [a book review of \*Coherent Christianity: Toward an Articulate Faith\*](#), by Louis Roy. *Theological Studies* 80, no. 2 (2019): 489-90.

## Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology:
  - Attended the ending sessions of the National Newman Conference, *Newman and 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Thinkers*, sponsored by the Newman Association of America, at Benedictine College, Atchison, KS, on July 28, 2018.
  - Participated in the symposium *Exploring the Ratio Fundamental: Configuration to the Heart of Christ*, co-sponsored by the Institute for Priestly Formation and St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, FL, from March 29-31, 2019.
  - Attended the annual National Newman Conference, *Ideas of a University*, sponsored by the Newman Association of America, and held at University of Holy Cross, New Orleans, LA, from August 1-3, 2019. As a board member emeritus, Monsignor McCarren also participated in the board meeting of the Newman Association of America, in New Orleans, LA, on July 31 and August 1, 2019.

❖ **Reverend James P. Platania, S.S.L., S.T.D. (Cand.)**, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, participated in the following:

- St. Paul Center’s West Coast Conference: *A Priest Forever: Christ and the New Testament Priesthood*, held in La Jolla, CA, from January 7-10, 2019.
- International conference: *Jesus and the Pharisees: An Interdisciplinary Reappraisal*, held in Rome, Italy, from May 7-9, 2019. This conference brought together Jewish, Protestant, Catholic, and other scholars from Argentina, Austria, Canada, Colombia, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, and the United States. The conference first dealt with the possible origins and meanings of the name “Pharisee” in different languages. It then examined the various ancient sources about the Pharisees (Josephus, Qumran, archaeological data, the New Testament, and Rabbinic Literature). After a round table discussion of the results concerning the “historical” Pharisees, the second part of the conference was devoted to the *Wirkungsgeschichte* (history of interpretation and its effects), from Patristic literature, to medieval Jewish interpretations, to Passion plays, the movies, religion text books, and homiletics. The conference concluded by addressing possible ways to represent the Pharisees less inadequately in the future.
- The Society of Biblical Literature International Conference, held in Rome, Italy, from July 1-5, 2019.
- The Catholic Biblical Association of America Annual Meeting, held at Walsh University, North Canton, OH, from July 27-30, 2019.

- ❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented “Thomas Aquinas on the Sufficiency in Scripture.” Paper, at the conference *Thomas Aquinas and the Bible*, held at Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, FL, from February 7-10, 2019. Approximately 20 people attended the presentation.
  
- ❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director for the Seminary, participated in the symposium *Exploring the Ratio Fundamentalis: Configuration to the Heart of Christ*, co-sponsored by the Institute for Priestly Formation and St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, FL, from March 29-31, 2019.
  
- ❖ **Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. '08**, Director of the Center for Diaconal Formation and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, participated in the following:
  - *Ministry in a Changing World*. Conference, sponsored by the National Association of Diaconate Directors, and held in Atlanta, GA, from April 30-May 2, 2019.
  - *National Directory Institute*. Class, sponsored by the National Association of Diaconate Directors, and held at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH, from June 9-13, 2019.
  - *Mystic and Mystagogue: Preaching as Spiritual Leadership*. Conference, sponsored by the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, from June 24-26, 2019.
  
- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, participated in the annual conference of the Academy of Catholic Theology, held at Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC, from May 21-23, 2019.

- ❖ **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology:
  - Participated in the annual conference of the the Academy of Catholic Theology, held at Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC, from May 21-23, 2019.
  - Presented “Reciprocal Generativity: Masculinity, Femininity, and Fecundity.” Invited paper, at the Catholic Women’s Forum Symposium, held in Washington, DC, from June 25-26, 2019. Approximately 70 people attended the presentation.
  
- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, participated in the annual conference of the Academy of Catholic Theology, held at Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC, from May 21-23, 2019.
  
- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, presented “Addressing the Challenges of Global Catholicism Through Contemplative Pedagogy.” Paper, at the College Theology Society Annual Convention, at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN, on May 31, 2019. Approximately ten people attended the presentation.
  
- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies:
  - As a consultant and one of 12 participants, attended a meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Subcommittee on the Translation of Scripture Text, held in Baltimore, MD, on June 11, 2019.
  - Presented “Israel and the Nations: Romans 9-11 as a Test Case.” Invited paper, at the 2019 International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, held at The Pontifical Gregorian University and The Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, Italy, from July 1-5,

2019. Approximately 40 people attended Father Gadenz's presentation, which he delivered on July 2, 2019.
- ❖ **Reverend Renato J. Bautista, M.Div.**, Director of Formation and Director of Seminary Records, participated in Module 2: "The Art of Accompaniment," for the Certificate in Seminary Formation for Missionary Discipleship, at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, FL, from June 23-28, 2019.
  
  - ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.M., S.T.L.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, at the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics, sponsored by the International Institute of Informatics and Systemics, and held in Orlando, FL, from July 8-9, 2019:
    - Delivered the plenary keynote address: "Epistemology and Metaphysics in Interdisciplinary Communication: Insights from Ian Barbour and Bernard Lonergan, S.J.," on July 8, 2019. Approximately 50 people attended.
    - Presented "Was Bernard Lonergan a Second-Order Cyberneticist?" Peer-reviewed paper, co-authored with Thomas Marlowe, Edgar Valdez, and Reverend Monsignor Richard Liddy. Father Laracy presented this paper on July 8, 2019, to approximately 25 people.
  
  - ❖ **Sister Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, presented "God in 1Corinthians." Invited paper, at the 82<sup>nd</sup> International Meeting of The Catholic Biblical Association of America, at Walsh University, Canton, OH, on July 27, 2019.

## Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology:
  - Is the co-founder and coordinator of the international research group [“Thomas Aquinas and Canon Law” \(TACL\)](#), established in 2018. TACL is an international group of scholars interested in the shared causal influence between early medieval ecclesiastical law and Thomas Aquinas, and Aquinas’s influence on later canon law.
  - Continues service as director of *Amplificamus*: ICSST Faculty Collaborative Working Group, coordinating colleagues’ scholarly presentations each semester. *Amplificamus* is an informal, scholarly faculty collaborative group, which aims to “enlarge,” “extend” and “develop” ICSST faculty members’ own intellectual and scholarly development, meeting bi-semesterly in ICSST’s Lewis Hall. In this group, faculty members take turns presenting their current research, in progress or completed, to fellow faculty from a variety of scholarly backgrounds. This task is one of the greatest services the faculty can render to God, one another and the Church, to which an alternative denotation of the Latin “*amplificamus*” also bears witness when its meaning becomes “to praise loudly.” The session dates for Spring 2019 were February 13 and March 20. Approximately 7-10 faculty members attend each session.
  - Presented a paper, “Reawakening the Centrality of Truth in a Theology of Scandal,” to a group of 7-10 colleagues in Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology’s faculty scholarly collaborative group, *Amplificamus*, in ICSST’s Lewis Hall, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on March 20, 2019.
  
- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies, presented a paper, “Revelation After the Holocaust,” to a group of 7-10 colleagues in Immaculate Conception

Seminary School of Theology's faculty scholarly collaborative group, *Amplificamus*, in ICSST's Lewis Hall, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on October 10, 2018.

- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, presented a paper, “Not Merely as a Means, Nor Merely as an End: Wojtyła’s Reformulation of the Categorical Imperative,” to a group of 7-10 colleagues in Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology’s faculty scholarly collaborative group, *Amplificamus*, in ICSST’s Lewis Hall, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 12, 2018.
  
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology:
  - Co-chaired a meeting of the bilateral ecumenical group Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT), in New York City, on June 3, 2019. ECT completed a joint statement titled “The Gift of Children.” The statement will be published in the journal *First Things* in fall 2019.
  - Peer-reviewed a book manuscript for The Catholic University of America Press, in summer 2019.
  
- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, served as a reviewer of a book proposal for Routledge, NYC, on July 15, 2019.