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

- ❖ **Reverend Robert K. Suszko, M.B.A., M.Div.**, was honored with the St. Junipero Serra Award, for his service to the Seminary, by the Hudson County Serra Club, at the Chandelier Restaurant, Bayonne, NJ, on April 27, 2022.
  
- ❖ Two ICSST administrators were honored for their service to the Seminary, by the 22<sup>nd</sup> District of Serra International, Archdiocese of Newark, at their 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Vocations Fundraising Dinner, at Nanina's in the Park, Belleville, NJ, on May 16, 2022:
  - **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, was presented with the Robert F. Searson Award.
  - **Chandler S. Cohen**, ICSST's ESL/SSL Services Coordinator, was presented with the St. Junipero Serra Award.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, was elected to membership in the [Academy of Catholic Theology](#), on May 25, 2022.
  
- ❖ **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, was the honoree for ICSST's 2022 Judge Roger W. Breslin Cornerstone Golf Classic, held at Cedar Hill Country Club, Livingston, NJ, on June 21, 2022. Dr. Traflet has been part of the Seminary family for 23 years. Her direction and example at ICSST have been marked by evident joy and abiding faith. Proceeds from the golf outing and dinner benefit resident seminarians who experience unexpected financial need while they prepare for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary.

## Publications

- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, published a monograph: *The Non-Exchangeable Man: Economic Renewal Following the Mind of Pope John Paul II*. Warsaw, Poland: Polish Economic Institute, 2021. Polish translation: *Człowiek niwymienialny: odnowa gospodarcza w duchu nauczania papieża Jana Pawła II*. Polish translation available at <https://pie.net.pl/12955/>.
  
- ❖ **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Undergraduate Theology, published the following:
  - Book, co-edited with Anthony Briggman: [New Narratives for Old: The Historical Method of Reading Early Christian Theology: Essays in Honor of Michel René Barnes](#). CUA Studies in

Early Christianity. Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2022. Dr.

Scully wrote the following chapters of this book:

- “Universal Salvation as a Soteriological Implication of Marius Victorinus’  
Cosmology.” 311-28.
- Co-authored with Anthony Briggman: “Historical Theology: Aim and  
Methodology.” 1-24.

❖ **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, then-Rector/Dean, in anticipation of moving into his new role as SHU’s Vice Provost for Academics and Catholic Identity, published [“At Ordination, the Cross Becomes a Mirror of Self-Discovery.”](#) a reflection on his own ordination to the priesthood 31 years ago. This reflection appeared on JerseyCatholic.org, the news site of the Archdiocese of Newark, on May 19, 2022.

❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology, published an article on the website of the journal *First Things*: [“Justice for Priests?”](#) (May 30, 2022).

❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, with Jin-A Choi (Department of Communication, William Paterson University), Cyril S. Ku (Department of Computer Science, William Paterson University), and Thomas J. Marlowe (Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Seton Hall University), published an article in conference proceedings: [“A Cybernetics Perspective on Data Science: Macro and Micro Views.”](#) *Proceedings of the World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics 1* (July 2022): 47-52.

- ❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published a journal article: [“Biblical Exegesis as the Soul of John Paul II’s \*Theology of the Body\*.”](#) *Heythrop Journal* 63, no. 4 (July 2022).

## Media Contributions

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology:
  - Was interviewed about his new book, *The Unchanging Truth of God?: Crucial Philosophical Issues for Theology*, for a *First Things* podcast, on June 16, 2022. The link for the podcast will appear soon.
  - Was interviewed by *Catholic News Service*, on the topic of St. Vincent of Lérins, in August 2022. Monsignor Guarino’s responses from that interview are quoted in an article titled [“Quo Vadis? Pope Revitalizes Ancient Theologian’s Rules as a Timely Guide,”](#) by Carol Glatz, which was published on the website of Crux Catholic Media, Inc., on August 4, 2022.
  
- ❖ **Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. ’08**, Director of the Center for Diaconal Formation and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, was interviewed by Gus Lloyd on the *Seize the Day* radio program on *SiriusXM* Catholic Station 129, on August 10, 2022, the feast of St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr and patron saint of the permanent diaconate. In this interview, Deacon Saunders spoke about the permanent diaconate and shared his own vocation story. He discussed the Church’s discernment process for potential deacons, as well as the ways in which deacons serve the Church.

This interview is available at <https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/c3jDFMVT19O>

## Special Events

- ❖ For the fourth consecutive year, ICSST was pleased to sponsor a series of reflections during Lent 2022. The theme of this series was *The Cross and the Campus: Learning the Love of Christ this Lent*. **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, then-Rector/Dean, and **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, wrote a series of Lenten daily reflections guiding virtual retreatants through 40 days and images of 40 campus sites at Seton Hall. The series began on March 2, 2022, and ended on April 14, 2022. The reflections are available at <https://www.shu.edu/theology/the-cross-and-the-campus-learning-the-love-of-christ-this-lent.cfm>.
- ❖ ICSST's Undergraduate Program in Catholic Theology hosted and participated in an induction ceremony for *Theta Alpha Kappa*, the National Honor Society for Theology and Religious Studies, on May 3, 2022. **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, then-Rector/Dean, offered remarks and a blessing. Dr. Michael Maloney, Lecturer, Department of Religion, offered the welcome, and Dr. K.C. Choi, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, offered brief remarks. Out of the 18 students, both undergraduate and graduate, who were inducted, 12 were ICSST students (four undergraduate, and eight graduate), and 51 people attended the ceremony.
- ❖ As part of its *The 4:12 Pathway for Pastoral Leadership: Building an Authentic Culture of Discernment* project, funded with support from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., ICSST sponsored and presented *The Joy of Discovering and Communicating Our New Life in Christ: Catechesis in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, on July 30, 2022. The purpose of this day-long event, which was co-sponsored by

The Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas (Rome, Italy), was to strengthen leadership formation for lay ministers and their ongoing collaboration with ordained ministers (priests and deacons). The program included prayer, reflection, and discussion focused on the ministry of lay catechists and the collaborative support catechists and ordained ministers can provide for one another in their ministry. The event was held in person, on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, with select portions of the day livestreamed. Attendees included catechists, religion teachers, and faith formation leaders, as well as all those interested in Pope Francis's papal letter on the ministry of catechists, "*Antiquum Ministerium*." **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, served as emcee. **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, former Rector/Dean, offered the opening prayer. Featured speakers were **Donna L. Orsuto, S.T.D.**, Co-Founder and Director of The Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas (Rome, Italy), and Professor of Spirituality at The Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome, Italy); **Filipe Domingues, Ph.D.**, Deputy Director of The Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas (Rome, Italy); and **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology at ICSST. Dr. Orsuto presented "The Vocation of the Catechist and the Call to Joyful Witness of New Life in Christ" and "Joyful Messengers of Challenging Proposals." Dr. Domingues spoke on the topic "Christ is Alive!': Young People and the Ministry of Catechists." Dr. Manning's presentation was titled "'Come to the Living Water': Renewal for Catechists and Those They Catechize." Approximately 100 religious educators and faith-filled leaders attended the event, either in person or online via livestream, from as far away as Mexico.

A recording of the event is available at

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TgjawO-y\\_Nc&t=2s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TgjawO-y_Nc&t=2s)

Additional information about the event can be found at

<https://www.shu.edu/theology/news/called-to-be-joyful-messengers-of-the-faith.cfm>

## Mission and Service

### ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Professor and Chair of Moral Theology:

- Volunteers as a guest speaker for the Sisters in formation for the Missionaries of Charity – Contemplatives, in Plainfield, NJ, delivering a series of presentations on the Ten Commandments, for one and a half hours per session, including both teaching and discussion. Dr. Anderson delivers these presentations on an approximately bi-weekly basis throughout the year. Approximately five Sisters attend each session.
- Volunteers as co-organizer of small circles of Catholic married couples in New Jersey. These couples meet eight times per year in one another's homes, enjoy dinner, and listen together to a presenter via Zoom, then discuss the topic on faith, marriage, and family in their respective circles. Approximately 24 people (12 couples) attend each meeting.
- Served as a guest speaker on the topic "Celebrate the Love of God," for SHU Campus Ministry, at *Fervorino*/Holy Hour for Thursday evening, at SHU's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, on April 7, 2022. Approximately 40 people attended.
- Served as emcee for ICSST's commencement, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ, on May 18, 2022.
- Delivered two 15-20 minute presentations on "What Does it Mean to Love God with All Your Heart and All Your Mind?" to the Men of St. Joseph (based out of the Shrine of St. Joseph in Stirling, NJ), online via Zoom, on May 24 and June 7, 2022. Approximately 15 men attended each talk.

❖ **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and

Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology:

- Delivered lectures on “The Life and Spirituality of St. Edith Stein,” for the Carmelite Novitiate, Middletown, NY, from August 23-25, 2021. Approximately seven attended.
- Delivered three retreat presentations for a Women’s Advent Day of Recollection, at Our Lady of the Mount, Warren, NJ, on December 4, 2021: *The Nourishing Love of Three Divine Invitations: To Eat, Drink, and Rest with Christ*. Through Dr. Traflet’s presentations, retreatants pondered three Gospel passages:
  - “Come and have breakfast...” (John 21:12)
  - “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” (John 7:37-39)
  - “Come to me, all you who labor are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

Approximately 100 women attended.

- Led *The Courageous Journey of Advent: Inspiration from St. Oscar Romero and St. Edith Stein*. Parish Mission, at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Park Ridge, NJ, from November 29-December 1, 2021. Approximately 75 people attended.
- Presented “The Magi: Protectors of the Body of Christ.” Lecture, at Sacred Heart Parish, Clifton, NJ, on December 11, 2021. Approximately 20 people attended.
- Delivered lectures on “The Life and Spirituality of Titus Brandsma,” for the Carmelite Novitiate, Middletown, NY, from January 10-11, 2022. Approximately seven attended.
- Presented “The Courage of Father Titus Brandsma.” Lecture, for seminarians of The College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at St. Andrew’s Hall, SHU, on January 23, 2022.



- Led *Lenten Stations of the Cross with Carmelite Saints*. Parish Mission, at St. Magdalen de Pazzi Parish, Flemington, NJ, as part of parish's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, on March 6 and April 3, 2022. Approximately 100 people attended each presentation.
- Presented "The Magi: Considerations for Lent." Lecture, at Sacred Heart Parish, Clifton, NJ, on March 21, 2022. Approximately 25 people attended.
- Presented "Generous Love in a 'Dark Tunnel': The Priestly Ministry of Prisoner Father Titus Brandsma." Lecture, at The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, on March 23, 2022. Approximately 50 people attended in person, and 107 people listened via YouTube.
- Presented "'To Laugh and Cry with the Children of this World': Christian Accompaniment in the Life of St. Edith Stein." Lecture, at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Mahwah, NJ, on March 29, 2022. Approximately 100 people attended.
- Presented "Praying the Hail Mary this Lent." Lecture, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, NJ, on April 1, 2022. Approximately 30 people attended.
- Delivered a presentation, "Becoming Marian Priests," to transitional deacons as part of their Priesthood Retreat, at St. Mary's Abbey, Morristown, NJ, on May 26, 2022.
- As *Censor Librorum* for the Archdiocese of Newark, reviewed two manuscripts in June 2022:
  - *Advent*
  - *The Eucharist, Encountering Jesus*
- Delivered "Discovering and Embracing Hope in Christ: The Witness of St. Titus Brandsma." Address to Carmelite friars at their Provincial Chapter, Middletown, NY, on June 23, 2022. Approximately 40 friars attended.

- Served as featured speaker at a Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving for newly-canonized St. Titus Brandsma, on his feast day, July 27, 2022. This event was sponsored by the Carmelite Friars, Province of St. Elias, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middletown, NY. Approximately 60 people attended.

❖ **Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, then-Rector/Dean:

- Presented “St. Joseph and St. Teresa – The Power of the Hidden.” Talk, at St. Joseph Parish, Oradell, NJ, on October 15, 2021. Approximately 100 people attended.
- Presented “The Promise and Predicament of Priesthood in the Church Today – Reflections for the Lenten Season.” Lenten Day of Prayer for Paterson Priests, at St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ, on March 9, 2022. Approximately 75 priests attended.
- Presented “*Homo (Vir) Ecclesiasticus* (A Man/Woman of the Church).” *Faith Quest* conference, hosted by St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, NJ, on March 30, 2022. Approximately 80 people attended in person and approximately 70 people attended virtually.

❖ **Reverend Robert K. Suszko, M.B.A., M.Div.**, preached at the St. Joseph Novena, at St. Agnes Church, Clark, NJ, on March 18, 2022. Approximately 70 people attended.

❖ **Reverend Renato J. Bautista, M.Div., M.A.**, Director of Formation and Director of Seminary Records:

- Presented “Father, Forgive Them...” Lenten reflection, at Church of the Madonna, Fort Lee, NJ, on March 25, 2022. Approximately 25 people attended.

- In April 2022, was appointed to serve on the Liturgical Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark, until June 30, 2025.
  - Served as a facilitator for the *Gaudemus in Christo* retreat for the recently-ordained priests of the Archdiocese of Newark (those ordained in the past five years), at San Alfonso Retreat Center, Long Branch, NJ, on April 19 and 20, 2022. More than 20 recently-ordained priests attended.
  - Presented “Transitioning from College Seminary to Major Seminary: Human Formation.” Presentation, for the senior class of seminarians of St. Andrew’s Hall College Seminary, on April 26, 2022.
- ❖ **Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor of Philosophical Theology, presented “Education of Children in the Family.” Theological reflection, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, New Brunswick, NJ, on April 12, 2022. Approximately 20 people attended.
- ❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, and **Reverend Paweł Tomczyk, Ph.D.**, Director of Pastoral Formation, and Assistant Professor of Moral Theology, served as guest panelists for SHU Campus Ministry’s panel discussion on *Spiritual Fatherhood and Motherhood*, at SHU, on April 21, 2022. Approximately 50 people attended.
- ❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, and **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, fielded questions on the problem of evil for SHU Campus Ministry’s Wednesday grilled cheese sandwich meeting, at SHU, on May 4, 2022. Approximately 10 people attended.

❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology:

- Facilitated a retreat for all the simply professed members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, at St. Francis Retreat House, Monticello, NY, from May 9-13, 2022.

Monsignor McCarren offered two conferences daily, Monday through Thursday, and one conference on Friday. He also preached at two daily Masses. The topic of the retreat was *The Discernment of Spirits according to St. Ignatius Loyola*. Monsignor McCarren's presentations were through the lens of the scholarship of Father Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V. Fifteen friars attended.

- Presented "The Eucharistic Prayer at Mass." One-hour presentation and Q&A via video, for *The Eucharist: Our Lord's Fiat for Humanity* speaker series sponsored by the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal, Philadelphia, PA. Monsignor McCarren delivered this presentation on June 10, 2022, at the invitation of ICSST alumna Carolina Soares Nemo, Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Seventeen people attended. Monsignor McCarren's presentation is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfPfq5vs8ws>.
- At the Institute for Priestly Formation's Summer Program for Diocesan Seminarians, at Creighton University, Omaha, NE:
  - Served as spiritual director for 14 seminarians, meeting weekly with each seminarian (seven meetings each), for seven weeks, from June 14-July 30, 2022.
  - Served as a "corridor father," leading Evening Prayer and discussion twice weekly for eight seminarians, for seven weeks, from June 14-July 30, 2022.
  - From June 14-July 30, 2022, concelebrated Mass daily; presided and preached at approximately four Liturgies; celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation occasionally

apart from spiritual direction meetings; and assisted occasionally with McGloin Hall Eucharistic Exposition and Reposition.

- Served as a substitute teacher for IPF 504: *The Mystery of the Liturgy: Receiving in Celebration and in Life*. Monsignor McCarren served as substitute teacher for one section once and for another three times. He also served as an examiner for the oral final examinations of 12 seminarians. Monsignor McCarren rendered this service from July 25-29, 2022.

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

- Met two times per day with each of two Brothers of St. John, for personal pre-ordination retreat reflections on the topic “The Priesthood of Jesus Christ,” at St. Mary’s Abbey Retreat Center, Morristown, NJ, from May 16-20, 2022.
- Facilitated a retreat for the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, at the St. Francis Hermitage, Monticello, NY, from June 24-26, 2022. The topic of the retreat was *Trusting in Jesus*. Each day, Father Koch delivered three conferences, celebrated Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and presided at Holy Hour. Approximately 30 friars preparing to renew their vows attended.
- Facilitated a retreat for the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope, celebrating 30 years as a community. The retreat, on the theme *Returning to Our First Love*, was held at the Sisters’ Mother House, Bloomsbury, NJ, from July 2-7, 2022. Each day, Father Koch delivered two conferences, celebrated Mass and delivered a homily, celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and presided at Holy Hour. Approximately 15 sisters attended.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology:
  - Served as a marshal for students graduating with a B.A. in Catholic Theology or completing a certificate in Philosophical Theology, at ICSST's commencement, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ, on May 18, 2022.
  - Presented two lectures for a seminar on the early Church, co-sponsored by the Apologetics Institute and the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome, Italy, and held at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross:
    - “Christ Is Alive: The Incarnation and the Real Presence of Christ’s Humanity and the Blessed Trinity in the Holy Eucharist,” on June 6, 2022. Approximately 25 people attended.
    - “The Coming of the Kingdom: Christ in His Church, Members of the Mystical Body, Mary the New Eve,” on June 8, 2022. Approximately 25 people attended.
  
- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, presented “Creation, Revelation, and Science.” Talk, delivered online via Zoom, for St. Mary Parish, Park City, UT, on May 26, 2022. Approximately 110 people attended (90 in person at the parish hall, where there was a large screen and audio system; 20 via Zoom from their homes). A recording of Father Laracy’s presentation is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2YFYNGTU4sE>.
  
- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology:
  - Facilitated a Morning of Reflection and Rejuvenation, sponsored by SHU’s Center for Faculty Development, in the SHU Campus Ministry Lounge, on June 6, 2022. The past two years have been a time of extraordinary stress and hardship, but also of unforeseen

- growth and occasional moments of beauty. SHU faculty and staff joined together for this opportunity to decompress and process these experiences through a morning of meditation, reflection, and conversation. People of all faith traditions and none were welcome and encouraged to attend. Twelve people attended.
- Facilitated *“Be Still and Know”*: *A Contemplative Approach to Faith Formation*. Two-part workshop sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark, and conducted at the St. John Paul II Youth Retreat Center, Kearny, NJ, on June 14 and 15, 2022. This workshop explored Christian contemplative practices that not only promote mental health but also deepen one’s experience of prayer. The first session presented an overview of how contemplative practices are being used in educational and faith formation contexts, the roots of these practices in the Christian tradition, and their benefits. The second session was more interactive, engaging participants with contemplative practices such as *lectio divina*, silent and guided prayer, and beholding and providing guidance for proper use in the classroom and parish faith formation settings. Approximately 60 people attended.
  - Virtually presented a guest lecture based on his book, [\*Converting the Imagination: Teaching to Recover Jesus’ Vision for Fullness of Life\*](#), for the course *Religious Education as Formation and Transformation*, taught by Dr. Ted Brelsford at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. Dr. Manning presented his lecture on July 18, 2022. Eleven people attended.
  - Delivered a workshop for the St. Ignatius Theology Department on the current needs of high school students and corresponding teaching strategies, at St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland, OH, on August 16, 2022. Twelve people attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino, K.C.H.S., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Seminary and Academic Studies and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, was elected to be a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS), for the period June 2022-June 2028.
  
- ❖ Six faculty members of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology continue service as assessors and examiners for former Anglican/Episcopalian clergymen who apply for ordination as Roman Catholic priests through the Pastoral Provision. These six faculty members are:
  - **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Professor and Chair of Moral Theology.
  - **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology.
  - **Reverend Roberto Ortiz, S.T.L., S.T.D. (Cand.)**, Director of Liturgy, and Adjunct Professor and Chair of Systematic Theology.
  - **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology.
  - **Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Church History.
  - **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L, S.T.D.**, ICSST's Coordinator for Undergraduate Admissions and Retention, and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies.



## Off-Campus Course

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, presented a two-part *Spotlight on Morality* catechetical formation course (six hours combined) for catechists and religion teachers of the Archdiocese of Newark. The course covers the entire moral portion of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* and was conducted via Zoom on May 31 and June 2, 2022. Seven people participated.

## Conferences, Meetings, Panel Discussions, and Symposia

- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, participated actively via Zoom in The Hildebrand Project Eleventh Annual Summer Seminar: *The Personalist Vision*, at Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, from July 5-9, 2021, a seminar that brings together scholars from around the world who are engaged in research similar to Dr. Rice's. As a full participant, Dr. Rice actively participated in five small group panel discussions and breakout sessions in addition to the open sessions intended for a more general audience.
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, then-Rector/Dean, participated in the following:
  - International Stewardship Conference, held in Orlando, FL, from September 12-18, 2021.
  - Missionary of Mercy Conference, held in Rome, Italy, from April 21-27, 2022.

- ❖ **Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. '08**, Director of the Center for Diaconal Formation and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, attended the annual National Association of Diaconate Directors Convention, at the Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA, from April 25-28, 2022. The convention, on the theme *Forming Servant Leaders*, featured workshops and discussions on Catholic Social Teaching.
  
- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, delivered a 15-minute synopsis regarding his work on “Diversity: A Catholic View,” as part of Seton Hall University’s Petersheim Academic Exposition, online via Microsoft Teams, on April 28, 2022. This presentation was a follow-up to Dr. Anderson’s having received a University Research Council summer grant for summer 2021. Approximately 30 people attended Dr. Anderson’s presentation virtually.
  
- ❖ **Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor of Philosophical Theology, delivered a presentation on his research, “The Physics of Time,” as part of SHU’s Petersheim Academic Exposition 2022 Research Showcase, on April 28, 2022. Approximately 50 people attended Dr. Velarde-Mayol’s presentation.
  
- ❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology
  - Presented “Thomas Aquinas’s Non-Platonist Reading of Dionysius.” Paper, at the Medieval Philosophy and Theology Conference, held at Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, IN, from May 19-21, 2022. Approximately 12 people attended Dr. Johnston’s presentation.

- Participated in the Academy of Catholic Theology Annual Meeting, held at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC, from May 24-26, 2022. The theme of this year's meeting was *Sacramental Sanctification*.

❖ **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Undergraduate Theology:

- At the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, in Chicago, IL:
  - Served as a panelist for *Historical Theology: Aims & Methods*, on May 26, 2022. Approximately 70 people attended.
  - Presented a paper, “Agency and Universality in Cyril of Alexandria’s Narrative of Fall and Redemption,” on May 28, 2022. Eleven people attended Dr. Scully’s presentation.
- Served as an invited panelist for *The Vocation of the Patristic Theologian: Inheriting the Voice of Early Christians*, forum sponsored by the *Lumen Christi* Institute and co-sponsored by the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame. The forum was held at the University Club of Chicago, Chicago, IL, on May 28, 2022. Sixty-seven people attended.

❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology:

- Served as section convener at the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the College Theology Society: *“Why We Can’t Wait”: Racism and the Church*, conducted online from June 2-4, 2022. Dr. Manning’s service included creating the call for proposals for his section, selecting papers to be presented, coordinating with the presenters, and moderating the sessions.

- Served as an invited panelist for the *Publications and Journal* session of the Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, conducted online, on July 6, 2022. This session included conversation with Dr. Manning and Dr. Almeda M. Wright, both of whom have published in the journal *Religious Education* and the *HORIZONS in Religious Education* Series. Drs. Manning and Wright shared how their ideas evolved from concept to published work, and how they worked with the REA publications teams in the process. Forty-six people attended the presentation virtually.
- Presented “The Gift of the Christian Contemplative Tradition for Contemporary Education.” Invited presentation, at the 2022 Religious Education Symposium, held at Iona College, New Rochelle, NY, on July 9, 2022. Seventeen people attended Dr. Manning’s presentation.

❖ **Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. ’08**, Director of the Center for Diaconal Formation and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, and **Gregory C. Floyd, M.A. ’04**, Assistant Director of the Center for Diaconal Formation, attended the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) *Pathways for Tomorrow* Coordination Program for grant awardees, on June 21, 2022, and the ATS 2022 Biennial Meeting for member schools, from June 22-23, 2022. Both were held at the Wyndham Grand, Pittsburgh, PA.

❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology:

- At the 26<sup>th</sup> World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics: WMSCI 2022, sponsored by the International Institute of Informatics and Systemics, and conducted virtually, from July 12-15, 2022:

- Co-presented a peer-reviewed paper: “A Cybernetics Perspective on Data Science: Macro and Micro Views,” on July 12, 2022. Nine people attended this presentation virtually.
- Co-presented with Dr. Katherine Herbert of Montclair State University an invited plenary keynote address: “Routes and Route Maps to Transdisciplinary Communication,” on July 13, 2022. Sixteen people attended this presentation virtually.
- Served as an invited presenter at the Institute for Theological Encounter with Science and Theology (ITEST) webinar, *Food, Logic, and Creation: Does STEM Help Form Better Catholics?*, conducted virtually on July 23, 2022. This webinar showcased three Seton Hall University Core 3 courses, including Father Laracy’s course *Creation and Science*. Approximately 20 people attended this presentation virtually. A recording of the webinar is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Dpy4UsODrM>

❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology:

- As a board member emeritus, participated via Zoom in the Board of Directors meeting of The Saint John Henry Newman Association, held at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN, on August 4, 2022.
- Participated via Zoom in sessions of the National Newman Conference, *Newman and the Interior Life*, sponsored by The Saint John Henry Newman Association and held at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN, from August 4-6, 2022.

## Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, presented “Competing Theories on the Family and Society” to a group of approximately ten colleagues in Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology’s faculty scholarly collaborative group, *Amplificamus*, in ICSST’s Lewis Hall, SHU, South Orange, NJ, on March 25, 2022.
  
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology:
  - Participated via Zoom in a meeting of the bilateral ecumenical initiative Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT), on June 6, 2022. At the meeting, held in Colorado Springs, CO, ECT finalized a document on the responsibilities of Christian citizenship. The statement will appear in *First Things* in the coming months.
  - Reviewed a book manuscript for The Catholic University of America Press, in summer 2022.
  - As previously reported, published a book: [\*The Unchanging Truth of God?: Crucial Philosophical Issues for Theology\*](#). Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, February 18, 2022. Reverend Robert P. Imbelli, S.T.L., Ph.D., published [“Philosophy Perfected by Christ,”](#) a review of Monsignor Guarino’s book. This review was published on the website of the journal *First Things*, on July 13, 2022.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, at the Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF), Creighton University, Omaha, NE:
  - From June 14-July 30, 2022, received weekly spiritual direction supervision from Kathleen Kanavy, IPF co-founder and Director of Spiritual Direction Formation.
  - Participated in an in-service workshop for spiritual directors, led by Kathleen Kanavy, on July 7, 2022.