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First issued in November 2009, [Faculty & Administration News \(FAN\)](#) is a quarterly publication of [Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology \(ICSST\)](#). This newsletter highlights the most recent professional accomplishments and service activities of ICSST's faculty and administrators.

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New Partnership

- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology has forged a partnership with The Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas in Rome. The two organizations have begun a formal institutional arrangement in which The Lay Centre will become an institute under the umbrella of ICSST over a two-year period, while retaining its legal status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The arrangement will provide The Lay Centre with administrative support, financial oversight, programmatic synergies, and a more established presence in the United States. It will allow ICSST to establish a presence in Rome to help deacons, seminarians, and laity understand more deeply the universal Catholic Church, especially through summer programs, and to encourage professors from ICSST to conduct research in Rome during the academic year. The first steps in creating this relationship were taken on August 15, 2018, when The Lay Centre Board of Directors ratified the Memorandum of Understanding with the Seminary and welcomed to the Lay Centre Board

Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D., Rector/Dean, and **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. Dr. Traflet will serve as the senior liaison representative, working closely with Lay Centre Director, Dr. Donna Orsuto, on personnel development and the creation of programs for seminary students and faculty at The Lay Centre, as well as opportunities at ICSST for Lay Centre students, beginning in July 2019. Further information about this partnership can be found at: <http://www.shu.edu/theology/news/immaculate-conception-seminary-announces-new-alliance.cfm>

Grant

- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, was awarded a grant in the amount of \$800, bestowed by the European Society for Moral Philosophy. This grant consisted in a waiver of room, board, and associated fees normally associated with the society's conference, which was held in Warsaw, Poland, from October 18-20, 2018.

Speaking Engagements

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D.**, Professor of Church History, presented the following lectures:
 - “The Papacy in the Early Church,” at St. Benedict Parish, Holmdel, NJ, on September 26, 2018. Approximately 100 people attended.

- “Jesus in the Worship of the Early Church,” at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Transfiguration of the Lord Parish, Highland Park, NJ, on September 27, 2018. Approximately 60 people attended.

❖ **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 fielding callers’ questions, on the following dates:
 - [September 28, 2018.](#)
 - [October 19, 2018.](#)
- Served as a guest speaker on a 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). On this show, Father Gadenz discussed his recently published book, *The Gospel of Luke*. The show was taped at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on October 12, 2018, and aired on WSOU 89.5 FM on October 21, 2018. A podcast of this show is available at the following link:
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/wsou-the-kinship-of-catholics-and-jews/id510704873?mt=2>
- Was interviewed on the hour-long “Kresta in the Afternoon” Catholic radio program on *Ave Maria Radio* (which is syndicated nationwide on more than 350 stations via EWTN), discussing with the show’s host Father Gadenz’s recently published book, *The Gospel of*

Luke, on October 18, 2018. A podcast of this show is available at the following link:

<https://avemariaradio.net/audio-archive/kresta-afternoon-october-18-2018-hour-2/>

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, was interviewed on the “Morning Air” talk show on the nationwide station *Relevant Radio* (Newark area: 1430 AM), on the topic of St. Pope Paul VI’s papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, in anticipation of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology’s *Humanae Vitae* conference (to be hosted at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on October 27, 2018). The interview aired on October 5, 2018.

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, with **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented a Facebook Live preview of the upcoming October 27 *Humanae Vitae* conference sponsored by Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. Two hundred ninety-seven people engaged in this Facebook Live session, which was organized by **Diane M. Carr, M.A. ’07**, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services, and conducted on September 11, 2018. This Facebook Live session is available on

<https://www.facebook.com/halltheology/videos/256937348461147/>

- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, delivered a reflection on the Vatican II Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests, *Presbyterorum ordinis*

(1965), as part of Seton Hall University’s Lovelette Interdisciplinary Series. As part of the inaugural series segment, “Mission and Ministry,” Dr. Rice’s reflection was paired with a presentation by **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi**, S.S.L., S.T.D., Vice President for Mission and Ministry and Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies, titled *What is an Encyclical and What is a Pastoral Letter?* Approximately 35 people attended the colloquium, held at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on September 20, 2018.

- ❖ Faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology’s Department of Undergraduate Theology were among those who collaborated with Seton Hall University’s Catholic Studies Program on organizing a conference titled *Blessed Paul VI—The Prophetic Pope*, held at SHU, South Orange, NJ, on October 2, 2018. The conference brought together SHU faculty members who specialize in theology, ethics, literature, philosophy, and Church history, to explore the theology and thought of Pope Paul VI. The conference investigated the ethics of Paul VI’s encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue, and the pontiff’s prophetic visit to the US and the United Nations. Held in celebratory anticipation of Pope Paul VI’s October 14, 2018 canonization, the conference included the following presentations by ICSST faculty members:
 - “*Humanae Vitae* as Hermeneutic for Understanding True Human Development.” Invited paper, by **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology.
 - “Lessons from Paul VI’s Year of Faith and the Fallout after *Humanae Vitae*.” Invited paper, by **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology.
 - “Paul VI, Ecumenical Pioneer.” Invited presentation, by **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology.

- “Paul VI—A Pope at the Plate: the Yankee Stadium Homily.” Invited presentation, by **Reverend Douglas J. Milewski, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Theology.

- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology hosted two lectures and book-signings in celebration of recent book publications by ICSST faculty members:
 - Lecture and book-signing by **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, in celebration of his new book, *The Gospel of Luke*. Approximately 60 people attended this event, which was held on October 3, 2018.
 - Lecture and book-signing by **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, in celebration of his new book, *The Disputed Teachings of Vatican II: Continuity and Reversal in Catholic Doctrine*. Approximately 90 people attended this event, which was held on October 30, 2018.

- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology sponsored a conference, “*Humanae Vitae*: 50 Years of Prophetic Witness,” in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Pope St. Paul VI’s papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on October 27, 2018. **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, served as organizer of the day-long event, which included breakfast, presentations, lunch, a panel discussion, and a Vigil Mass. One hundred thirty-seven people attended. Featured speakers included David L. Schindler, Ph.D., Dean Emeritus, Pontifical John Paul II Institute, Catholic University of America; and Michael Waldstein, Ph.D., S.S.L., Th.D., Senior Faculty Fellow, Ratzinger Institute for Biblical Theology, Franciscan University of Steubenville; and many others. Presentations by ICSST faculty and administrators included:

- Welcome address, by **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean.
- Introduction and Overview, by **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology. As master of ceremonies, Dr. Anderson also guided and participated in the panel discussion at the end of the conference.
- “*Humanae Vitae* and the Joy of the Gospel: From Paul VI to Pope Francis,” by **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology.
- “Ecology and the Family from *Humanae Vitae* to Francis,” by **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology.

Further information about the event and the presenters can be found at:

http://www.shu.edu/theology/humanae-vitae-conference.cfm?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Theology&utm_content=theology-humanae-vitae

Mission and Service

- ❖ **Sister Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, presented Zoom web conferences for the Sister Religious of the Good Shepherd, on March 24, September 22, and October 20, 2018. These conferences, which will continue into December 2018, provide a Scriptural review of Old Testament history, through the New Testament period, as part of the remote preparation for a Holy Land pilgrimage that Sister Pascuzzi will be leading from December 31, 2018-January 9, 2019. Approximately 31 religious sisters participate in the web conferences.

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

- Helped to organize, and attended an approximately 60-mile walking pilgrimage from Great Meadows, NJ to Doylestown, PA, from August 9-12, 2018. During the pilgrimage, which was attended by 2,000 people, Father Koch celebrated Mass, heard confessions, and delivered talks.
- Preached at the feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa, at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Jersey City, NJ, on August 26, 2018. Approximately 200 people attended the feast day gathering.
- Preached at the *Transitus* service on the vigil of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, at Sacred Heart Parish, Wallington, NJ, on October 3, 2018. Approximately 100 people attended.
- Invested Brother Richard as a Novice for the Hermits of Bethlehem in Chester, NJ, on October 14, 2018.

❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, presented the following:

- “The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church.” Talk, at a parish men’s ministry meeting on Pope Benedict XVI’s Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini*, on the Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church. Father Gadenz’s presentation, which included *Lectio Divina* on Luke 5:1-11, was held at St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, NJ, on August 25, 2018. Approximately 35 people attended.
- “Looking at St. Luke: Preparing for Cycle C Readings.” Workshop on the Gospel of Luke, for priests of the Archdiocese of Newark, sponsored by the Office of Clergy

Personnel, at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, NJ, on October 29, 2018.

Approximately 35 priests attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Lawrence B. Porter, K.H.S., Ph.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology and Director of the Turro Seminary Library, served on the committee that organized Seton Hall University's Faculty Convocation, and served as convener and master of ceremonies for the event, which was held at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on September 14, 2018.

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, 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 Fall 2018 are October 10 and November 12. Approximately 7-10 faculty members attend each session.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, at *Fostering Relationship with Christ in the Life of the Seminarian*, the 2018 annual conference of the Federation of Seminary Spiritual Directors, held at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, CA, from October 25-28, 2018, was elected president of the Federation of

Seminary Spiritual Directors, for a two-year term (2018-2020). The election took place on October 26, 2018.

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*, at the Institute for Priestly Formation, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, from July 9-27, 2018.

Publications

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published a book review of *My Perfect One: Typology and Early Rabbinic Interpretation of Song of Songs*, by Jonathan Kaplan. *Review of Biblical Literature* (August 2018).
- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, published a book review of *Karol Wojtyła's Personalist Philosophy: Understanding Person and Act*, by Miguel Acosta and Adrian J. Reimers. *The Review of Metaphysics* 72, no. 1 (September 2018): 123-24.
- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, published a book: *The Gospel of Luke*. Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture series. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, September 2018. The 400-plus page book examines the Gospel of Luke from within the living tradition of the Church for pastoral ministers, students and general readers. Both the paperback and Kindle edition were recently listed at #1 and #2, respectively, on [Amazon](#)'s list of "Hot New Releases in New Testament

Criticism and Interpretation.” For further information about this book publication by Father Gadenz, please see the following news story, which is featured on the Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology websites:

<http://www.shu.edu/theology/news/theology-professors-new-book-tops-amazons-list.cfm>.

❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, published the following:

○ A web article: [“Kavanaugh, priests and giving the Devil the benefit of the law,”](#) in *The Catholic World Report* (September 29, 2018).

○ A book: [The Disputed Teachings of Vatican II: Continuity and Reversal in Catholic Doctrine.](#)

Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, October 2018. The 224-page book investigates whether Vatican II’s highly contested teachings on religious freedom, ecumenism, and the Virgin Mary represented a harmonious development of—or a rupture with—Catholic tradition. For further information about this book publication by Monsignor Guarino, please see the following:

▪ Blog post, written by Monsignor Guarino for the publisher’s blog:

<http://eerdword.com/2018/10/18/meet-this-book-the-disputed-teachings-of-vatican-ii/>

▪ News story, featured on the Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology websites:

https://www.shu.edu/theology/news/reverend-thomas-g-guarino-to-celebrate-release-of-book.cfm?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inside-the-hall&utm_content=Inside+the+Hall+20181022

- ❖ Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published [a book review of *The Human Factor: 'Deification' as Transformation in the Theology of Hilary of Poitiers*](#), by Janet Sidaway. *Journal of Theological Studies* 69, issue 2 (October 1, 2018): 827-29.

Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia

- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology:
 - As previously reported, was awarded a Hildebrand *Schülerkreis* Grant, in the amount of \$1,000, bestowed by The Dietrich von Hildebrand Project, on June 11, 2018, and delivered the opening paper, titled “Conscience, Consciousness, and the Person: Karol Wojtyła’s ‘Trans-Phenomenological’ Approach to Subjectivity, Intersubjectivity, and Participation,” at the 2nd Annual Dietrich von Hildebrand *Schülerkreis*, at Franciscan University, Gaming, Austria, on July 4, 2018. In addition, Dr. Rice served as a panel chair at this closed international symposium, which was held from July 3-8, 2018.
 - For *Hope*, the conference of the European Society for Moral Philosophy, held at Cardinal Wyszyński University, Warsaw, Poland, from October 18-20, 2018:
 - Presented an invited paper: “Not Merely as a Means, Nor Merely as an End: Wojtyła’s Reformulation of the Categorical Imperative, and the Human Aperture to Hope.”
 - Served as panel chair for the fourth panel, which included the presentation of papers by Agostino Cera (“Hopeless Philosophies: Karl Löwith and Günther Anders”) and Daniela Verducci (“*Dum Spiro, Spero*” – “While I Breathe, I Hope”. Life at the Roots of Hope in the Phenomenology of Anna Teresa Tymieniecka”).
 - Served as panel chair for the fifth panel, which included the presentation of papers by Joseph Forte (“Hope in Plato’s Myth of Er”) and Claudia Blöser (“Hope and

Duty Regarding the Highest Good. A Unifying Interpretation of Kant's Account of Hope in the First and Second Critique?").

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, participated in a conference titled *Emerging from the Current Crisis*, sponsored by the Institute on Religion and Public Life, in New York City, on September 14, 2018.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, served as moderator for an open discussion session at *Fostering Relationship with Christ in the Life of the Seminarian*, the 2018 annual conference of the Federation of Seminary Spiritual Directors, held at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, CA, from October 25-28, 2018. In this capacity, Monsignor McCarren facilitated directed discussion by collating and combining questions presented during conference presentations.

Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

- ❖ **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, reviewed a manuscript for *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, in September 2018.