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Award

- ❖ **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology, was awarded a spring 2020 resident fellowship at the University of Notre Dame by the Program for Constitutional Studies, to complete his book, *The Metaphysics of Sexual Difference*.

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:
 - [August 30, 2019.](#)
 - [September 27, 2019.](#)

- [October 11, 2019.](#)
- Served as a guest speaker on “Exegetical Support for Petrine Primacy,” for an episode of the online Catholic podcast “Classical Theism.” During the interview, which addressed the biblical foundations of the primacy of Peter and the office of the papacy, the host and Father Gadenz discussed three passages: Matthew 16; Luke 22; and John 21. The hour-long interview was recorded via conference call from Father Gadenz’s office at ICSST, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on August 7-8, 2019, and was posted online on September 16, 2019.
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, served as a guest speaker on the topic of “The Ecumenical Contributions of Father Thomas Stransky, C.S.P. (1930-2019),” 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 September 13, 2019, and aired on WSOU 89.5 FM on September 15, 2019.

Special Event

- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, together with Seton Hall University’s Center for Catholic Studies, Jewish-Christian Studies, CORE, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Department of Religion, and Program in Catholic Studies, as well as the Community of Sant’Egidio and the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative (CNI – a project of *Pax Christi* International), co-sponsored the *Magisterium Pacis* Conference: *Just Peacemaking through Nonviolence*, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on September 30 and

October 1, 2019. The conference presented an interdisciplinary group of scholars utilizing Pope Francis's teachings as a guidepost for examining what it means to live and promote peace in the context of today's many conflicts. Participants heard a paper by Cardinal Peter Turkson from Ghana, now in charge of the Holy See's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development in the Vatican. Conference speakers included members of Seton Hall University's faculty and international scholars on peace and nonviolence: Eli McCarthy, Georgetown University; Marie Dennis, *Pax Christi* International; Maria Stephan, U.S. Institute of Peace; and Ken Butigan, Director of Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies at DePaul, University, Chicago, IL. **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, served as a moderator. Approximately 20 people attended the session that Dr. Manning moderated. Additional information about the conference can be found at <https://www.shu.edu/diplomacy/peacemaking-conference.cfm>

Mission and Service

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology:
 - Continues service as chaplain of the Seton Hall University Alumni Board.
 - Continues service as a member of the Commission on Christian Unity.
 - Served as a judge for the Cardinal Joseph Tobin Award for Priestly Vocations Essay and Video Contest, in spring 2019.
 - Presented "Pope St. Paul VI: Pioneer in Promoting Christian Unity." Lecture, at St Michael the Archangel Parish, Union, NJ, on March 22, 2019. Approximately 50 people attended.
 - For Seton Hall University's Office of the Provost, helped to organize a program concerning "The Provisional Agreement between the Holy See and the People's

- Republic of China,” held at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 1, 2019.
- At the Provost’s request, Monsignor Radano identified and invited the speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Agliardo, S.J., Ph.D., Executive Director, US China Catholic Association.
- For Seton Hall University’s Program in Catholic Studies, delivered the opening prayer and a brief statement about the ecumenical importance of the study event, at the program “The Church in the Ukraine,” at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 4, 2019. Approximately 25 people attended.
 - For Seton Hall University’s Executive Ed.D. Program, School of Continuing Education, delivered the invocation and a brief statement about Seton Hall University, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 12, 2019. Approximately 20 people attended.
 - For Seton Hall University’s Program in Catholic Studies and University Core, in cooperation with the Commission on Christian Unity of the Archdiocese of Newark, selected and invited the speaker for the ecumenical lecture “Charisms in the Life and Mission of the Church,” held at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 19, 2019. The speaker for this lecture was Dr. Cecil M. Robeck, Senior Professor of Church History and Ecumenics and Special Assistant to the President for Ecumenical Relations at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA.
 - For Immaculate Conception Seminary’s formation program, presented a lecture to first theologians on “Ecumenical and Interreligious Prayer Services,” at ICSST, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on September 27, 2019.
 - For Seton Hall University’s *Magisterium Pacis* Conference: *Just Peacemaking through Nonviolence* (discussed above in this report), held at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on September 30 and October 1, 2019, served as a member of the steering and organizational committee. With Dr. Andrea Bartoli and Reverend Brian Muzas, was co-

responsible for the third session of the program: “The United Nations and the Responsibility for Peace, Nonviolence, and Human Development,” presented by Elizabeth Defeis, former dean of the Seton Hall University School of Law.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D.**, Professor of Church History:
 - Presented “The History and Significance of the Chapel of Seton Hall University.” Freshman Orientation talk, at Seton Hall University’s Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, South Orange, NJ, on August 20, 2019. Approximately 30 students attended.
 - Was appointed to the Committee for the Investiture of Joseph E. Nyre, Ph.D., as the 21st president of Seton Hall University. The Investiture will take place at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 15, 2019.

- ❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director for the Seminary:
 - Facilitated *Renewal in Christ*. Retreat for seminarians, at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, MI, from August 25-30, 2019. Approximately 20 seminarians attended.
 - Provided spiritual direction and celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a men’s retreat on the theme *Courageous Catholic Men*, sponsored by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, at Most Blessed Sacrament Friary, Newark, NJ, on September 28, 2019. Approximately 125 men attended.

- Presided at Vespers and preached on “The Little Way of St. Theresa,” at the St. Theresa Feast, St. Theresa Parish, Linden, NJ, on September 29, 2019. Approximately 250 people attended.
- Facilitated a retreat day for priests of the Brooklyn Diocese, on the theme *In the Boat with Jesus*, in Huntington, NY, on October 10, 2019. Approximately 125 priests attended.
- Presented “The Important Role of Priests in Experiencing God’s Mercy After Abortion,” a workshop at the Harrisburg Diocese Priest Convocation, in Hunt Valley, MD, on October 16, 2019. Approximately 125 priests attended.
- Celebrated Mass in Polish for Polish-speaking workers, in honor of St. John Paul II, at Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ, on October 23, 2019. Approximately 25 people attended.

❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, presented the following:

- Two-parted presentation and discussion on “Conscience,” for the Missionary of Charity Sisters, at their convent in Plainfield, NJ, on the following dates:
 - September 17, 2019 (Six Sisters attended).
 - October 22, 2019 (Five Sisters attended).
- “Raising Children in the 21st Century: Morals, Virtues, and Happy Lives.” Talk, at St. Joseph Parish, Oradell, NJ, on October 15, 2019. Approximately 35 people attended.
- “Reawakening Truth in the Theology of Scandal.” Talk, at the annual conference of the Federation of Seminary Spiritual Directors, at Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, LA, on October 18, 2019. Approximately 30 people attended Dr. Anderson’s presentation.

- “End-of-Life Decision-Making.” Presentation on determining ordinary versus extraordinary means of medical treatment in end-of-life cases, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Stirling, NJ, on October 26, 2019. Approximately 70 people attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Douglas J. Milewski, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Theology, led a theological tour of Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica in Newark, for Archdiocesan combined campus ministry groups, on September 28, 2019. Approximately 85 students from the campuses of Montclair State University, Kean University, Fairleigh Dickinson University (Teaneck), Ramapo College, Stevens Institute of Technology, Rutgers University (Newark), NJIT, New Jersey City University, Union County College, and Essex County College attended.

- ❖ Six faculty members of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology serve as assessors and examiners for former Anglican/Episcopalian clergymen who apply for ordination as Roman Catholic priests through the Pastoral Provision. This service was rendered at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, NJ, on October 3, 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 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.

- ❖ **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, and Founder and Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality, facilitated a Marian retreat at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Jersey City, NJ, on October 26, 2019. Approximately 70 people attended.

Publications

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, published the following:
 - A journal article, co-authored with Thomas Marlowe, Ph.D.: [“Towards a Pattern-Based System Architecture for a Low Power, Low Cost Ultra-Light Aircraft Flight Controller.”](#) *Software Engineering* 7, no. 3 (August 16, 2019): 46-52.
 - A journal article: [“A Comparative Analysis of the *Actus Fidei* in Neo-Scholastic and Transcendental Thomism: An Investigation of the Theologies of Johann Brunsmann, S.V.D., and Pierre Rousselot, S.J.”](#) *Journal of Religion and Theology* 3, issue 3 (September 27, 2019): 32-49.

- ❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director for the Seminary, was quoted in a newspaper article: “Judge Father by his Children: Orchard Lake, Church Don’t Exist for their Members.” *The Polish Weekly* (September 4-11, 2019): 8.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published a magazine article: [“Josemaría Escrivá: The Saint of Ordinary Life.”](#) *The Imaginative Conservative* (September 7, 2019): 1-3. This is a reprint of Dr. Morrow’s prior essay “St. Josemaría Escrivá: The Saint of Ordinary Life.” *Crisis* (June 25, 2015).

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D.**, Professor of Church History, published the following:
 - Three newspaper articles:
 - [“The Archdiocese of Newark and Immigration—How We Became Who We Are.”](#) *The Catholic Advocate* 68, no. 9 (September 11, 2019): 10-11. (First in a 9-part series).
 - [“The Archdiocese of Newark and Immigration: The ‘Pause’ \(1920-1965\).”](#) *The Catholic Advocate* 68, no. 10 (October 16, 2019): 10-11. (Second in a 9-part series).
 - [“La archidiócesis de Newark y la inmigración.”](#) *New Jersey Católico* (septiembre-octubre 2019): 10-11.
 - Two articles for his blog on St. Patrick’s Pro-Cathedral:
 - Revised: [“Saint Patrick’s Pro-Cathedral, An Historical Reflection.”](#) (Posted online on September 20, 2019).
 - New: [“Saint Patrick’s Pro-Cathedral, Newark, New Jersey, An Artistic and Symbolic Description.”](#) (Posted online on October 10, 2019).

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, published an article on the website of the journal *First Things*: [“The Dark Side of the Dallas Charter.”](#) (October 2, 2019).

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, published a journal article: [“Is it Better to Die Excommunicated than Act Against One’s Conscience? What Aquinas Famously \(Never\) Said on Conscience and Church Authority.”](#) *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* 95, issue 4 (2019): 567-93.

Conferences

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented “Doing Theology at Tanks: Practical Lessons from Graduate School.” Paper, at the University of Dayton Ph.D. in Theology Twentieth Anniversary Conference (1999-2019): *After Culture, After New Evangelization, Where Do We Go From Here?*, sponsored by the University of Dayton Department of Religious Studies, and held at the University of Dayton, OH, from September 27-28, 2019. Approximately 15 people attended Dr. Morrow’s presentation.
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, as president of the Federation of Seminary Spiritual Directors, took a lead role in the Federation’s annual conference, held at Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, LA, from October 17-20, 2019. The conference, on the theme *Church in a Time of Crisis and Hope*, was attended by 29 participants from seminaries in the US and Canada.

Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

- ❖ **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 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.” Dr. Anderson is coordinating three faculty symposium sessions for the Fall 2019 semester. Approximately eight faculty members attend each session.