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Awards, Grants, and Honors

- ❖ On November 18, 2021, ICSST was awarded a grant in the amount of \$989,384 from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., as part of its "Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative." ICSST's proposal, titled "The 4:12 Pathway for Pastoral Leadership: Building an Authentic Culture of Discernment, Encouragement, and Accompaniment," sets forth six strategic initiatives during the next four years that aim to educate, form, and support the next generation of pastoral leaders. The grant process was led by **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, along with **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean; **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; and ICSST alumnus **G. Gregory Tobin, M.A. '06**. Among those who played supporting roles in preparing the grant proposal were multiple alumni and diocesan and parish leaders, as well

as faculty and staff, including **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, and ICSST's Coordinator for Undergraduate Admissions and Retention; **Michael F. Burt**, Senior Director of Seminary Advancement; **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology; and **Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. '08**, Director of the Center for Diaconal Formation and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology. More information about this project can be found at <https://www.shu.edu/theology/news/lilly-endowment-grant-to-strengthen-pastoral-leadership.cfm>

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology, was notified on October 26, 2021, that his book, [Converting the Imagination: Teaching to Recover Jesus' Vision for Fullness of Life](#) (Pickwick Publications, May 15, 2020), was selected as a finalist for the 2021 Lilly Fellows Program Book Award. The biennial Lilly Fellows Book Award honors an original and imaginative work from any academic discipline that best exemplifies the central ideas and principles animating the Lilly Fellows Program. These include faith and learning in the Christian intellectual tradition, the vocation of teaching and scholarship, and the history, theory, or practice of the university as the site of religious inquiry and culture.

Administrative Assignment

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, was appointed Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology's Coordinator for Undergraduate Admissions and Retention, effective November 15, 2021. In this newly-established position, Monsignor Ziccardi: serves as the immediate contact person with

external partners (rectors, superiors, vocations directors, et al.); acts as the contact person with University faculty and administration; handles admissions; reviews academic standing for transfers (e.g., course equivalents); coordinates academic advising for students with program faculty by assigning advisors and by ensuring that agreed-to standards of advising are clear and met; and in consultation with the associate deans, makes final decisions on student advising matters (waivers, substitutions, graduation audits, etc.).

Publications

- ❖ **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, published a book in the *Ex Libris* series: [*Edith Stein*](#), a compilation of excerpts from the writings of Saint Edith Stein (Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross). Boston, MA: Pauline Books & Media, 2021. Dr. Traflet also wrote the introduction to this book.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, published the following:
 - Four journal articles:
 - [“Philosophy and Cybernetics: Questions and Issues.”](#) *Journal of Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics* 19, no. 4 (July 2021): 1-23. (Co-authored with Thomas Marlowe, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus in the Seton Hall University Department of Mathematics and Computer Science).
 - [“Reconceiving Cybernetics in Light of Thomistic Realism.”](#) *Journal of Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics* 19, no. 4 (July 2021): 24-39. (Co-authored with **John T.**

Laracy, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Seton Hall University and Adjunct Professor of Undergraduate Theology at ICSST).

- “Seer of Science: Benedict XVI.” [*The Chesterton Review* 47, nos. 3 & 4 \(December 2021\)](#): 395-401.
 - [“A Course on the Relationship of the Theology of Creation and the Natural Sciences.”](#) *Seminary Journal* 20, no. 1 (January 19, 2022).
 - A book review of *The Universe and Mr. Chesterton*, by Scott Randall Paine. [*The Chesterton Review* 47, nos. 3 & 4 \(December 2021\)](#): 416-19.
- ❖ **Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, published a journal article: [“Artificial Intelligence and Human Intellect.”](#) *Journal of Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics* 19, no. 4 (July 2021): 110-27.
- ❖ **Brian G. Honsberger, M.A.**, Administrator of the Certificate in Catholic Evangelization (CCE) and Adjunct Professor, published a book: [*The Divine Economy: A Catholic Explanation of Titling and Stewardship*](#). Morristown, NJ: Thomas Aquinas Press, October 21, 2021. **Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Sacred Scripture, wrote the introduction to this book.
- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published the following:
- A book chapter: “Methods of Interpreting Scripture and Nature: The Influence of the Baconian Method on Spinoza’s Bible Criticism.” In [*Studies in the History of Exegesis*](#), co-edited by Mark W. Elliot, Raleigh C. Heth, and Angela Zautcke, 157-73. Tübingen, Germany: Mohr Siebeck, 2022.

- Three book reviews:
 - [Review of *Science, Religion and Politics during the Modernist Crisis \(Science, Religion et Politique à l'époque de la Crise Moderniste\)*](#), co-edited by Danny Praet and Corinne Bonnet. *Heythrop Journal* 62, no. 1 (2021): 130-32.
 - Review of *The Bible and Catholic Ressourcement: Essays on Scripture and Theology*, by William M. Wright, IV. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 84, no. 1 (January 2022): 167-69.
 - Review of *Frühe alttestamentliche Arbeiten (1789-1793): Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph Schelling Reihe 2, Nachlass 2*, co-edited by Christopher Arnold and Michael Hackl. *Review of Biblical Literature* (January 2022).

❖ **Gregory C. Floyd, M.A. '04**, Assistant Director of the Center for Diaconal Formation, published a book: [*Unforgettable: How Remembering God's Presence in Our Past Brings Hope to Our Future*](#). Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, January 18, 2022.

❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology, published a book: [*The Unchanging Truth of God?: Crucial Philosophical Issues for Theology*](#). Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, February 18, 2022.

Media Contributions and Interviews

❖ **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, served as a guest speaker on the topic “Christian Unity,” 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). On this episode, Monsignor Radano discussed *The Bishop and Christian Unity: An Ecumenical Vademecum*, 2020 (a publication of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity). The show was taped at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, and aired on WSOU 89.5 FM on November 12, 2021.

❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, served as a guest speaker on the topic "Scripture and the Holocaust," 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 November 18, 2021, and aired on WSOU 89.5 FM on November 28, 2021.

❖ **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, was quoted about the heroic life of Dutch Carmelite friar Blessed Titus Brandsma, in an article on the website of *Cruz Catholic Media, Inc.*: ["Pope Advances Sainthood Causes, Including Dutch Priest Murdered at Dachau."](#) by Carol Glatz (November 29, 2021).

❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology, was interviewed for the podcast series *CHATEchesis*, hosted by Deacon Matt Halbach, Ph.D. This series is designed for clergy, with best practices and resources to support their ministry in each episode. On [Episode 25: "Talking All Things Accompaniment,"](#) Dr. Manning, along with fellow catechetical scholars Tracey Lamont, Ph.D., and Daniella Zsupan-Jerome,

Ph.D., discussed accompaniment and its critical role in forming the next generation of missionary disciples. This episode aired on December 3, 2021.

Special Events

- ❖ ICSST hosted a lecture and book-signing by **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, in celebration of the recent publication of his book *[Virtue and Grace in the Theology of Thomas Aquinas](#)* (Cambridge University Press, 2020). This book was selected by the American Academy of Religion in September 2021 as a finalist for the Academy's book awards for Excellence in the Study of Religion and Constructive-Reflective Studies. In his lecture, Dr. Anderson discussed how St. Thomas Aquinas changed and developed his understanding of our moral lives as his reflection on sin, grace, and God's action in human life deepened. By tracing the historical development of Aquinas's ideas, we discover challenges to contemporary categories of philosophical and theological ethics. A light reception followed Dr. Anderson's lecture, and copies of his book were available for purchase. Approximately 25 people attended the lecture, which was held in the Seminary's Chapel of Christ the Good Shepherd, on November 9, 2021. A recording of the lecture is available at <https://www.facebook.com/halltheology/videos/264218685662173>
- ❖ For the third consecutive year, ICSST was pleased to sponsor a series of reflections during Advent 2021. The theme of this series was *Renewing the Love of the Eucharist This Advent*. **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, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, offered daily written reflections to nourish the hearts and souls of series participants in preparation for the coming of our Lord, Jesus

Christ at Christmas. The reflections are available at

<https://www.shu.edu/theology/immaculate-conception-seminary-advent-reflection-series.cfm>

- ❖ ICSST hosted a lecture and book-signing by **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, in celebration of the recent publication of his book [*Theology and Science in the Thought of Ian Barbour: A Thomistic Evaluation for the Catholic Doctrine of Creation*](#) (New York, NY: Peter Lang, 2021). In his lecture, Father Laracy discussed Ian Barbour's distinctive approach to the relationship between theology and science, largely unexplored in the Catholic tradition. Father Laracy spoke about how Barbour's principles can enrich the dialogue and integration of the Catholic doctrine of creation with the natural sciences. A reception followed Father Laracy's lecture, and copies of his book were available for purchase. Approximately 80 people attended this event, which was held in the Seminary's Chapel of Christ the Good Shepherd, on December 1, 2021. A recording of the lecture is available at <https://www.facebook.com/halltheology/videos/639922490497607>

- ❖ ICSST's Center for Diaconal Formation co-sponsored with the Diocese of Paterson an aspirancy presentation, held at The Evangelization Office at St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ, on Saturday, January 22, 2022, for diaconal aspirants and their wives. **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, led the session. Dr. Traflet's presentation was based on Father Walter Ciszek's classic *He Leadeth Me*, about the spiritual journey of each individual. Seven diaconal aspirants and five wives attended.

- ❖ ICSST and the Archdiocese of Newark Secretariat for Parish Mission and Vitality, Catechetical Office, Catholic Schools Office, and Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry sponsored *A Light in the Darkness: How Parishes and Pastoral Leaders Can Help People Cope with the Mental Health Issues Created by the Pandemic*. This virtual event for pastors, parochial vicars, pastoral associates, Catholic school principals and teachers, parish catechetical leaders and catechists, youth ministers, parish staff, and ministry leaders took place on Tuesday February 15, 2022, and Wednesday, February 16, 2022. **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology, and ICSST alumna **Keaton Douglas, M.A.**, served as presenters, along with Danielle Heitmann, L.C.S.W., M.S.W., M.A. The COVID-19 health crisis has brought many challenges, not least of all rises in anxiety, depression, and substance abuse. Catholic parishes, schools, and communities can play an important role in supporting people who are suffering in the midst of these challenges. This online forum’s three expert panelists shared insights about the challenges faced by Catholics during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as practical resources and strategies for dealing with anxiety, depression, addiction, and suicidal ideation in the context of Catholic schools and parishes. A moderated Q&A session with the audience followed the panel discussion. A total of 236 people virtually attended.

- ❖ ICSST’s Center for Diaconal Formation co-sponsored with the Diocese of Paterson a “Spiritual Gifts Inventory” session, conducted virtually on Saturday, February 12, 2022, for diaconal aspirants and their wives. **Julie V. Burkey, D.Min.**, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, led the session. The morning provided aspirants and their wives with the opportunity to realize the distinction between talents and spiritual gifts. It gave them the opportunity to “dig in” and reflect on their spiritual gifts, and in some cases, to discover gifts

that were latent. Seven diaconal aspirants and five wives attended.

Mission and Service

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate 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.
 - Delivered a 45-minute presentation on "The Modern Crisis in Masculinity," sponsored by the Office of Vocations of the Archdiocese of Newark, at Shiloh Bible Camp, Hewitt, NJ, on November 12, 2021. Approximately 30 people attended.
 - Delivered a 30-minute presentation on "Men of Love," at St. Vincent DePaul Parish, Stirling, NJ, on November 13, 2021. Approximately 30 people attended.

- ❖ **Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, delivered a presentation on the Spirituality of the Mass, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, New Brunswick, NJ, on August 12, 2021. Approximately 40 people attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology:
 - Delivered the invocation at the donor event held in celebration of the opening of the Center for Securities and Business Analytics (new Trading Room), Stillman School of Business, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on September 14, 2021.
 - Presented a lecture on “Ecumenical and Interreligious Prayer Services” to First Theologians, at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on October 15, 2021.

- ❖ **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, served as a guest speaker, presenting “The Excavations Below St. Peter’s Basilica,” at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Leonia, NJ, on October 19, 2021. Approximately 75 people attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Paweł Tomczyk, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Moral Theology:
 - Served as homilist at Seton Hall University’s Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 1, 2021.
 - Presented “On the Necessity of the Virtue of Prudence.” Evening conference for the seminarians of St. Andrew’s Hall College Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 9, 2021. Approximately 15 seminarians attended.
 - Facilitated “The Unscrupulous God: Advent Reflections according to the Prophet Zephaniah.” Three-day Advent retreat in Polish, at St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus Parish, Linden, NJ, from December 12-14, 2021. Approximately 100 people attended.
 - Celebrated Mass and delivered a homily on the theme “Undivided Heart in Marriage,” for couples participating in the marriage enrichment program at St. Paul Inside the Walls,

the Diocesan Center for New Evangelization in the Diocese of Paterson, Madison, NJ, on February 10, 2022. Approximately 12 people attended.

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology, and **Reverend Douglas J. Milewski, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Theology, were appointed to Seton Hall University's Standing Committee on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, on November 2, 2021. This committee will work with the Center for Catholic Studies and others to facilitate ongoing, inclusive discussions about what the Catholic Intellectual Tradition means to different constituencies at Seton Hall. It will annually present the Provost with an array of ideas for advancing the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, on and off campus.

- ❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, served as a panelist for an Inter-Religious Panel on the Afterlife, according to four faith traditions: the Hindu, Jewish, Christian, and Islamic faiths. This panel, sponsored by the Seton Hall University Core and the Center for Catholic Studies, was conducted on Seton Hall's South Orange, NJ, campus and virtually via Microsoft Teams, on November 2, 2021. The event explored each faith tradition's understanding of what happens after this life, as depicted by a faculty expert in that tradition, and included time for Q&A. The introduction of the panelists was given by Reverend Monsignor Robert T. Sheeran, President Emeritus of Seton Hall. Nine people attended in person and 13 people virtually attended.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented “Lessons Learned from St. Joseph.” Lecture, for the northern New Jersey branch of *Legatus*, held in Stirling, NJ, on November 3, 2021. Approximately 50 people attended.

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology:
 - Presented “Meaning, Mental Health, and Educating the Christians of Tomorrow.” Fall 2021 Lonergan Center Lecture, conducted at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, and online via Zoom, on November 4, 2021. Approximately 25 people attended.

Among the many devastating consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic has been the impact on mental health (particularly that of young people), which had already reached historic lows prior to the pandemic. While proximate causes such as social media and economic and social crises are clearly factors in this mental health crisis, there is another major (albeit more subtle) factor at play. Many people today are poorly equipped to cope with the personal and societal crises they experience and therefore are more likely to succumb to deteriorating mental health because they lack adequate means for making sense of these experiences. Their failure to find meaning not only in their own experiences but also in their religious traditions helps to explain the rising numbers of the religiously unaffiliated. Drawing upon his recent book *Converting the Imagination*, as well as on the thought of Bernard Lonergan, in this talk, Dr. Manning examined this growing meaning vacuum in our society and analyzed the corresponding psychological dynamics of adaptive and maladaptive meaning-making. Most constructively, the talk explored the possibilities open to Christian communities and institutions for educating contemporary people to meet these challenges and rediscover meaning and wholeness

for their lives. A recording of Dr. Manning's presentation is available at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JgPsRvRIUKM>

- In November 2021, was appointed chair of ICSST's newly-formed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. Also serving on this committee are **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, and **Reverend Paweł Tomczyk, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Moral Theology.

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

- With **Elizabeth M. Vacchiano, M.A.**, ICSST's Secretary for Student Support Services, and **Allison Cannone**, Administrative Assistant for the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, planned and coordinated a Vocations Office retreat for aspirants, held at Villa Pauline, Mallinckrodt Convent, Mendham, NJ, from November 4-7, 2021. Additionally, along with **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director, and **Reverend William M. McDonald, III, S.T.L.**, Associate Spiritual Director, Director of Pastoral Formation, and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, Monsignor McCarren served as spiritual director at this retreat. Two aspirants attended.
- Conducted a retreat on the theme *The Discernment of Spirits with St. Joseph as Guide*, for 46 permanent deacons of the Diocese of Metuchen, at St. Francis Retreat House, Easton, PA, from November 19-21, 2021. Monsignor McCarren delivered four conferences and provided sacramental ministry as well as the opportunity for spiritual direction.

- Directed an eight-day retreat for a seminarian from the Diocese of Bismarck, ND, at the request of Deacon James Keating from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, MO, where he is on the faculty and the seminarian is in formation. Monsignor McCarren met with the seminarian via Zoom for approximately one hour each day from February 14 through February 21, 2022. Additionally, Monsignor McCarren and the seminarian had a preliminary Zoom meeting of approximately one hour on December 30, 2021.

- ❖ **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Philosophical Theology, served as an invited presenter for “Applied Aquinas: Defining Male and Female”: A Conversation Between Dr. Timothy Fortin and Dr. Angela Franks, sponsored by the Abigail Adams Institute, for students of Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, on November 8, 2021. Approximately 20 students attended this seminar on the nature of human sexual difference.

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, delivered a presentation on “The Psalms in Dante’s Spiritual Journey,” at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, and online via Microsoft Teams, on November 11, 2021. Approximately 25 people attended in person and 37 people virtually attended. Dr. Glazov’s presentation was part of the series commemorating the 700th anniversary of the death of the great Italian poet Dante Alighieri. ICSST was among the co-sponsors of this series, which was sponsored by the University Core and Catholic Studies. Prepared in response to a request for a biblical scholar’s commemoration of Dante, Dr. Glazov’s presentation reported on Dante’s illumination of the role that the Psalms play in Dante’s spiritual journey (e.g., in escaping hell via the petition for mercy, and in ascending to Paradise by the use of praise and jubilation to express ineffable joy). A recording of Dr. Glazov’s lecture is available at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaoJpzQcRHU>. More information on the series can be found at <https://www.shu.edu/core-curriculum/news/core-and-others-celebrate-dante-s-700th-anniversary.cfm>

- ❖ **Reverend William M. McDonald, III, S.T.L.**, Associate Spiritual Director, Director of Pastoral Formation, and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology:
 - Facilitated a morning of reflection titled *Let the Children Come Unto Me*, for the catechists of St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, NJ, on November 13, 2021. Approximately 35 catechists attended.
 - Led a group of 20 parishioners in a parish revitalization meeting, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, NJ, on November 14, 2021.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology:
 - Presented “Science, Theology, and Creation: A Thomistic Retrieval of the Thought of Ian Barbour.” Invited lecture, sponsored by the Aquinas Institute at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, on November 18, 2021. Approximately 65 people attended. A recording of Father Laracy’s presentation is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCxj80xmHUw>
 - Served as Mass celebrant for the Votive Mass (Gold Mass) of St. Albert the Great, Patron Saint of Scientists. This Mass was sponsored by the Collegium Institute and held at the Church of Sts. Agatha and James, Philadelphia, PA, on November 20, 2021. Approximately 50 people attended.

- Served as a guest speaker, presenting “Preparing for Advent (Lk 21:25-28, 34-36),” at St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, NJ, on November 27, 2021. Approximately 30 people attended.

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

- Preached on “Proclaiming Christ as King” at the 50th Anniversary of Ordination Mass for Reverend Monsignor Paul Bochicchio, at Holy Family Church, Nutley, NJ, on November 21, 2021. Approximately 700 people attended.
- Facilitated an Advent retreat for priests of the Paterson Diocese, at The Evangelization Office at St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ, on December 1, 2021. Father Koch offered four reflections on the Eucharist from the perspective of holy priests who loved the Eucharist. Thirty-five priests attended.
- Offered an Advent reflection on the theme “Be Not Afraid,” at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, NJ, on December 6, 2021. Approximately 40 people attended.
- Served as Mass celebrant and homilist, preaching on the topic of the Sacrament of Marriage, at Mass for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 16, 2022, at St. Casimir Church, Newark, NJ. A recording of the Mass is available at <https://youtube.com/watch?v=OnNEVrIBtAQ&feature=share>
- Facilitated a retreat day for the Senior class of students from Delbarton School, Morristown, NJ. The retreat was held at St. Joseph Shrine, Stirling, NJ, on January 19, 2022. Father Koch presented a conference on the Eucharist, celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, presided at the holy hour, led a small group discussion, and served as celebrant and homilist at Mass. Approximately 50 students attended.

- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, was appointed to the Seton Hall University *Seeds of Innovation* Implementation Coordination Committee. As directed by the Board of Regents at its September 2020 retreat, Goal 5 of the Seton Hall Strategic Plan, *Harvest Our Treasures*, calls upon the University to advance institutional sustainability by creating a nimble, responsive, and innovative infrastructure and making strategic investments in people, programs, and partnerships that ensure Seton Hall can achieve its mission for current and future generations of students. This committee will help ensure that Colleges have the timelines, guidance, perspective, and resources they need to implement *Seeds of Innovation* as collaboratively and successfully as possible. The committee convened in December 2021.

- ❖ On June 30, 2022, **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D., Rector/Dean**, will step down from his duties as Rector/Dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, after serving for ten years in this capacity. As such, and in accordance with the Faculty Guide of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, the Search Committee for the next Rector/Dean for the School has been duly constituted and charged. The committee is composed of the following members:
 - **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology (committee co-chair);
 - **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, and ICSST’s Coordinator for Undergraduate Admissions and Retention (committee co-chair);
 - **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Moral Theology;

- **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology;
- **Reverend Mr. Matthew Gonzalez**, Deacon of the Archdiocese of Newark and President of the Seminary Council;
- **Reverend Eugenio P. de la Rama, M.Div., M.A.**, Priest Alumnus and Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark;
- **Nancy Enright, Ph.D.**, Faculty-at-Large, Professor of English in the College of Arts & Sciences, and Director of the University Core; and
- **Reverend Colin A. Kay, M.Div.**, Nonvoting Administrator, Vice President for Mission and Ministry, and Director of Campus Ministry.

Off-Campus Course

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate 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 covered the entire moral portion of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* and was conducted via Zoom on November 30 and December 2, 2021. Approximately 10 people participated.

Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology:
 - Participated in the Annual Bridgefolk (Catholics and Mennonites) Conference, conducted online via Zoom, from August 13-14, 2021.

- Served as a member of the panel discussion *Catholics and Latter-day Saints: A Dialogue*, sponsored by Seton Hall University's Institute for Communication and Religion, of the College of Communication and the Arts. The panel discussion, hosted by Senior dual Communication and English Major Ellen Paul, was the first of its kind at Seton Hall. Conducted virtually on November 12, 2021, the panel discussion brought together experts (three Catholics and three Latter-day Saints) to discuss historical relations between the two churches, past experience with interfaith dialogue, and steps to establish continuing friendship and collaboration. To date, nearly 300 people have viewed the panel discussion on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=361Ar_nsmKY&t=7s. Further information on the event can be found at <https://www.shu.edu/communication-religion/news/dual-faith-dialogue-unites-catholics-and-latter-day-saints.cfm>.

❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology:

- Served as an invited panelist for the discussion *Alfred Loisy: Between Modernity and Modernism*, conducted online via Zoom on October 29, 2021. A recording of the discussion is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMrvEHnTkxo>
- Presented “Response to Annelies Lannoy’s Alfred Loisy and the Making of History of Religions.” Invited paper, at the annual meeting of La Société Internationale d’Études sur Alfred Loisy, in San Antonio, TX, on November 22, 2021. Approximately ten people attended the presentation.

❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, presented “From *Homo Curans* to *Homo Curator*: The Dignity Formula of John 13 at the Foundation of a Post-

Pandemic Economy,” on November 13, 2021, at the 21st Annual Fall Conference, “*I Have Called You by Name*”: *Human Dignity in a Secular World*, sponsored by the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, and held from November 11-13, 2021. Approximately 100 people attended Dr. Rice’s presentation.

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, presented “Database of Scripture Citations in Jewish Holocaust Literature.” Paper, co-presented with Robert Turnbull, Ph.D., for the *Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies* section, at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, in San Antonio, TX, on November 20, 2021. Approximately ten people attended the presentation.

Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology:
 - Peer-reviewed an article for *The Lonergan Review* in Fall 2021.
 - Co-chaired a meeting of the bilateral ecumenical initiative Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT), in New York City, on December 6, 2021. ECT is working on a document concerning Faithful Christian Citizenship. A final statement will be completed in 2022.

- ❖ **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, in Fall 2021, served as an invited peer reviewer of an article submitted for inclusion in the *Catholic Theological Formation Series*, published by Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary, Cincinnati, OH.

- ❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented “Reform and Renewal: Theology, History, and Vatican II” to a group of three 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 6, 2021.

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, presented “The Affect and Emotion of Shame: in Biblical, Classical Literary, Theological, Philosophical, Psychological, and Neurophysiological Perspectives, with a View to Eliciting Collegial Questions and Reflections. Part 1” to a group of five 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 3, 2021.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, served as a blind reviewer of a research grant proposal for The Swiss National Science Foundation, for a project on Alfred Loisy, in November 2021.

- ❖ **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Undergraduate Theology, on November 17, 2021, was appointed to the North American Patristics Society Awards and Prizes Committee, for service through December 2024. The Awards and Prizes Committee receives and reviews applications for the following grants and awards given by the North American Patristics Society: Graduate Student Paper Prize, Dissertation Progress Grants,

Small Research Grant (for Early Career Scholars), and NAPS Regional Meeting and Study Group Initiative.

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, is serving as co-editor of *Thomas Aquinas and Medieval Canon Law: Historical and Systematic Perspectives*, a peer-reviewed book which will likely appear in the Brepols *Disputatio* series, with 12 unique essays from international leading scholars in either the history of medieval ecclesial law and/or the thought of Thomas Aquinas and its medieval impact. This preparation included an online international discussion for the volume on December 11, 2021.