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Administrative Assignments

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, will begin a one-year appointment on July 1, 2022, as Interim Rector/Dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology. His multifaceted experiences in priestly formation, deep knowledge of theology, and esteemed reputation among priests and seminarians made Monsignor McCarren a clear choice for this interim appointment.

Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D., Rector/Dean, after a sabbatical year beginning on July 1, 2022, will take up his new role as Seton Hall University's Vice Provost for Academics and Catholic Identity, and will continue integrating the University's Catholic identity ever more deeply across academics — especially in local and international initiatives and academic programs that make Seton Hall an icon of Catholic education

worldwide. For more information, please see <https://www.shu.edu/news/announcing-interim-rector-and-dean-of-immaculate-conception-seminary-school-of-theology.cfm>

Awards, Grants, and Honors

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, was awarded a Seton Hall University Research Council summer stipend, in the amount of \$10,000, for his project titled “Diversity and Inclusion According to Thomas Aquinas.” This grant was awarded for the period June 1-August 31, 2021, with a presentation due in Spring 2022. Dr. Anderson’s peer-reviewed article explores the Catholic warrants and rationale for welcoming a diverse and inclusive culture, by exploring Thomas Aquinas’s own perspective. Beginning with Aquinas’s understanding of God as a good Creator, he indicates that the diversity among created beings is a concrete manifestation of the ineffable goodness of God that no one creature can *fully* express. This rationale indicates both warrants for not only “tolerating” diversities but welcoming them, since in them one finds a new perspective to the divine goodness. However, by pointing out the unity that underlies created diversities, Aquinas underscores a way to take account of both messages of diversity and unity. Potential objections are explored and responded to in the last section of the essay.

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology:
 - Was awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,350, from *Great Minds Dare to Care*, a University-wide collaborative suicide prevention initiative designed to foster shared responsibility for building a community of care at Seton Hall University. The grant funds were used for “Mindfulness, Spirituality, and Mental Health: A Conversation with

Dr. Gregory Bottaro,” moderated by Dr. Manning, and held at SHU and virtually on March 28, 2022.

- Was honored as Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology’s Teacher of the Year, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on March 31, 2022.
- Was awarded a Seton Hall University Research Council summer stipend, in the amount of \$10,000, for his project titled “Harvesting the Treasures of Contemplative Christianity for Contemporary Catholic Education.” This grant was awarded for the period June 1-August 31, 2022, with a presentation due in Spring 2023. In the past two decades, many institutions of higher education have taken an interest in the use and study of contemplative practices (e.g., reflective writing, slow reading, meditation), including leading universities such as Columbia, Brown, and Dartmouth. Catholic institutions have been slower to engage these practices despite the well-documented benefits, perhaps due to perceptions that these practices are influenced by Eastern religions and/or secular mindfulness. However, Christianity has its own rich tradition of contemplation and contemplative education, an area of research that has received little attention within the growing field of contemplative studies. In line with Seton Hall’s commitment to “harvesting our treasures” expressed in the new Strategic Plan, this project addresses the research question of how Christian contemplative practices might enhance teaching, learning, and the communal life of Catholic educational institutions. It does so by exploring key writings and practices of the Christian contemplative tradition, seeking past and present models of contemplative Christian education, and striving to understand this tradition in relation to non-Christian contemplative approaches.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, was honored as Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology’s Researcher of the Year, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on March 31, 2022.

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, was awarded a Seton Hall University Research Council summer stipend, in the amount of \$10,000, for his project titled “Scripture Citations in 100 Jewish and Christian Theological Reflections on the Holocaust.” This grant was awarded for the period June 1-August 31, 2022, with a presentation due in Spring 2023. Dr. Glazov’s project has two parts:
 - Part 1: Over the past three years, Dr. Glazov has been building a *Database of Scripture Citations in 100 Jewish and Catholic Theological Reflections on the Holocaust*. The database allows queries about how such reflections define the Holocaust, the questions posed, answers given, scriptures invoked. The 44 Jewish texts are represented by 1450+ scripture citations; two anthologies of Holocaust poetry are represented by 250 citations; the Christian section is currently represented by 900 citations. The significant patterns in these citations are to be described in a book: *Scriptural Citations in 100 Jewish and Christian Theological Reflections on the Holocaust*.
 - Part 2: Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher, in 1939-40, delivered anti-Nazi radio homilies from Paris. Before the Nazis caught him, he burned all of his writings and escaped to the United States, where he founded SHU’s Institute for Judaeo-Christian Studies (IJCS). Many of his essays here invoked scripture to guide reflection on the Holocaust. For the 28th *Oesterreicher Memorial Lecture* hosted by the IJCS in October 2021, Dr. Glazov tabulated 450+ of these scripture citations and explained them by reference to his *Database* (Part 1, above). Afterwards, Father Lawrence Frizzell, director of IJCS,

informed Dr. Glazov that Monsignor Oesterreicher, upon discovering that the Nazis had transcribed his Paris radio broadcasts, located and published them in a 120-page booklet in 1986. After integrating these data into his *Database*, Dr. Glazov intends to develop the contents of his Memorial Lecture into an IJCS booklet to honor Monsignor Oesterreicher's legacy, promote the mission of IJCS, and serve as a chapter in the book project described in Part 1 above.

Certification

- ❖ **Reverend Paweł Tomczyk, Ph.D.**, Formation Faculty Member and Adjunct Professor of Moral Theology, was awarded an Online Teaching Certificate, by the SHU Teaching Learning, and Technology Center, on March 14, 2022. This certificate program was developed to provide faculty with a variety of helpful tools to develop and facilitate online or hybrid classes. The program consists of five workshops covering the following topics: competencies in online teaching, increasing engagement, design, and implementation of an inclusive classroom, the Quality Matters rubric, and Blackboard Grade Center.

Publication

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, co-authored with **Reverend Gerald J. Buonopane, Ph.D.**, Senior Lecturer in the Seton Hall University Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Adjunct Professor of Theology, and Minister to the Priest Community, and **Thomas J. Marlowe, Ph.D.**, Professor Emeritus in the Seton Hall University Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, a journal article:

[“Development of an Integrated Course in Science and Theology of Food: Nourishment for Body, Mind, and Soul.”](#) *Seminary Journal* 20, no. 1 (March 25, 2022).

Media Contributions

- ❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director, was interviewed on *The Front Line with Joe and Joe*, along with Bishop Edvard Kawa, Auxiliary Bishop of Lviv, Ukraine, to discuss how the war is impacting the people and how we can help, most especially with prayers. The interview aired on March 11, 2022, and a recording is available at https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=366348035342055&extid=NS-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing

- ❖ **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, in anticipation of the May 15, 2022 canonization of Saint Titus Brandsma, was interviewed for, and quoted in, an online magazine article: [“Titus Brandsma was killed in a Nazi death camp. This Sunday, Pope Francis will make him a saint,”](#) published by Filipe Domingues, in *America Magazine*, on May 10, 2022.

Special Events

- ❖ ICSST's Center for Diaconal Formation co-sponsored with the Diocese of Paterson a presentation for diaconal aspirants and their wives, “History of the Diaconate,” at The Evangelization Office at St. Paul Inside the Walls, on Saturday, March 12, 2022.

Reverend Monsignor Raymond J. Kupke, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor of Church History, delivered the presentation. Nine diaconal aspirants and four wives attended.

- ❖ ICSST was among the co-sponsors of SHU's second annual Contemplative Community Week (March 28 - April 1, 2022). This was a week of presentations, meditation, prayer, and contemplative practices aimed at inviting the whole SHU community to promote holistic well-being, to enter into study more thoughtfully and deeply, and to form stronger personal and communal bonds. As part of Contemplative Community Week, **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology:
 - Moderated "Mindfulness, Spirituality, and Mental Health: A Conversation with Dr. Gregory Bottaro," on March 28, 2022. Dr. Bottaro shared what current research and his experience as a Catholic psychologist can tell us about how various mindfulness practices such as meditation and gratitude promote well-being and how mindfulness relates to Christian beliefs and practices. The discussion was followed by time for Q&A. The event was conducted both in-person and via YouTube Livestream. Approximately 40 people attended in person. A recording of the event is available at <https://youtu.be/-puTKQLcqXY>
 - Organized and moderated a panel discussion with SHU's Contemplative Pedagogy Fellows regarding why they started employing contemplative teaching practices, their experience with these practices, and the benefits of these practices. Following the discussion, participants had the opportunity to talk with CP Fellows working in a variety of fields about how contemplative practices might work in their disciplines and classes. This event was conducted online via Microsoft Teams, on April 1, 2022. Fourteen people attended the panel discussion live.

- ❖ ICSST hosted a lecture and book-signing by **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology, in celebration of the recent publication of his book [*The Unchanging Truth of God?: Crucial Philosophical Issues for Theology*](#) (The Catholic University of America Press, 2022). Catholic theology is adamant on the importance of philosophy, but the precise relationship between the two disciplines is fraught with difficulties. Monsignor Guarino's new book contends that theology and philosophy are deeply interrelated and examines the proper use of philosophy within theology. A light reception followed Monsignor Guarino's lecture, and copies of his book were available for purchase. Seventy-two people attended the lecture, which was held in the Seminary's Chapel of Christ the Good Shepherd, on April 7, 2022. A recording of the lecture is available at <https://www.facebook.com/halltheology/videos/533219934881332>

Mission and Service

- ❖ **Reverend Paweł Tomczyk, Ph.D.**, Formation Faculty Member and Adjunct Professor of Moral Theology:
 - Continues service as a postulator for the Cause of Captain LaRue/Brother Marinus, for the Diocese of Paterson. In this role, Father Tomczyk conducts research into the life of the Servant of God, which is useful for knowing the reputation of holiness or of martyrdom, the reputation of intercessory power, and the importance of the cause for the Church.
 - Served as confessor at SHU Campus Ministry's annual Spring retreat, *Fan into Flame*, at SHU, on February 12, 2022. Approximately 120 students attended.
 - As *Censor Librorum* for the Diocese of Paterson, reviewed the following future publications seeking Imprimatur (ensuring freedom from doctrinal or moral errors):

- Inserts for *New Catholic Bible for Youth*, by Allan Wright, Catholic Book Publishing Corporation, on February 25, 2022.
 - *St. Joseph Sunday Missal Prayerbook and Hymnal 2022-2023*, Catholic Book Publishing Corporation, on March 13, 2022.
 - *Saint Joseph Catechism for Young Catholics*, 4 volumes, Catholic Book Publishing Corporation, from April-May 2022.
 - Served as confessor for approximately 50 students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, at Christ the King Parish, New Vernon, NJ, on February 26, 2022.
 - Facilitated a Lenten retreat, *Hopeful in a Hopeless World: The Story of Noah*, delivering three conferences, at St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus Parish, Linden, NJ, from March 24-27, 2022. Approximately 150 people attended each conference.
 - Led a Lenten parish mission on *Sin, Healing, and Life in the Spirit: The Three Stages of Spiritual Growth*, delivering three conferences, celebrating Masses, and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, at St. Bernard and St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Plainfield, NJ, from April 3-4, 2022. Approximately 100 people attended.
 - Served as a guest panelist for SHU Campus Ministry's panel discussion on *Spiritual Fatherhood and Motherhood*, at SHU, on April 21, 2022. Approximately 50 people attended.
- ❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director:
- Facilitated a formation group (the senior class) of seminarians at the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Andrew's Hall, at SHU, on a bi-weekly basis throughout the academic year. The group focused on the theology of the priesthood as found in the papal document *Pastores Dabo Vobis* ("I Will Give You Shepherds").

- As temporary chaplain for the Poor Clares, facilitated a retreat for five religious sisters, at Our Lady of the Desert Mission, Dolan Springs, AZ, from January 2-7, 2022. Father Koch offered daily Mass, preached homilies each day, and celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Facilitated a study day on the theme *Renewing the Charism*, for 70 Filippini Sisters, in Morristown, NJ, on February 26, 2022. Father Koch presented two talks: “Being Hopeful” and “Listen to St. Lucy.” The day included Mass and time for Q&A.
- Served at a mothers retreat for 100 women, at St. Francis Retreat House, Easton, PA, on February 26, 2022. The retreat included the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and a healing procession.
- Celebrated Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and distributed ashes, at Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ, on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022.
- Presented a Lenten parish lecture on the theme “Trusting in Christ,” at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington, NJ, on March 10, 2022. The evening also included the celebration of Mass. Approximately 50 people attended.
- Facilitated an *Entering Canaan* post-abortion siblings retreat weekend, at the retreat house at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA, from March 11-13, 2022. The retreat included Eucharistic Adoration, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, two conferences by Father Koch, homilies, and a healing procession. Seven people attended.
- Facilitated a retreat for the Pauline Fathers and Brothers, in Doylestown, PA, on April 1, 2022. Father Koch presented two talks: “Life in Christ” and “The Journey of Faith.” Twelve priests and religious brothers attended.

- For the “Ten Miles with Jesus” walk, on April 3, 2022, coordinated the English section of the walk with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The intention of the pilgrimage was to pray for the renewal of family life and for peace in Ukraine.

The day began at 10 a.m. at St. Theresa Church in Linden, NJ. The pilgrims traveled through Elizabeth, NJ, en route to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ. Along the way, the group prayed the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and joined together in song. Approximately ten friars assisted with the singing and leading the prayers. With Auxiliary Bishop Manuel Cruz, Father Koch concelebrated the closing Mass at 6 p.m. More than 600 people attended.

- Facilitated a post-abortion outreach event, sponsored by the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Miami, FL. The event was held at St. David Parish, Miami, FL, from April 8-9, 2022. Father Koch led the program on April 8, for priests and staff of the Pro-Life Office. Seven priests and five staff members attended Father Koch’s presentation, which covered the vital role of priests in post-abortion ministry.
- Celebrated Palm Sunday Mass and preached the homily at St. Casimir Church, Newark, NJ, on April 10, 2022. A recording of the Mass is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iwZnyJpq_U. Approximately 100 people attended.

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

- Served as chair of Seton Hall University’s Contemplative Community Week Planning Committee. Dr. Manning rendered this service from February 1-April 1, 2022. The committee planned a week of events including presentations, meditations, prayer, and exhibits. Dr. Manning coordinated the efforts of co-sponsors: the Center for Faculty

- Development, Counseling and Psychological Services, Great Minds Dare to Care, Campus Ministry, the Center for Catholic Studies, UpliftSHU, and Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology. As committee chair, Dr. Manning secured funding, created a new webpage, co-authored a news story, and created promotional materials. Contemplative Community Week was held from March 28 - April 1, 2022.
- Facilitated a workshop to assist ministry leaders at St. Matthias Parish, Somerset, NJ, in beginning to develop a vision for the parish. Dr. Manning facilitated this workshop on February 25, 2022. Approximately 40 people attended.
 - Presented a talk titled “Suffering and Salvation,” sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, at Holy Face Monastery, Clifton, NJ, on March 26, 2022. Approximately 30 people attended.

❖ **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:

- Over six weeks in the Spring 2022 semester, for two hours each week, taught and led Seton Hall’s *University Faculty Seminar on Mission*, conducted online via Microsoft Teams, from February 17-March 31, 2022. Nine people from Seton Hall University participated in this faculty development seminar.
- As part of nine days of prayer and reflection, presented a talk titled “St. Joseph: A Man Short on Words and Long on Deeds,” at St. Mary Parish, Nutley, NJ, on March 17, 2022. Approximately 150 people attended.

❖ **Reverend Douglas J. Milewski, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Theology:

- Preached a St. Joseph Novena, at St. Agnes Parish, Clark, NJ, on March 14, 2022. Approximately 100 people attended.
- Presented a talk titled “The Conversion of St. Monica,” at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, NJ, on March 21, 2022. Approximately 100 people attended.
- Preached for SHU Campus Ministry *CROSSroads* Masses, at SHU, on March 20 and 27 and April 3, 2022. Approximately 100 people attended each Mass.
- Led a tour of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ, for the SHU Honors Program, on May 11, 2022. Approximately 10 students attended.

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

- Presented and led Q&A on the topic of the virtue of chastity, as part of the undergraduate seminarians’ formation evening, at St. Andrew’s Hall College Seminary, SHU, on March 22, 2022. Approximately 15 seminarians attended.
- Presented a guest lecture on the topic of St. Thomas Aquinas’s thought on the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, for the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Men’s Group, Stirling, NJ, on April 2, 2022. Approximately 20 people attended.
- Presented “Thomas Aquinas, FSC? What Aquinas Could Say about Virtue in the Lasallian Tradition.” Guest lecture, on the Twin Cities Campus of St. Mary’s University of Minnesota, on May 2, 2022. Earlier in the day, Dr. Anderson led a faculty seminar on his most recent book, *Virtue and Grace in the Theology of Thomas Aquinas*. Dr. Anderson’s lecture was open to students, faculty, and staff of Saint Mary’s University. In his presentation, Dr. Anderson distilled what role a university and tradition (such as the Lasallian tradition) can play, not only in *learning about* virtue, but also in *inculcating* it in our

lives. Approximately 20 faculty attended the seminar, and approximately 25 people attended the lecture.

- ❖ **Reverend William M. McDonald, III, S.T.L.**, Associate Spiritual Director, Director of Pastoral Formation, and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology:
 - Presented “This Is What Love Looks Like.” Talk, at Lenten Soup Supper/Stations of the Cross, at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, NJ, on March 25, 2022. Approximately 75 people attended.
 - Led a Taizé prayer service and presented a talk titled “Lift High the Cross,” at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, NJ, on April 13, 2022. Approximately 120 people attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, presented a talk on “Major Seminary Intellectual Formation,” to seminarians at St. Andrew’s Hall College Seminary, SHU, on March 29, 2022.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean, served as keynote speaker at SHU’s Charter Day celebration, on March 31, 2022. **Reverend Renato J. Bautista, M.Div., M.A.T.**, Director of Formation and Director of Seminary Records, delivered the invocation. Charter Day celebrates the founding of Seton Hall in 1856 and the granting of Seton Hall’s charter by the New Jersey State legislature in 1861. It is a special annual opportunity to reflect on Seton Hall’s history and purpose, its Catholic identity and mission. The afternoon’s commemoration included the presentation of the 2022 Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid Medal for Distinguished Service. Also included were the presentation

of the 2022 President’s Award for Student Service and recognition of SHU’s Servant Leader Scholars. The theme of this year’s Charter Day celebration was *Harvesting Our Treasures From Within*. Approximately 200 people attended.

❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented a reading from St. Oscar Romero’s homily “The Violence of Love,” at the closing ceremony of SHU’s third annual Romero-King Week, held on the University Green and via Microsoft Teams, on April 4, 2022. The week (and a half), sponsored by the MLK Leadership Program, the University Core, and Catholic Studies, honors two of the greatest representatives of social justice and sacrificial faith – St. Oscar Romero (who was assassinated on March 24, 1980, and canonized by Pope Francis in 2018) and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (who was assassinated on April 4, 1968). The SHU community celebrated both men on both days. Faculty, administrators, and students presented readings from St. Romero and Dr. King. Approximately 40 people attended the closing ceremony in person and approximately 10 people attended virtually.

❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, presented three talks for the Lenten *Soup and Scripture* series, at Our Lady of Hope Parish, Blackwood, NJ:

- “Palm Sunday: Palms, Lulab Clusters, and the ‘Glory Be’ in Jesus’s Entry into Jerusalem,” on April 8, 2022. Approximately 200 people attended.
- “Holy Thursday: The Eucharist and ‘The Lord’s Prayer’ at the Last Supper and in the Garden of Gethsemane,” on April 9, 2022. Approximately 150 people attended.

- “Good Friday: The Role of Mary as Ark of the Covenant Made Flesh in the Passion,” on April 9, 2022. Approximately 150 people attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Raymond J. Kupke, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Church History, presented “Bishop Bayley’s Conversion and Legacy in the Church in New Jersey.” Lecture, in celebration of the 180th anniversary of Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley’s conversion to the Catholic faith. This lecture was sponsored by SHU’s Department of Catholic Studies, Priest Community, and Office of Mission and Ministry, and was conducted in person at SHU and online via Zoom, on April 27, 2022. Approximately 30 people attended in person and 15 people attended via Zoom. [Click here for more information.](#)

New Course Development

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology, developed a new course, PTHO 6400: *Spiritual Care of Catholics*, in response to student requests and sociological data indicating that many Catholics do not feel that their spiritual needs are being adequately met. The course, which first ran in Fall 2021, is grounded in Catholic teaching and spiritual traditions and explores various ways of supporting Catholics’ spiritual growth (e.g., spiritual direction, forms of prayer, small faith communities).

- ❖ **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Undergraduate Theology, developed a new course, THEO 3593: *American Hispanic Catholic Spirituality*, for the B.A. program in Catholic Theology, and applied for CORE 3 approval. The course ran in Spring 2022 as a THEO course, cross-listed with both CORE and RELS. Dr. Scully’s proposal for

this course was selected by the deans for development, following the Spring 2021 request by ICSST administration that faculty submit proposals for the development of new courses centralizing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion course content.

Conferences, Meetings, Panel Discussions, and Symposia

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, presented “Scriptural Citations in Theological Reflections on the Holocaust Jewish Writings and Poetry.” Paper, at the 83rd International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, conducted online via Zoom, on July 31, 2021. Approximately 30 people attended the presentation.

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, and **Minsun Lee, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Counseling Psychology, along with SHU faculty across a broad array of disciplines, presented a seminar series, *Bodily Shame and Human Dignity: Soundings from Theological and Social Scientific Perspectives*, as part of the Mission Mentors Interdisciplinary Program, at SHU, from mid-March through early April 2022. Each session of the six-session seminar series was led by two to three faculty members from different disciplines, including Biblical Studies, Theology, Communication, Counseling Psychology, Criminal Justice, Sociology, Speech Language Pathology, and English. Faculty presented their perspectives on shame based on key texts from their respective disciplines. All seminar sessions were conducted online via Microsoft Teams. ICSST faculty members were featured presenters at two of the sessions. Dr. Glazov presented “Conceptual and Gestural Definitions of Shame and Theological Significance,” on March 17, 2022, and **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, presented on his

recent co-authored book, *Pursuing the Honorable: Reawakening Honor in the Modern Military*, on March 28, 2022. Approximately 10-12 people attended each session. Additionally, Drs. Glazov and Lee, along with the other Mission Mentor Shame Seminar participants, presented a summary of their seminar proceedings at the Petersheim Academic Exposition at SHU, on April 28, 2022. Approximately 30 people attended.

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

- “Philosophical Inquiry According to the Roman School: Perrone, Kleutgen, and Contemporary Thomism on the Role of *Prima Principia*,” at The Roman School Conference, sponsored by the Center for Scriptural Exegesis, Philosophy, and Doctrine, and Mundelein Seminary, at the University of Saint Mary by the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL, on March 25, 2022. Approximately 15 people attended.
- “Diversity: A Catholic Understanding.” Brief presentation of Dr. Anderson’s URC grant outcome and published article in *Logos*, conducted as part of SHU’s Petersheim Academic Exposition 2022 Research Showcase, on April 28, 2022. Approximately 30 people virtually attended.
- “Diversity: A Catholic Understanding.” Brief presentation and discussion based on Dr. Anderson’s forthcoming journal article on diversity, for a virtual session of the International Federation of Catholic Universities, on April 29, 2022. Approximately eight people virtually attended.

❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, for the Interreligious Panel on Suffering and Healing,

co-sponsored by SHU's Core, Center for Faculty Development, and Center for Catholic Studies, presented the Christian perspective alongside three other presenters representing the Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim perspectives, these four being those textually represented in the Core Curriculum. The panel discussion was held in person at SHU and online via Microsoft Teams, on April 20, 2022. Approximately 12 people attended.

Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair 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.” Approximately 5-10 faculty members attend each session.

❖ **Reverend Paweł Tomczyk, Ph.D.**, Formation Faculty Member and Adjunct Professor of Moral Theology:

- Participated in SHU's *Advanced Seminar on Mission: Wisdom and the Catholic University*, sponsored by the Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership, in Fall 2021. The aim of

- this seminar was to help Seton Hall faculty and administrators come to a deeper appreciation of their own interiority, and in so doing, come to appreciate the special wisdom that should characterize the Catholic university.
- Participated in SHU Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Anti-Racism Training, on December 17, 2021.

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

- Presented “Christian Contemplative Pedagogy: Grounding, Practice, and Benefits” 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 February 18, 2022.
- Attended the Faculty Senate Workshop on Shared Governance, at SHU, on April 1, 2022.

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

- Peer reviewed a paper for the *Journal of Cybernetics and Systems* in March 2022.
- Peer reviewed a paper for *Religions Journal* in April 2022.

❖ **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Undergraduate Theology, presented a paper, “Agency and Universality in Fall and Redemption: A Thought Project Initiated through a Study of Cyril of Alexandria,” to a group of nine 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

April 20, 2022. SHU's Center for Faculty Development co-sponsored Dr. Scully's presentation.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology, served as a reader for a Ph.D. dissertation in Theology, defended at the University of Dayton, OH, on May 2, 2022. He participated in the dissertation defense online via Zoom.