

# *FAN, Volume I, Issue 1*

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### **I. Special Events and Programs**

- ❖ The Catholic Center for Family Spirituality presented the following:
  - Launch of the William J. Toth Summer Institute for Family Spirituality, with graduate courses offered in Jersey City, Ridgewood and South Orange.
    - *Reverend Monsignor Raymond Kupke, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor of Church History,* presented a lecture, “Catholic Immigrants in New Jersey & America,” on July 9, 2009;
    - *Reverend Vincent Fortunato, O.F.M., Cap., Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology,* presented a lecture, “Reviving Commitment in Marriage and Family,” on July 29, 2009.
  - *Theology of the Body for Teens* training sessions, co-sponsored with the Archdiocese of Newark and the Offices for Evangelization, Family Life Ministries and Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at the following venues:
    - St. Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, NJ, on September 19, 2009; and
    - St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, NJ, on September 20, 2009; and
  - “St. Monica: A Mother’s Tears,” retreat facilitated by *Reverend Douglas J. Milenski, S.T.D., Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Programs and Associate Professor of Theology,* at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, NJ, on October 24, 2009.
- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology collaborated with Rome’s Lay Centre at *Foyer Unitas* in offering summer programs on *Women Mystics* and *Ministry of the Laity*.
- ❖ *Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D., Associate Professor of Church History,* served as a

docent for the *Tours of Historic Churches of the Archdiocese of Newark* series, on October 17, 2009.

- ❖ Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino, S.S.L., S.T.D., Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, wrote the text that accompanies the exhibit “*Codex Vaticanus* (Vat. Gr. 1209),” on display at Seton Hall University’s Walsh Library from October 5-November 2, 2009.

## II. Publications

- ❖ Reverend W. Jerome Bracken, C.P., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Christian Ethics, had published an article, “From the CUSA National Chaplain” on the Year of St. Paul and his letter to the Romans on hope and suffering, in *The Cusan*, Summer 2009. <http://www.cusan.org/cusan-magazine/bracken.htm>.
- ❖ Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, D. Eccl. Hist., Associate Professor of Church History, has the following distinctions:
  - completed a section on the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception for the Seton Hall University website on July 13, 2009; and
  - had published an article, “The Archdiocese of Newark,” in *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2009*. Detroit: Gale, 2009. 728-33.
- ❖ Zeni V. Fox, Ph.D., Professor of Pastoral Theology, had published a review of *Keeping the Covenant: Taking the Parish to the Next Level*, by Thomas P. Sweetser, S.J., in *Pastoral Liturgy* (July/August 2009): 18.
- ❖ Reverend John F. Russell, O.Carm., S.T.D., Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology and Assistant Spiritual Director, has the following distinctions:
  - had published an article, “Thérèse of Lisieux and the Rule of Carmel: A Guide for All,” in *Mount Carmel* 57, no. 1 (July-September 2009): 51-60;

- was quoted by Joseph Pronechen in “The Little Way, Day by Day: St. Thérèse: Role Model for the Rest of Us.” *National Catholic Register*, September 27-October 3, 2009; and
  - had published a book, *Lent with Jesus Christ and St. Thérèse of Lisieux*. Wellesley, MA: Christus Publications, November 2009.
- ❖ *Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.T.D., Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*, had published his doctoral dissertation as a book: *Called from the Jews and from the Gentiles: Pauline Ecclesiology in Romans 9-11*. *Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament* 2.267. Tübingen, Germany: Mohr Siebeck, 2009.
  - ❖ *Reverend Thomas G. Guarino, S.T.D., Professor of Systematic Theology*, was one of the composers and signatories of “Do Whatever He Tells Us: The Blessed Virgin Mary in Christian Faith and Life,” a statement of Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT). The statement appears in *First Things* 197 (November 2009): 35-45.

### III. Memberships and Service

- ❖ *Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D., Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spiritual Director of the Seminary*, did the following:
  - Performed the ministry of Spiritual Direction for three Newark seminarian deacons and coordinated seminarian Spiritual Direction at Seton Hall’s International Institute for Clergy Formation, San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ, from June-July 2009; and
  - Performed the ministry of Spiritual Direction for six seminarians at the Institute for Priestly Formation, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, from June 10-July 30, 2009.

- ❖ *Reverend John F. Russell, O.Carm., S.T.D., Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology and Assistant Spiritual Director*, offered the following:
  - Supervision of the new transitional deacons at the International Institute for Priestly Formation at San Alfonso Retreat House, West End, NJ, from June 28-July 3, 2009; and
  - Retreats for lay Carmelite communities
    - in Sacramento, CA, from August 7-9, 2009; and
    - in San Francisco, CA, from August 14-16, 2009.
  
- ❖ *Reverend Lawrence B. Porter, Ph.D., Professor of Systematic Theology and Director of the Seminary Library*, presented the following:
  - “A Religious Experience in a Manhattan Living Room, or, God and Man at the Frick,” illustrated lecture, for the Rector, Spiritual Director and seminarians of St. Andrew’s Minor Seminary, Seton Hall University, in the parish hall at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, Manhattan, NY, on September 26, 2009. The lecture was followed by a tour of the Frick Collection, an art museum in Manhattan; and
  - “The History of Women in Ministry in the Early Church: Adding Up the Contributions of Wealthy Matrons and Dedicated Women Religious,” day of recollection, for the Religious Sisters Filippini, at Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ, on October 3, 2009.
  
- ❖ *Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino, S.S.L., S.T.D., Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*, presented “Introduction to the Bible” to the new lectors of the Archdiocese of Newark, at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, NJ, on October 24, 2009.

- ❖ *Reverend John S. Grimm, J.D., S.T.L., Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics*, presented “Practical Spirituality and St. Teresa of Avila,” conference, for the Convocation of Lay Carmelites, at Holy Family Parish, Newark, DE, on October 25, 2009.
- ❖ *Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D., Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*, presented “The Word of God Is Living and Active: Praying the Scriptures,” talk on Scripture and Spirituality, at the Diaconate Convocation, Diocese of Trenton, Plainsboro, NJ, on October 31, 2009.
- ❖ *Diane M. Carr, M.A., '07, Coordinator of the Parish Partnership Program, Institute for Christian Spirituality*, presented a talk on the parish mission statement, at a communion breakfast for members of various ministries, at Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona, NJ, on November 1, 2009.

#### IV. Speaking Engagements

- ❖ *Stephen B. Kass, M.S., M.A., '09, Coordinator of Marketing and Development, Institute for Christian Spirituality*, presented the following for *Theology on Tap*:
  - “Radical Reconciliation and Forgiveness,” in Pompton Lakes, NJ, on July 13, 2009; and
  - “Is Anyone Listening to God’s Call,” in Bloomfield, NJ, on July 26, 2009.
- ❖ *Dianne M. Traflet, J.D., '88, S.T.D., Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology*, presented the following:
  - “Edith Stein and the Catholic Priesthood,” lecture, for Seton Hall University Campus Ministry, on September 15, 2009; and
  - “Prayerfully Searching for the Truth with Edith Stein,” lecture, at Immaculate Conception Parish, Mahwah, NJ, on October 7, 2009.

- ❖ *Reverend John S. Grimm, J.D., S.T.L., Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics*, preached at all Masses for Respect Life Sunday, at St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, NJ, on October 3 and 4, 2009.
- ❖ *Reverend John F. Russell, O.Carm., S.T.D., Professor of Systematic Theology and Assistant Spiritual Director for the Seminary*, presented “Prayer and Edith Stein,” lecture, at Immaculate Conception Parish, Mahwah, NJ, on October 6, 2009.
- ❖ *Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies*, presented the following for the *Coffee and Conversations* lecture series at Our Lady of Sorrows and Saint Anthony Parish, Hamilton, NJ:
  - “The Call of Mary,” on October 7, 2009; and
  - “The Call of the Prophets,” on October 14, 2009.
- ❖ *Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D., Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*, presented “The Scriptures, St. Paul and Jewish Methods of Exegesis,” Marzheuser Lecture on Jewish-Catholic Relations, at The Athenaeum of Ohio (Mt. St. Mary’s of the West Seminary), Cincinnati, OH, on October 21, 2009.
- ❖ *Reverend John S. Grimm, J.D., S.T.L., Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics*, presented “The Morality of Stem Cell Research,” talk, at Immaculate Conception Parish, Elkton, MD, on October 28, 2009.

## V. Conferences and Meetings

- ❖ *Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.T.D., Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*, delivered two homilies and a meditation on the Gospel of John at the Applied Biblical Studies Conference, Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH, from July 29-31, 2009.

- ❖ *Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D., Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spiritual Director of the Seminary*, attended “Newman as Apologist: A Controversialist in Context,” the National Newman Conference, sponsored by the Venerable John Henry Newman Association and held at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, from August 13-15, 2009.
- ❖ *Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D., Associate Professor of Church History*, attended *Colloque International, “Des Couvents en Héritage”* (International Conference, “Religious Houses: A Legacy”), Montréal and Québec, Canada, from October 7-11, 2009, and addressed the conference on “Historic and Ecclesiastical Preservation of the Patrimony of the Archdiocese of Newark.”

## VI. Courses

- ❖ *Stephen B. Kass, M.S., M.A., '09, Coordinator of Marketing and Development, Institute for Christian Spirituality*, as an Adjunct Professor of Theology for Catholic Distance University, taught a summer class, *The History of Catholic Spirituality*.
- ❖ *Reverend John S. Grimm, J.D., S.T.L., Assistant Professor, Christian Ethics*, taught *Priestly Ministers of the Gospel of Life: Pastoral Application of Catholic Bioethics Principles* at the International Institute for Clergy Formation, Long Branch, NJ, from July 6-10, 2009.
- ❖ *Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D., Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spiritual Director of the Seminary*, taught *The Mystery of the Liturgy: Receiving in Celebration and in Life*, a 3-credit course, for the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University, Omaha, NE, from July 6-30, 2009.

- ❖ *Reverend John F. Russell, O.Carm., S.T.D., Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology and Assistant Spiritual Director*, taught classes on the spirituality of St. Thérèse of Lisieux at the Carmelite Novitiate, Middletown, NY, from July 30-31, 2009.

## VII. Awards and Honors

- ❖ *Reverend Mark Francis O'Malley, Hist.Eccl.D., Assistant Professor of Church History*, earned a doctorate in Ecclesiastical History from the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, in July 2009. He wrote his dissertation, "An History of the Development of Catholic Military Chaplaincy in the United States of America: 1775-1991," under the direction of Reverend Marcel Chappin, S.J., Vice-Prefect of the Vatican Secret Archives.

## VIII. Upcoming Events

- ❖ *Diane M. Carr, M.A., '07, Coordinator of the Parish Partnership Program, Institute for Christian Spirituality*, will present "The Creed: What We Believe," talk, at the Archdiocese of Newark Catechist Convocation: "Catechesis and Proclamation of the Word," at Paramus Catholic High School, Paramus, NJ, on November 7, 2009.
- ❖ *Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D., Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*, will present "The Priest as Spiritual Father," talk, at the Fifth Annual "Letter & Spirit" Conference, on the theme of Priesthood and Blessing, at St. Paul's Seminary, Diocese of Pittsburgh, PA, on November 7, 2009.
- ❖ *Andrew E. Saunders, M.A., '08, Coordinator of Programs, Institute for Christian Spirituality, and Director of the Catholic Center for Family Spirituality*, will present "God's Grace in Action: Reflections on Faith and Family," talk, as part of the *We Are Catholic* parish speakers series, at St. Bernard Parish, Rockville, CT, on November 8, 2009.



- ❖ The Catholic Center for Family Spirituality will sponsor the following:
  - “The Martin Family: St. Thérèse of Lisieux and her Parents and Sisters,” retreat facilitated by *Reverend John F. Russell, O.Carm., S.T.D., Professor of Systematic Theology and Assistant Spiritual Director for the Seminary*, at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, NJ, on November 14, 2009;
  - “Journeying with the Holy Family in Advent,” retreat co-sponsored by the Center for Prayerfully Speaking and facilitated by *Diane M. Carr, M.A., '07, Coordinator of the Parish Partnership Program, Institute for Christian Spirituality*, at St. Mary Parish, Nutley, NJ, on December 5, 2009;
  - Celebration of the publication of the Catholic Center’s Journal of Family Spirituality, *Family Reflections*, at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, on December 5, 2009; and
  - “St. Joseph and the Spirituality of Fatherhood,” Advent retreat for men, featuring *Dianne M. Traflet, J.D., '88, S.T.D., Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology*, and *Stephen B. Kass, M.S., M.A., '09, Coordinator of Marketing and Development, Institute for Christian Spirituality*, at St. Mary Parish, Pompton Lakes, NJ, on December 12, 2009.
  
- ❖ *Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Chapel, S.T.D., Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Moral Theology*, has been invited to present a paper, “*La parola nel sacramento della confessione*” (“The Word in the Sacrament of Confession”), at the conference “*Ferdinand Ebner: Denker des Logos und des Dia-Logos – Pneumatologie als Grammatik der Subjektivität*,” to be sponsored by *Internationale Ferdinand Ebner Gesellschaft*, at *Studio Teologico Accademico di Bressanone-Brixen*, Bressanone-Brixen, Italy, and to be held from November 19-20, 2009.

- ❖ *Dianne M. Traflet, J.D., '88, S.T.D., Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology*, will present “The Significance of the Immaculate Conception for St. Jacques Bunel, Martyr of World War II,” lecture, at St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, NJ, on December 7, 2009.