I. Special Events and Programs

❖ The Catholic Center for Family Spirituality presented the following:

  o 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 Kapke, 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.

  o **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

  o “St. Monica: A Mother’s Tears,” retreat facilitated by **Reverend Douglas J. Milewski, 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.Ecl.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 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

- **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:
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


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

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

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.


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.Phiil, 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.


V. Conferences and Meetings


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 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


VIII. Upcoming Events


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

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.