First issued in November 2009, Faculty & Administration News (FAN) is a quarterly publication of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology (ICSST). This newsletter highlights the most recent professional accomplishments and service activities of ICSST’s faculty and administrators. Click the hyperlinks to explore the work of our faculty and administrators.

**Awards, Honors and Appointments**

- **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.,** Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, was appointed by the Commission on Faith and Order, World Council of Churches, to the Editorial Advisory Board of the Faith and Order Papers Digital Edition, on October 11, 2017.

- **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, was invested as a Knight Commander of the Holy Sepulchre, at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, New York City, on October 21, 2017.
Zeni V. Fox, Ph.D., Professor Emerita of Pastoral Theology, was the 2018 recipient of the “Called and Gifted” Award, presented by the Association of Graduate Programs in Ministry, at their annual meeting in Winter Park, FL.

Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, was awarded a Hildebrand Schülerkreis Grant, in the amount of $1,000, bestowed by The Dietrich von Hildebrand Project, on June 11, 2018. This grant consists in the waiver of a customary fee for participating in the 2018 Hildebrand Schülerkreis (“Student Circle”). This symposium develops and advances the philosophy of Dietrich von Hildebrand and Karol Wojtyła (St. Pope John Paul II) in conversation with both the philosophia perennis and with contemporary currents of thought. The symposium is designed to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among scholars and graduate students working on Hildebrand, Wojtyla and other seminal figures in the traditions of Christian personalism and phenomenological realism. The Schülerkreis seeks in a special way to foster the dialogue between these particular traditions and the broader Christian intellectual tradition, especially with Thomistic philosophy. Dr. Rice delivered the opening paper, titled “Conscience, Consciousness, and the Person: Karol Wojtyla’s ‘Trans-Phenomenological’ Approach to Subjectivity, Intersubjectivity, and Participation,” to this closed international symposium, at Franciscan University, Gaming, Austria, on July 4, 2018. Approximately 40 people attended the symposium.
 **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.,** Professor of Systematic Theology:

  o Was appointed theological advisor to *Opus Bono Sacerdotii*, a national organization dedicated to working for the good of the priesthood. He succeeds Reverend Richard Neuhaus and Cardinal Avery Dulles in this position. This appointment is effective July 2018.

  o Was appointed a Senior Research Fellow of the Dulles Research Institute. The Dulles Institute, an interdisciplinary initiative related to *Opus Bono Sacerdotii*, was established to study and advance an effective and healthy priesthood. This appointment is effective July 2018.

### Speaking Engagements

 **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.,** Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, was interviewed on Seton Hall’s radio station (WSOU 89.5 FM), on the following topics:

  o “Lutheran and Catholic Relations 500 Years After the Reformation: Where Are We Now?” December 15, 2017.


 **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.,** Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology; **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.,** Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology; **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.,** Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology; and **Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D.,** Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, were interviewed by Matthew Pearson on the topics of “Truth” and “Happiness,” for Seton Hall University Campus Ministry podcast videos (to be distributed to the campus community and the general public), at Seton Hall...
University, South Orange, NJ, in the Spring 2018 semester. The video on “Truth” can be viewed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYX3UY7hUnY. The video on “Happiness” can be viewed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_GifcH80iSU. Within the first day alone, more than 2,000 shares were reported on social media. A third video, on “Evil,” is being edited for proximate publication.

- **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, served as a guest speaker on the hour-long “Inner Life” talk show on the nationwide station Relevant Radio (Newark area: 1430 AM), discussing with the show’s host the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel reading, and fielding callers’ questions, on the following dates:
  - June 1, 2018.

- **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, read the radio advertisement to be broadcast on the nationwide station Relevant Radio (Newark area: 1430 AM) during the period leading up to the conference *Humanae Vitae: 50 Years of Prophetic Witness*, which ICSST will be hosting at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on October 27, 2018. Seton Hall’s radio station (WSOU 89.5 FM) recorded Dr. Morrow’s reading of this advertisement on July 12, 2018.

**Special Event**

- **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies, presented “Pierced by Love: Biblical Calls and Transformation.” Webinar, sponsored by and held at Immaculate
Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on May 16, 2018. Seven people registered for this webinar, which was organized and facilitated by Diane M. Carr, M.A. ’07, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services.

Mission and Service

❖ Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology, continues his service as coordinator of prison ministry religious services for the Archdiocese of Newark, at Essex County Correctional Facility, Newark, NJ, on an ongoing basis. This includes interaction with jail administration for arrangement of Catholic services and accessibility of the sacraments for detainees. Additionally, Dr. Fortin serves as prison minister at Essex County Correctional Facility, Newark, NJ, every Friday. In this role, Dr. Fortin offers Bible studies and outreach to county, federal and Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees.

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

- Provided spiritual direction to seminarians from throughout the US, at the Institute for Priestly Formation’s Summer Program for Diocesan Seminarians, at Creighton University, Omaha, NE, meeting weekly with each seminarian, during the following time periods:
  - June 12-July 29, 2017 (for 16 seminarians).
- As Censor Librorum for the Archdiocese of Newark, reviewed the 2019 Paulist Press Ordo, which is distributed to most US dioceses for use in church sacristies.
Presented “What Happens at Mass?” Talk, for the men's group at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, NJ, on September 16, 2017. Approximately 30 people attended.


Delivered a vocation reflection for the Delbarton School Senior Class Day of Recollection, at St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ, on February 27, 2018. Approximately 130 students attended.

Facilitated a retreat day for permanent diaconate candidates for the Diocese of Metuchen, at St. Joseph’s Shrine, Stirling, NJ, on April 28, 2018.

Delivered a presentation on “Seminary Formation” to the Sisters of Christian Charity novices, at Mallinckrodt Convent, Mendham, NJ, on May 24, 2018. Four novices plus the novice director attended.

Served as a priest-mentor for the course IPF 502: *Growing into Authentic Manhood with Christ the Priest*, offered at the Institute for Priestly Formation, Creighton University, NE. In this role, Monsignor McCarren assisted the psychologist-professor in relating the course material to the life of the priest. Monsignor McCarren rendered this service from mid-June 2018 through early July 2018.

Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, as a *Censor Librorum* for the Archdiocese of Newark, reviewed *Landings 2*, which is the second part of a program developed by the Paulist Fathers and published by Paulist Press for Catholics who are returning to the Church, for the *Nihil Obstat*, in July 2017.
Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. ’88, S.T.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, and Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality:

- Presented the following:
  - “Advent Meditations on the Seven Joys of Mary.” Talk, at Sacred Heart Parish, Clifton, NJ, on December 14, 2017. Approximately 25 people attended.
  - “Growing in Prayer this Lenten Season.” Lenten panel presentation and discussion for Seton Hall University Campus Ministry, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on February 15, 2018. Approximately 100 people attended.
  - “The Hill Country and Cana: Mary’s Retreats and their Spiritual Significance Today.” Presentation to transitional deacons during their ordination retreat, at St. Mary’s Abbey, Morristown, NJ, on May 21, 2018.


- Reviewed “Staritsa,” by Reverend Donald Guglielmi, and wrote recommendation quotation for the book cover.

Was featured in an article by Beth Donze, “Historian Says Faith Lived in Dachau Section Set Aside for Clergy,” originally published by Catholic News Service on August 3, 2018, and since recirculated on other noteworthy Catholic websites, including Our Sunday Visitor and CRUX. This article was written in response to “Called Out of Darkness”: Building the Body of Christ from the Barracks of Dachau, a conference that Dr. Traflet presented at a dinner at the World War II Museum, as part of the 2018 National Diaconate Congress, in New Orleans, LA, on July 25, 2018. Dr. Traflet’s two conference presentations are discussed in more detail in the “Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia” section of this activity report.

Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A., Associate Spiritual Director for the Seminary:

- Served as facilitator for a formation group (the senior class) of seminarians at the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Andrew’s Hall, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on a 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”).

- Presented the following:
  - “The Nature of Fasting.” Lenten lecture, sponsored by Seton Hall University Campus Ministry, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on February 15, 2018. Approximately 30 people attended.
  - “Guilt and Repentance.” Talk, for St. Paul’s Outreach, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on February 26, 2018. Approximately 40 people attended.
• Reflection on the Eucharist, for St. Paul’s Outreach, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on March 23, 2018. Approximately 20 people attended.

• Reflection on “Priest Fraternity,” for Immaculate Conception Seminary’s Fratres in Unum group of newly-ordained priests, at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, NJ, on April 23, 2018.

• Day of Recollection for the Franciscan Sisters, in Parsippany, NJ, on May 19, 2018. Topics included “Our Lady, Christ’s Gift to Us” and “The Sacred Heart of Jesus.” Approximately 40 sisters attended.

• Talk on the topic of Our Lady of Fatima, at Fatima Day, held at the National Shrine of Our Lady Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA, on June 13, 2018. Approximately 200 people attended.

• Keynote address for the eighth grade commencement ceremony at Ironbound Catholic Academy, Newark, NJ, on June 15, 2018. Approximately 250 people attended.


  o Led the Eucharistic procession, offered a reflection, and celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, at the Archdiocese of Newark Catholic Men’s Conference, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on March 10, 2018. Approximately 2,000 men attended.

  o Delivered a talk on “Jesus the Divine Physician” for the Filippini Sisters, celebrated Mass for them, and presided over a healing service for their community, in Morristown, NJ, on July 2, 2018. Approximately 125 religious sisters attended.
Preached at a special Eucharistic Holy Hour with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Middletown, NJ, on August 7, 2018. Father Koch spoke on the topic of “Trust in Jesus.” Approximately 200 people attended.

**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 an invited speaker for the Fall 2017 section of the Seton Hall University course ARTH 3101: *Art and St. Peter’s*, on September 7, 2017.
- Served as an invited speaker for the Spring 2018 section of the Seton Hall University course ARTH 3101: *Art and St. Peter’s*, on February 1, 2018.

**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 **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. ’88, S.T.D.,** Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, and Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality, are reviewing and editing *Dignity in Suffering—Closeness in Dying—Love in Mourning*. Edits will be completed during summer 2018.

**Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.),** Professor of Biblical Studies, delivered the following presentations, each attended by 15 people, for the RCIA program, at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, NJ:


**Reverend Roberto Ortiz, S.T.L., S.T.D. (Cand.),** Director of Liturgy and Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, presented the following:

- “Desires and Discipleship.” Presentation for the fifth anniversary of the *Discovering Christ* program, at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Wyckoff, NJ, on October 24, 2017. Approximately 45 people attended.

- “Gluttony.” Homily series, presented at each Mass, as part of the *Seven Deadly Sins Lenten Reflection Series*, at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, NJ, on February 24 and 25, 2018.

**Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.,** Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented the following at St. Patrick’s Pro-Cathedral Parish, Newark, NJ:

- RCIA class on the Creed, at St. Patrick’s Pro-Cathedral Parish, Newark, NJ, on November 2, 2017. Four people attended.


- Evening of Recollection (gave main conference), on December 1, 2017. Approximately 70 people attended.

- RCIA class on the Trinity, on April 26, 2018. Two people attended.

**Reverend James P. Platania, S.S.L.,** Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies:

- Led an eight-week Bible study for 15 seminarians of Immaculate Conception Seminary, at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. The group met once per week, beginning on the first day of Lent—February 14, 2018.
Presented the following:


**Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.,** Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, presented the following invited retreats:


- **El Sermón de Montaña:** Segundo retiro cuaresmal anual de San Pedro: “En sencillez de corazón”: Aprendiendo a amar como Jesús y María.” Three-day Lenten retreat in Spanish, at St. Peter Parish, Columbia, SC, from March 9-11, 2018. The retreat included a practical explanation of the evangelical counsels for lay people, but was a substantially different retreat from the English-language retreat, focused on the pastoral needs and requirements of a different community. Approximately 160 people attended.
Reverend Douglas J. Milewski, S.T.D., Associate Professor of Theology, presented the following:


- Four lectures on Dante, for the Dominican Sisters of the Monastery of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Summit, NJ. Sixteen people attended each lecture. The lectures were held on the following dates:
  - May 2, 2018.
  - May 9, 2018.


Victor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, delivered three separate presentations on “The Augustinian Three Goods of Marriage,” for the Pre-Cana program at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, New Brunswick, NJ, in March 2018. A total of approximately 50 people attended.

Reverend Lawrence B. Porter, K.H.S., Ph.D., Professor of Systematic Theology and Director, Turro Seminary Library, preached on “Devotion to St. Joseph,” at St. Agnes Parish, Clark, NJ, on March 18, 2018. Approximately 80 people attended.
❖ Sister Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., S.S.L., S.T.D., Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies:
  o Presented a Zoom web conference for the Sister Religious of the Good Shepherd, on March 24, 2018. The conference focused on the Pilgrimage Psalms in the Hebrew Bible and was offered as part of the remote preparation for a Holy Land pilgrimage that Sister Pascuzzi will be leading beginning on December 31, 2018. Approximately 30 religious sisters participated in the web conference.
  o Was elected for a three-year term beginning in summer 2018 to the Board of Trustees of Bishop Kearney High School, an all-girls Roman Catholic high school in Brooklyn, NY.

❖ Reverend Renato J. Bautista, M.Div., Director of Formation and Director of Seminary Records, served as team member and facilitator for the yearly gathering of recently ordained, for a retreat titled “Gaudemus in Christo,” held at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ, from April 3-5, 2018. Approximately 40 priests attended.

❖ Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, was invited in April 2018 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Bishops’ Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs to participate in the forthcoming next phase of the Reformed-Catholic National Dialogue, projected to begin in October 2018.

Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Moral Theology, presented “Pentecost.” Presentation for the Catholic Charismatic Community (Jerusalem Community) at their Pentecost celebration, in Leuven, Belgium, on May 18, 2018. Approximately 40 people attended.

Off-Campus Courses

Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, taught a weekly, uncompensated, non-accredited, two-hour, Spanish-language course in Church History: Historia de la Iglesia, as part of the Diocese of Trenton Escuela Bíblica y de Evangelización Discípulos de Emaús (EBEDE), at Donovan Catholic High School, Toms River, NJ, from September 5-November 28, 2017, to 18 continuing education students.

Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, team-taught a seminar on “Language of Thought Hypothesis,” at Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ, during May and June 2018.

Publications

Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, continues to write (especially on the readings for Mass) for his website: “The Catholic Spiritual Life,” at http://professorjohnston.com/. The website now averages about 2,700 visits per month—a 600 visit per month increase over last year.
 **Reverend W. Jerome Bracken, C.P., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, as National Chaplain of CUSA, an Apostolate of Persons with Chronic Illness or Disability, published the following chaplain’s letters:


 **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.M., S.T.L.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, published the following:

- Four journal articles:
  - “An Experiment in Interdisciplinary STEM Education: Insights from the Catholic Intellectual Tradition,” co-authored with Reverend Gerald J. Buonopane and


- **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, published a magazine article: “Billy Graham Preached Jesus Christ to the World.” *Our Sunday Visitor* (March 11-17, 2018): 6. [This article](#) also appeared on the website of *Our Sunday Visitor* on February 27, 2018.

❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published the following:

❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, published the following:
  o Two journal articles:
○ Catechetical booklets for *Landings2: Living in the Spirit*, a program for people who have returned to the Catholic faith. These booklets were published in 2018 and are available for purchase on the *Landings2 website*.

❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, published a book review of *Aquinas on Virtue: A Casual Reading* by Nicholas Austin, S.J. *International Philosophical Quarterly* 83, no. 3 (June 14, 2018): 345-47.

❖ **Sister Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, published the following:

  ○ A journal article: “*Paul, the Body and Resurrection.*” *Chicago Studies* 57, no. 1 (Summer 2018): 37-44.

  ○ The introduction to the commentary on 1 Corinthians, in *The Paulist Biblical Commentary*, edited by José Enrique Aguilar Chiu; Richard J. Clifford, S.J.; Carol J. Dempsey, O.P.; Eileen M. Schuller, O.S.U.; Thomas D. Stegman, S.J.; and Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press (August 2018). Sister Pascuzzi’s introduction to the commentary on 1 Corinthians appears on pages 1027-33 of *The Paulist Biblical Commentary*, which is a one-volume commentary on the books of the Bible designed for a wide range of Bible readers, especially those engaged in pastoral ministry. The volume consists of a commentary on each of the 73 books of the Catholic canon of the Bible, along with 12 general articles. While based on classical approaches to Scripture, the commentaries and articles are not limited to historical-literary issues, but draw upon relevant theological and pastoral ideas found in the text.
Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia

❖ Reverend William M. McDonald III, S.T.L., Associate Spiritual Director and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, participated in a two-week seminar on seminary formation, focusing on the new Vatican document Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis. This seminar was sponsored by the Congregation of the Clergy, Vatican, and held at Colegio Español, Rome, Italy, from June 26-July 8, 2017.

❖ As previously reported, Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, was named a visiting scholar at Princeton Theological Seminary for the duration of his Fall 2017 sabbatical. Dr. Rice delivered several presentations related to his sabbatical project, which centers on ecology and the family in the thought of John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis:
  o As a selected participant, Dr. Rice discussed his sabbatical project at the International Hildebrand Schülerkreis meeting at Steubenville University, Steubenville, OH, in July 2017.
  o Presented a project-related paper titled “The Common Good of a Common Home: Ecology and the Family in Recent Papal Teaching,” to The 18th Annual Fall Conference Through Every Human Heart, at Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, on November 10, 2017. Approximately 50 people attended.
  o Presented a draft of the first chapter of his book to a closed colloquium of approximately 20 professors, the Princeton Religious Ethics Study Group, in Princeton, NJ, on January 23, 2018. The topic of this invited presentation was “Human Ecology and the Family in the Thought of Karol Wojtyła / Pope John Paul II.”


Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, participated in the following panel discussions:

- “Church, Ministry and Eucharist,” at the ecumenical symposium Committed to Unity, held at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, NYC, on January 20, 2018.

Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology:

- Presented “The Role of Scripture in Thomas Aquinas’s Summa Theologiae” Paper, at the International Medieval Conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, on May 12, 2018.

❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, participated in the following:

  
  o The 76th International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, held at Regis University, Denver, CO, from July 28-31, 2018.


❖ **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented “The Barrier between Humans and Death: Christ’s Representative Humanity in Athanasius.” Paper, at the Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, in Chicago, IL, on May 26, 2018.

❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, presented “Participatory Ethics, Participatory Lives: A Recasting of Thomistic Ethics.” Paper, at

❖ Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D., Professor of Systematic Theology:
  o Co-chaired a session of the bilateral ecumenical initiative Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT), in New York City, on June 4, 2018. ECT is drafting a statement tentatively titled “The Gift of Children.” The final statement is expected to be published in 2019.
  o Was an invited participant at a colloquium titled “Religion and Liberalism,” sponsored by the Institute on Religion and Public Life, in New York City, on June 18, 2018.

❖ Reverend Renato J. Bautista, M.Div., Director of Formation and Director of Seminary Records, participated in the following modules for the Certificate in Seminary Formation for Missionary Discipleship, at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, FL:
  o Module 5: “The Church as Field Hospital: Receiving and Administering” (Retreat 2), from June 17-23, 2018.

❖ Reverend James P. Platania, S.S.L., Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, presented “The Biblical Creation Narratives in Light of Their Ancient Near Eastern Parallels.” Scholarly talk, for Creation Ex Nihilo: Conversations in Science, Faith, and Philosophy About the
Origins of Our Universe, the Summer Seminar of the Magi Project: Religious Belief in the Era of Modern Astrophysics, sponsored by the Program for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society; Collegium Institute for Catholic Thought & Culture; and the John Templeton Foundation. The seminar was held at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, on June 26, 2018. Approximately 30 people attended.

❖ Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. ’08, Director, Center for Diaconal Formation, with Deacon Peter Cistaro of the Diocese of Paterson, presented A Collaborative Diaconate Formation Program: Diocese and Seminary. Workshop for directors of formation, at the 2018 National Diaconate Congress, in New Orleans, LA, on July 25, 2018. This workshop highlighted the collaborative effort between the Diocese of Paterson and Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology on the formation of permanent deacons in the context of the National Directory for the Formation, Life and Ministry of Permanent Deacons in the United States. Approximately 25 people attended.

❖ Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. ’88, S.T.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, and Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality, presented the following conferences at the 2018 National Diaconate Congress, in New Orleans, LA:
   o “Called Out of Darkness”: Building the Body of Christ from the Barracks of Dachau. Through the lens of “Called Out of Darkness,” (1 Peter 2:9), this conference, which took place at a dinner at the World War II Museum on July 25, 2018, looked to two major figures of Dachau, Blessed Titus Brandsma (Carmelite priest) and Blessed Karl Leisner (transitional deacon in Dachau, where he was ordained a priest). It considered their inspiring Marian
spirituality and embrace of the Cross of Christ, as they walked in faith, hope and love in the darkness of a concentration camp. The presentation also discussed prophetic conversations by imprisoned priests (some of whom would become bishops who would attend the Second Vatican Council) about the need to restore the permanent diaconate after the War. Approximately 600 people attended this conference.

- **Guardians of Gifts “Entrusted to Their Care”: St. Edith Stein’s Reflections on the Call of Catholic Women to Spiritual Accompaniment**, for wives ofdeacons and wives of deacon candidates, on July 26, 2018. This presentation included a brief survey of Edith Stein’s spiritual journey and conversion to Catholicism, and then delved into her talks on women, delivered before she entered Carmel. Seen against the backdrop of both World Wars, these talks are glimpses into Stein’s own life as a lay woman in the heart of the Church and an inspiring role model who encouraged women to live out their faith decisively and courageously while accompanying others on their paths to an ever-deepening relationship with Christ. Approximately 500 people attended this conference.

- **Sister Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, served as respondent to two papers for the Pauline Task Force: God in the Letters of Paul, at the 76th International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, held at Regis University, Denver, CO, from July 28-31, 2018. The papers to which Sister Pascuzzi served as respondent were titled “God in Galatians” and “God and the New Creation in the Letters of Paul.”
Other Scholarly and Professional Activity