Speaking Engagements

- Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented “How to Turn a Hectic Life into a Holy Life.” Lecture, for The Avila Lecture Series, at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, NJ, on September 18, 2013.

- Reverend Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D., Professor of Systematic Theology:
  - Was interviewed by the journal Revista do Instituto Humanitas Unisinos, sponsored by the Jesuit University of Porto Alegre, Brazil. The interview, which concerned the work of the Italian philosopher Gianni Vattimo and its relevance to contemporary thought, appeared online on September 29, 2013. Online at: http://www.ihuonline.unisinos.br/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5194&secno=428
  - Presented a lecture, followed by a book-signing, in celebration of the publication of his new book, Vincent of Lérins and the Development of Christian Doctrine, in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Lewis Hall, at Seton Hall University, on October 2, 2013.

- Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. ’88, S.T.D., Associate Dean; Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology; and Founder and Co-Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality, presented “Mary, Woman of Faith, Model of Prayer.” Lecture, at Sacred Heart Parish, Dover, NJ, on October 26, 2013.
I. Special Events

○ The Catholic Center for Family Spirituality at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology is sponsoring the retreat series 70 X 7: Faith, Family, & Forgiveness, at Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Parish, Cedar Knolls, NJ. Presentations thus far in this series have included:

  ○ Meditating on God’s Great Mercy with Dorothy Day, St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Faustina. By Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. ’88, S.T.D., Associate Dean; Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology; and Founder and Co-Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality, on September 21, 2013.


  ○ Reflections on Rembrandt’s Return of the Prodigal Son. By Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. ’88, S.T.D., Associate Dean; Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology; and Founder and Co-Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality, on November 2, 2013.

○ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology and Church of the Immaculate Conception, Montclair, NJ, co-sponsored three lectures presented by Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Undergraduate Theology, and held at Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair, NJ:


Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology sponsored the following:

- Reverend W. Jerome Bracken, C.P., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Moral Theology, and Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Moral Theology, having been awarded a grant by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, conducted a day-long colloquium titled “Toward a Wisdom of the Heart: A Pilot Program to Effect Cognitive and Affective Appropriation of Ethical and Moral Teaching in a Theological Seminary,” in Seton Hall University’s Chancellor’s Suite, South Orange, NJ, on September 28, 2013. At the colloquium, ten professors, from institutions ranging in location from Boston to Washington, DC, shared and discussed ways of teaching that would have this two-fold effect. The professors represented The Catholic University of America, The Dominican House of Studies, Holy Apostles Seminary, Immaculate Conception Seminary, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, St Mary’s Seminary and University and Mt. St. Mary’s Seminary. Reverend Vincent Twomey, S.V.D., Visiting Scholar, gave concluding comments and observations. The fruits of this colloquium will be presented to the faculty at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology and through the publication of an article.

- “The International Challenge of World Youth Day: Evangelization and You!” Lecture and conversation led by Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Chapel, S.T.D., Assistant Spiritual Director for the Seminary; Associate Professor of Moral Theology; Co-Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality; and Director, Center for Diaconal Formation, as
part of the International Month Celebration at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on October 21, 2013.
  o “Joseph Ratzinger/Pope Benedict XVI on Politics.” Lecture, presented by Reverend Vincent Twomey, S.V.D., Visiting Scholar, as part of the Archbishop Gerety Lecture Series, in the Seminary’s Chapel of the Good Shepherd, South Orange, NJ, on October 23, 2013.

II. Mission and Service
  ❖ Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. ’88, S.T.D., Associate Dean; Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology; and Founder and Co-Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality, presented “Nourishing a Love of Prayer in Ministry.” Half-day workshop, as part of the Diocese of Trenton’s CORE Theology curriculum for the diocesan certificate programs, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, on October 4, 2013.
  ❖ Reverend W. Jerome Bracken, C.P., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Moral Theology, preached on the Scriptures and addressed, at St. John the Baptist Church, Hillsdale, NJ, on Respect Life Sunday, October 6, 2013, the Death with Dignity Act going through the New Jersey Legislature.
  ❖ Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented “Sacraments and the Life of Grace.” Lecture, for parents of students in the CCD program at Assumption Parish, Roselle Park, NJ, on October 6, 2013.

III. Publications
Reverend Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D., Professor of Systematic Theology, published an article on the website of the journal First Things: “Pope Francis Looks to St. Vincent of Lérins.” (September 24, 2013). Online at:


IV. Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Undergraduate Theology, began service as a manuscript reviewer for the online journal Modern Theology, in 2013.