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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

Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology, and Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of Undergraduate Theology, were honored by Seton Hall University for exceptional teaching, scholarship, and service in AY 2021-22, each earning a faculty merit award bestowed at SHU's Faculty Convocation on September 9, 2022.

### **Publications**

Soseph P. Rice, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, as previously reported, published a monograph in 2021. This monograph is now available online: <u>The Non-Exchangeable Man: Economic Renewal Following the Mind of Pope John Paul II</u>. Warsaw, Poland: Polish Economic Institute, 2021. Polish translation: <u>Człowiek niewymienialny: odnowa gospodarcza w duchu nauczania papieża Jana Pawła II</u>.

- Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D., Adjunct Professor of Sacred Scripture, published two books:
  - <u>Eucharistic Adoration: Scriptural Reflections and Prayers.</u> Totowa, NJ: Catholic Book
     Publishing Corporation, 2022.
  - <u>Pocket Catechism on the Eucharist with Prayers.</u> Totowa, NJ: Catholic Book Publishing Corporation, 2022.
- David C. Hajduk, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor of Moral Theology, published a book: <u>Healing</u> <u>the Culture and the Family According to John Paul II</u>. Waterloo, Ontario, Canada: Arouca Press, 2022.
- Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L, S.T.D., ICSST's Coordinator for Undergraduate Admissions and Retention, and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, published a book translation: <u>Meditaciones de un Minuto para Cada Día</u>. Totowa, NJ: Catholic Book Publishing Corporation, 2022. Translation from English into Spanish of a book by Bede Naegele, O.C.D., *Minute Meditations for Each Day*. Totowa, NJ: Catholic Book Publishing Company, 1982.
- Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published a book chapter: "The Reluctant Conversion of a Skeptic." In <u>By Strange Ways: Theologians and Their</u> <u>Paths to the Catholic Church</u>, co-edited by Jonathan Fuqua and Daniel Strudwick, 161-92. San Francisco, CA: Ignatius Press, 2022.

- Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, published a journal article: "Diversity: A Catholic Understanding." Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture 25, no. 3 (Summer 2022): 27-60.
- Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D., Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology, on the sixtieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, published an article on the website of the journal *First Things*: <u>"Aquinas at the Council."</u> (October 11, 2022).

#### **Media Contributions**

Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D., Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology, as previously reported, was interviewed about his new book, <u>The</u> <u>Unchanging Truth of God?: Crucial Philosophical Issues for Theology</u>, for a First Things podcast, on June 16, 2022. The link to the podcast is now available:

https://www.firstthings.com/media/philosophy-and-theology-together

\* National Catholic Register published an article in tribute to the late

Reverend Frederick L. Miller, S.T.D., Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology: "Remembering Father Frederick Miller, Educator, Spiritual Director of Seminarians, and EWTN Contributor," by Susan Klemond, October 26, 2022.

#### **Special Events**

- ICSST was among the co-sponsors of SHU's third annual Contemplative Community Week (September 19-23, 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. Events and resources for the week were shared in a variety of modalities – in-person and virtual, indoor and outdoor, synchronous and asynchronous. Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology, served as coordinator of Contemplative Community Week, collaborating with multiple SHU units to plan the week's events. Additionally, Dr. Manning moderated a *Kata Holos* Conversation Series event, at which he and Marianne Lloyd, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, discussed what it means to strive for wholeness in one's life, what practices and resources support this wholeness, and what sometimes gets in the way. This event was held at SHU, on September 22, 2022. Twenty-four people registered to attend. A recording of the conversation is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoDCyrf9FI4
- ◆ Twelve ICSST faculty members gathered for a retreat day, convened by

**Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology. The retreat, which included time together for prayer and discussion, was held at Villa Pauline, Mallinckrodt Convent, Mendham, NJ, on September 23, 2022.

 The Seton Hall University Core, Catholic Studies Program and Center, and Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology are co-sponsoring a *Scholars' Forum in the Catholic*

Intellectual Tradition, conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams. As part of this forum,

Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of Undergraduate Theology, presented on her recently published co-edited book, <u>New Narratives for Old: The Historical</u> <u>Method of Reading Early Christian Theology: Essays in Honor of Michel René Barnes</u>, on September 28, 2022. Approximately 22 people attended.

ICSST's Center for Diaconal Formation hosted a *Diaconal Leadership in Real Life* retreat, at St. Mary's Abbey, Morristown, NJ, from September 30-October 2, 2022. Thirty-three people participated. The retreat was part of the diaconate initiative under ICSST's Lilly grant project, *The 4:12 Pathnay for Pastoral Leadership: Building an Authentic Culture of Discernment, Encouragement, and Accompaniment.* Among the attendees were national participants including **Deacon Ray Duplechain, M.A.**, Director of the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, LA, and former Chairman of the National Association of Diaconate Directors, and renowned speaker and author **Deacon James Keating, Ph.D.** Local participants included senior diaconate leaders, deacons and deacon candidates, wives of deacons and deacon candidates, and priests from the Archdiocese of Newark and the Dioceses of Paterson, Metuchen, and Trenton, along with ICSST faculty and staff. The retreat focused on building collaboration and relationships within and across the leadership teams of our sending dioceses and explored the challenges and opportunities for diaconate formation. As part of the retreat, **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology, led a *lectio divina* session, on October 1, 2022.

The retreat featured a public talk by renowned speaker and author **Deacon James Keating**, **Ph.D.**, titled "Aflame with the Eucharist: 'We Cannot But Speak...," at St. Mary's Abbey, Morristown, NJ, on Saturday, October 1, 2022. Drawing from Acts 4:20, "...we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard," this presentation considered how the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Love, ignites evangelization within the "nooks and crannies of secular culture." Deacon Keating's presentation drew together 150 participants including deacons, wives of deacons, clergy, religious personnel, and others from the Archdiocese of Newark and the Dioceses of Paterson, Metuchen, and Trenton. The morning began with an introduction and welcome by **Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. '08**, Director of the Center for Diaconal Formation, and an opening prayer by **Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino, K.C.H.S., S.T.D.,** Associate Dean for Seminary and Academic Studies.

More information on the talk can be found at <u>https://www.shu.edu/theology/news/lecture-highlights-deacons-as-messengers-of-the-faith.cfm</u>

ICSST served as a co-sponsor of a Celtic harp performance by Odarka Polanskyj Stockert, held in the University's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, on October 14, 2022. The event, part of the University Weekend festivities, was sponsored by Pirates of Irish Persuasion & Extraction (PIPE), a Seton Hall University organization that celebrates Irish and Irish-American culture. The SHU Slavic Club also co-sponsored the event.
Eilish R. Harrington '08, ICSST's Institutional Planning and Communications Analyst, and PIPE Advisor, served as event coordinator. A classically trained yet experimentally inclined harpist, Odarka shared music from her eclectic repertoire, focusing on Irish, Ukrainian, and religious selections. A Ukrainian Folk Artist Expert for the Passaic County Cultural & Heritage Council, Odarka also specializes in the Celtic harp and has placed in the O'Carolan Irish Harp and Granard Harp competitions in Ireland. Approximately 90 people attended the event.

- As part of its *The 4:12 Pathmay for Pastoral Leadership: Building an Authentic Culture of Discernment* project, funded with support from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., ICSST, in collaboration with The Evangelization Office at St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ, sponsored a day-long conference, *Pioneering Leadership*. Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Paterson, began the day with an opening prayer and encouraging words on the call of evangelization. The day included workshops for pastors and members of their parish leadership team, and featured a keynote presentation by Most Reverend Michael A. Saporito, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, on the topic "Holy Work: Equipping Our Laity to Build Up the Body of Christ." The conference was held at St. Paul Inside the Walls, on October 26, 2022. Approximately 70 people attended.
- ICSST, under the leadership of Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D., Interim Rector/Dean, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, and former President (2018-2022) of the Federation of Seminary Spiritual Directors of the United States and Canada, hosted the Federation of Seminary Spiritual Directors annual conference, from Thursday, October 27-Sunday, October 30, 2022. Attendees, including 17 spiritual directors from seminaries across the US, along with three presenters, stayed at St. Mary's Abbey Retreat Center, Morristown, NJ. Monsignor McCarren led a pre-conference session for new spiritual directors on Thursday, October 27. Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A., ICSST's Spiritual Director, presented an opening reflection on "The Calming of the Storm on the Sea: Fear and Trust," at St. Mary's Abbey that evening. Working sessions were conducted at ICSST on Friday, October 28, and Saturday, October 29. These sessions were led by Reverend Vincent Fortunato, O.F.M. Cap., Reverend Joseph Kelly (Archdiocese of New York), and Reverend Daniel Hanley (Diocese of Arlington, VA;

Associate Director, Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, USCCB). The business meeting on Saturday, October 29, included elections of new officers for the Federation. The group made a pilgrimage to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ, on Friday, October 28, and a pilgrimage to sites of religious and historic significance in Lower Manhattan on Saturday, October 29. Among the ICSST community members who provided support for the conference were: **Maria McIlvaine**, Coordinator of Scheduling and Building Management; **Elizabeth M. Vacchiano**, **M.A. '20**, Secretary for Student Support Services; **Reverend Robert K. Suszko**, **M.B.A.**, **M.Div.**, Vice Rector and Business Manager; **Eilish R. Harrington '08**, Institutional Planning and Communications Analyst; **Chandler S. Cohen**, ESL/SSL Services Coordinator; **Reverend Roberto Ortiz**, **S.T.L, S.T.D. (Cand.)**, Director of Liturgy, and Adjunct Professor and Chair of Systematic Theology; and **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Spiritual Director.

#### **Mission and Service**

- ★ Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of Moral Theology:
  - Volunteers as a guest speaker for the Sisters in formation for the Missionaries of Charity

     Contemplatives, in Plainfield, NJ, delivering a series of presentations on the Ten
     Commandments, for one and a half hours per session, including both teaching and
     discussion. Dr. Anderson delivers these presentations on an approximately bi-weekly
     basis throughout the year. Approximately five Sisters attend each session.
  - Volunteers as co-organizer of small circles of Catholic married couples in New Jersey.
     These couples meet eight times per year in one another's homes, enjoy dinner, and listen

together to a presenter via Zoom, then discuss the topic on faith, marriage, and family in their respective circles. Approximately 32 people (16 couples) attend each meeting.

- Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D., Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology:
  - As *Censor Librorum* for the Archdiocese of Newark, in March 2022, reviewed the 2023
     Paulist Press *Ordo*, which is distributed to most US dioceses for use in church sacristies.
  - Delivered a 45-minute presentation on "The Rules for Discernment of Spirits of Saint Ignatius Loyola through the Lens of the work of Father Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V.," for the Salesians of Don Bosco, at Our Lady of the Valley Rectory, Orange, NJ, on September 9, 2022. Monsignor McCarren also celebrated Mass and preached. Nineteen people attended.
- Reverend Paweł Tomczyk, Ph.D., Director of Pastoral Formation, and Assistant Professor of Moral Theology:
  - As *Censor Librorum* for the Diocese of Paterson, reviewed the following future publications seeking Imprimatur (ensuring freedom from doctrinal or moral errors):
    - Welcome to Our Parish, by Reverend Thomas J. Donaghy, Catholic Book Publishing Corporation, on May 31, 2022.
    - The Order of Penance, Catholic Book Publishing Corporation, on September 22, 2022.
    - Padre Pio's Devotion to Mary, by Luciano Regolo, Catholic Book Publishing Corporation, on October 5, 2022.

- Presented "Hoping against Hope: The Spiritual Lessons from Father Abraham."
   Spiritual conference, for the parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Mountain Lakes, NJ, on October 15, 2022. Approximately 50 people attended.
- Presented "The Catholic Perspective on Human Dignity: An Invitation to Dialogue on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Issues." Lecture, at the School of Health and Medical Sciences, Seton Hall University, Nutley, NJ, on October 20, 2022. Approximately ten people attended.
- Presented "The Meaning of Suffering and Death in the Christian Perspective." Talk on end-of-life issues, for the parishioners of the Church of the Little Flower, Berkeley Heights, NJ, on October 30, 2022. Approximately 30 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:
  - Was appointed to the Subcommittee on Mission for SHU's Middle States Reaccreditation, in August 2022.
  - Presented talks, "The Parables of Jesus: Introduction" and "The Woman in the House of Simon," at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, NJ, on September 23, 2022.
     Approximately 20 people attended.
  - Served as guest lecturer for the SHU course POLS 2790: *Topics in International Relations*, presenting "The History of Ancient Israel," on September 26, 2022.
  - Served as guest lecturer for the SHU course CORE 3130: Art & St. Peter's, presenting on the excavations below St. Peter's Basilica, on September 29, 2022.

- Presented a talk, "The Parables of Jesus: The Unforgiving Servant and the Two Sons," at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, NJ, on September 30, 2022. Approximately 20 people attended.
- Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology:
  - Delivered lectures on "The Life and Spirituality of St. Edith Stein," for the Carmelite Novitiate, Middletown, NY, from August 2-4, 2022. Seven people attended.
  - Presented "St. Edith Stein: Answering Questions of Our Times." Talk for the parish retreat day of St. Mary's Parish, Watchung, NJ, held at St. Joseph Shrine, Sterling, NJ, on September 10, 2022. The retreat was titled *Two Saints for our Time: Edith Stein and Dorothy Day.* Approximately 50 people attended.
  - Presented "Adoring Him Whom I Am Carrying." Lecture focusing on the Eucharistic Spirituality of St. Titus Brandsma, held at Holy Spirit Church, Stamford, CT, on October 19, 2022. Approximately 85 people attended.
- Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D., Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, presented a lecture, "Creation and the Book of Genesis," at St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, NJ, on August 27, 2022. Approximately 35 people attended.
- Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L, S.T.D., ICSST's Coordinator for Undergraduate Admissions and Retention, and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, delivered a half-hour presentation on the Catholic Identity and Mission of Seton Hall

University, to 24 new faculty members, at the University's New Faculty Orientation on August 27, 2022.

- Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D., Adjunct Professor of Sacred Scripture, offered a <u>ten-minute reflection on the Eucharist</u>, on September 23, 2022, to prepare us for the three-year *National Eucharistic Revival*, now underway.
- Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Professor of Undergraduate Theology, and Gregory Y. Glazov,
   D.Phil. (Oxon.), Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, served as respondents at the 2022
   Fall Lonergan Lecture: "(How) Does the Bible Even Exist? A Theology of Scripture,"
   presented by Joseph K. Gordon, Professor of Theology at Johnson University. The lecture
   was sponsored by SHU's Center for Catholic Studies, and was held at SHU, on September
   29, 2022. Approximately 25 people attended. A recording of the event is available at
   https://www.shu.edu/catholic-studies-center/joseph-gordon-event.cfm

#### \* Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A., Seminary Spiritual Director:

- Presided at a candlelight Eucharistic procession, recitation of the Rosary, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and preached a homily on the topic of the Battle of Lepanto, for a celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, sponsored by Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Piscataway, NJ, on October 9, 2022. Approximately 300 people attended.
- Preached a homily on the topic "St. John Paul and the Priesthood," at a Mass in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination of Father Joseph Urban, at St. Anthony Church, Jersey City, NJ, on October 16, 2022. Approximately 200 people attended.

- Facilitated a retreat day on the theme *The Courage to Be Faithful*, for the Little Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, at St. Joseph Home, Woodbridge, NJ, on October 26, 2022. At the retreat, Father Koch served as Mass celebrant and homilist, celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, presided at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and delivered two conferences. Approximately 25 Sisters attended.
- With Theresa Bonapartis, Director of the post-abortion program Lumina: Hope and Healing After Abortion, facilitated two sessions on "Reaching Out With Compassion to Those Who Have Been Touched by Abortion: Families, Friends, Communities, and Churches," at the Respect Life Convocation, sponsored by the Diocese of Paterson, at St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ, on October 29, 2022. Approximately 100 people attended the two sessions—50 people at each.
- Served as principal celebrant and homilist at Seton Hall University's Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints, at SHU, South Orange, NJ, on November 1, 2022.
   Approximately 250 people attended.
- Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.), Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, presented "A Portrait of Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher's Work in Building a Bridge between Judaism and Christianity, through the Lens of Scripture Citations in his Holocaust Writings." Online presentation, for <u>Yachad BeYeshua</u> ("Together in Jesus"), an international fellowship of Jewish disciples of Jesus, on October 12, 2022.

#### **Off-Campus Course**

Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.), Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, presented a two-part Spotlight on the Scriptures catechetical formation course for catechists and religion

teachers of the Archdiocese of Newark: "Introduction to the Old Testament," conducted online, on August 24, 2022. Approximately 24 people participated.

#### Conferences, Meetings, Panel Discussions, and Symposia

- Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, along with other international scholars researching the phenomenology of values, participated actively as a discussant in the Inaugural Hildebrand Project Summer Graduate Reading Course, at Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, from July 17-20, 2022.
- Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.), Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, presented "DMM and Katunuxis; HS and Eulabeia in Biblical Call Narratives / Theophanies," for the Continuing Seminar Isaiah and the Twelve. Invited paper, 84<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, online, on August 2, 2022.
- Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D., Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, participated in a joint meeting of the National Association of Catholic Theological Schools (NACTS) and the National Association of College Seminaries (NACS). This year's annual meeting, which focused on the new, sixth edition of the *Program of Priestly Formation*, was held in Schaumburg, IL, from September 29-October 1, 2022.
- Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology, presented "The Christian Contemplative Tradition as a Resource for Renewal in Catholic Higher Education." Paper, at the conference *Vatican II and Catholic Higher Education: Leading*

*Forward*, held at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT, on October 14, 2022. Approximately 12 people attended Dr. Manning's presentation.

- Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, participated in a panel discussion, addressing the topic "St. Titus Brandsma, Bearer of the Truth." The presentation was part of the Third Annual Lecture in Carmelite Studies of the Center for Carmelite Studies, Washington, DC, held at the St. John Paul II Shrine, Washington, DC, on October 15, 2022. The symposium was titled *Carmelite Witnesses to the Truth*. Approximately 250 people attended online and in person.
- Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented "Loisy and Newman: Newman's Contested Modernist Legacy." Invited paper, at the Fall 2022
   Newman Symposium: *Saint John Henry Newman and Catholic Modernism*, sponsored by the National Institute for Newman Studies, in Pittsburgh, PA, on October 18, 2022.
   Approximately 20 people attended Dr. Morrow's presentation live in the audience, and approximately 30 people attended remotely.

#### **Other Scholarly and Professional Activity**

- Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Professor of Undergraduate Theology, became a blind manuscript reviewer for the *Journal of Moral Theology* in 2022.
- \* Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D., Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology:
  - Peer-reviewed an article for the journal Religions, on September 26, 2022.

- Was nominated by a Seton Hall University Vice President and selected by President Nyre and the Executive Cabinet for participation in the Employee Professional Development Program, for the period October 13, 2022-June 15, 2023.
- Was named to the International Association for Trans-Disciplinary Communication, on October 14, 2022.
- Reverend Paweł Tomczyk, Ph.D., Director of Pastoral Formation, and Assistant Professor of Moral Theology, presented his research project "*Dignitas Sacerdotalis*: Moral Implications" to a group of seven colleagues in Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology's faculty scholarly collaborative group, *Amplificamus*, in ICSST's Lewis Hall, SHU, South Orange, NJ, on October 17, 2022.