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.

**Speaking Engagements**

- **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, with Dr. Thomas Marlowe, co-presented “A Systems-Theoretic Approach in Cybersecurity.” Lecture, at the Mathematics and Computer Science departmental seminar for faculty and students, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 15, 2019. Approximately ten people attended.

- **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, served as the guest for the half-hour long “Encounter” television talk show hosted by Bishop John Barres and Reverend Monsignor James Vlaun of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY, on the Catholic Faith Network (reaching television audiences in the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area). The episode, which focused on the Gospel of Matthew, was taped on December 6, 2019, and aired numerous times on the network.
❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.,** Professor of Systematic Theology, served as a guest speaker on two half-hour episodes of the “Kinship of Catholics and Jews” show, hosted by Reverend Lawrence E. Frizzell, S.T.L., S.S.L., D.Phil., Director and Associate Professor, Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Program, on Seton Hall University’s radio station (WSOU 89.5 FM). Both shows were taped at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ:

- On an episode taped on November 13, 2019, as a member and co-chair of the bilateral ecumenical group Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT), Monsignor Guarino discussed the recent document issued by ECT and titled “The Gift of Children.” This episode aired on WSOU 89.5 FM on November 24, 2019.


Podcasts of these episodes are available at the following link:


**Special Events**

❖ ICSST’s Center for Diaconal Formation sponsored a retreat, focusing on Esther 4:14, for wives of deacons and wives of diaconal candidates. **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, facilitated the retreat and delivered two reflections. Held at ICSST, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 9, 2019, the retreat began with Mass celebrated by **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.,** Rector/Dean, and a light breakfast. The retreat also
included the Sacrament of Reconciliation and small group discussions. Thirty-three 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, interviewed Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, and ICSST alumna Eniola Honsberger, M.A. in Theology ’18, on the topic of “Evangelization in the Public Square,” for ICSST’s Facebook Live series, at ICSST, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 22, 2019. Dr. Manning provided a glimpse into his Spring 2020 graduate course Secularism and Catholicism, while Mrs. Honsberger shared how her studies in ICSST’s Certificate in Catholic Evangelization program have positively impacted her inspiring work in evangelization at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison, NJ. Ninety-three people engaged in this Facebook Live session. Organized by Diane M. Carr, M.A. ’07, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services, this Facebook Live session is available on https://www.facebook.com/halltheology/videos/46806877156400/.

❖ ICSST sponsored an Advent reflection series featuring daily video reflections by ICSST faculty and administrators. The series was created and coordinated by Diane M. Carr, M.A. ’07, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services. Michael F. Burt, Senior Director of Seminary Advancement, filmed the series; Thomas P. Palanza, seminarian of the Diocese of Fall River, MA, served as video editor; and seminarians Matthew Gonzalez and Ju Huyn (Andrew) Lee of the Archdiocese of Newark performed the background music. More than 575 people subscribed to the mailing list for this series. The video
reflection webpage (www.shu.edu/theology/immaculate-conception-seminary-advent-video-reflection-series.cfm) has received more than 5,500 visits lasting, on average, 14 or more minutes. Featured video reflections included the following:

- December 2, 2019 reflection, by Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology: “Longing for Redemption,” reflection on Isaiah 4:2-6 and Matthew 8:5-11.
- December 4, 2019 reflection, by Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Professor of Undergraduate Theology: “Prepare for the Feast of Rich Food and Choice Wine,” reflection on Isaiah 25; Psalm 23; and Matthew 15.
- December 5, 2019 reflection, by Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Professor of Undergraduate Theology: “Building on Rock Foundations,” reflection on Isaiah 26; Psalm 118; and Matthew 7.
- December 6, 2019 reflection, by Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.), Professor of Biblical Studies: “Jesus as the Living Torah and Gate to Salvation.”


o December 12, 2019 reflection, by 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: “I Am Your Compassionate Mother’ Mary’s Joyful Solicitude of Juan Diego and All Her Spiritual Children,” reflection on Luke 1:39-47.

December 14, 2019 reflection, by Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Moral Theology: “On Unseen Grace,” reflection on

December 15, 2019 reflection, by Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology: “Good News for the Poor,” reflection on Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, and 9-10.


December 17, 2019 reflection, by Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Professor of Undergraduate Theology: “Jesus Is the New Davidic King,” reflection on Genesis 49 and Matthew 1.

December 18, 2019 reflection, by Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology: “Do Not Be Afraid!,” reflection on Matthew 1:18-25.


Mission and Service

❖ Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, presented three lectures at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, New Brunswick, NJ:

❖ Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A., Associate Spiritual Director for the Seminary:
  - Facilitated a day of recollection for the Little Servant Sisters, in Cherry Hill, NJ, on November 9, 2019. Approximately 50 Sisters attended.
  - Facilitated a post-abortion retreat for men, at St. Michael Friary, Paterson, NJ, on November 16, 2019. Five men attended.
  - Facilitated the five-day annual canonical retreat for the friars of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word, at Most Blessed Sacrament priest retreat house in Hanceville, AL, from January 6-10, 2020. Father Koch’s talks focused on Franciscan
communal life and charism, personal holiness, prayer, the cross, and consecrated life. Father Koch also offered a homily at Mass each day during the retreat. Thirteen friars attended the retreat.

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


seminarians from Immaculate Conception Seminary on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from December 29, 2019-January 9, 2020, lecturing at the biblical sites and celebrating Mass at the shrines marking events in the life of Jesus.

❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.,** Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented the following live webinars, for the Institute of Catholic Culture:


❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.,** Professor of Systematic Theology, delivered the annual Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair Lecture, at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH, on February 19, 2020. The topic of the lecture was “Continuity and Change at Vatican II: Why is the Council Still Controversial?” Approximately 200 people attended.

**Publications**

❖ Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D., Professor of Church History, published four newspaper articles:


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


❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.,** Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published four book reviews online:


❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.,** Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, published the following:

- Four journal articles:


**Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia**

- **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, at the Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, held in Toronto, Canada:

  - Presented a paper: “Teaching Contemplatively for Unified Hearts and Minds,” on November 1, 2019. Approximately 15 people attended Dr. Manning’s presentation.

  - Served as a session moderator, for a session attended by approximately 12 people, on November 2, 2019.
❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, as a consultant and one of ten participants, attended a meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Subcommittee on the Translation of Scripture Text, held in Baltimore, MD, on November 11, 2019.

❖ **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, as former head of the Western Section of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, served as a respondent at the ecumenical symposium *Truth Does Not Fear Dialogue: Toward a Common Future*, sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York, the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, and the Metropolitan New York Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, the Santa Maria Foundation, and Yale Divinity School. Monsignor Radano responded to the keynote address, which was delivered by Archbishop Elpidophoros of America Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The symposium was held at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, NYC, on November 13, 2019. Approximately 75 people attended.

❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology:


   - Participated in the following:
     - Annual meeting of The Joseph Ratzinger Society of Biblical Theology, held in San Diego, CA, on November 22, 2019.
- Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, held in San Diego, CA, from November 22-25, 2019.
- Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, held in San Diego, CA, from November 22-25, 2019.

**Other Scholarly and Professional Activity**

- **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.,** Professor of Systematic Theology, co-chaired a meeting of the bilateral ecumenical group Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT), in New York City, on December 1, 2019. ECT is working on an ecumenical statement concerning the proper relationship of the Christian faithful to the secular state and to civil government.