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.

Award

❖ Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Professor of Undergraduate Theology, was honored as a distinguished Seton Hall University faculty member, having been named Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology’s Researcher of the Year, in the Spring 2020 semester.

Speaking Engagements

❖ Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D., Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, with Auxiliary Bishop Richard Henning of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY, served as co-host of the new “Living Word” television talk show series, on the Catholic Faith Network (operated by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY, and reaching television audiences in the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area). This series focuses on the biblical
foundations and themes of the liturgical year. Father Gadenz taped three episodes of this series at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, NYC, on March 2, 2020. The three episodes are as follows:

- “The Lenten Season: Part I” (covers the beginning of Lent).
- “The Lenten Season: Part II” (covers Holy Week).
- “The Easter Season” (covers the Easter season, and began airing after Easter).

All three shows are available for viewing online at the following website: https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/living-word. Future shows are currently planned to cover the Advent and Christmas seasons.

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

- Was interviewed on Facebook Live by Jason Shanks, President of Our Sunday Visitor Institute, on the topic of “Spiritual Communions,” on April 6, 2020. Approximately 300 people viewed this interview.
- Was interviewed by John DeRosa on episode 93 of The Classical Theism Podcast, on the historical evidence for Jesus’s resurrection. The interview took place on April 27, 2020.

❖ Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, served as a guest speaker on the topic “Five Tips for Finding God Amidst the Coronavirus Crisis,” for the “Seize the Day” radio show, hosted by Gus Lloyd, on the SiriusXM Catholic Channel (channel 129), on April 14, 2020. At least 500 people listened to this interview, which aired on national radio twice.
Special Event

- ICSST sponsored a Lenten reflection series featuring weekly 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, assisted in facilitating the series and created the video graphics; Thomas P. Palanza, seminarian of the Diocese of Fall River, MA, designed weekly reflection journals to accompany each video; and seminarians Bryan Bangs of the Diocese of Fall River, MA, and Matthew Gonzalez and Ju Hyun (Andrew) Lee of the Archdiocese of Newark performed the background music. The Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center (TLTC) team at Seton Hall University filmed and edited the video series. ICSST was the first campus partner to collaborate with the TLTC team in the newly-created, self-serve green space designed set, open to the University. More than 1,200 people subscribed to the mailing list for this series. The video reflection webpage (https://www.shu.edu/theology/lent-video-reflection-series.cfm) has received more than 3,500 visits lasting, on average, 15 or more minutes. Featured video reflections included the following:


- February 26, 2020 reflection, by Reverend William M. McDonald III, S.T.L., Associate Spiritual Director and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology: “The First Word: ‘Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.’”

- March 2, 2020 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: “The Second Word: ‘Amen, I say to you, today, you will be with me in Paradise.’”


- March 16, 2020 reflection, by Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Professor of Undergraduate Theology: “The Fourth Word: ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’”


- March 30, 2020 reflection, by Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Moral Theology: “The Sixth Word: ‘It is finished.’”


**Mission and Service**

- 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 2019 section of the Seton Hall University course ARTH 3101: *Art and St. Peter’s*, on September 12, 2019.
  - Presented “Transitioning to Major Seminary: Academics.” 1-hour presentation to the Seniors of St. Andrew’s Hall College Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on February 18, 2020.
❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.,** Associate Spiritual Director and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology:


- Facilitated *The One Thing Necessary*. Retreat day for the Franciscan Sisters, in Parsippany, NJ, on December 7, 2019. Father Koch delivered three talks, celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and presided at Benediction. Approximately 60 Sisters attended.


- Facilitated an Advent Morning of Reflection for the Felician Sisters, in Lodi, NJ, on December 14, 2019. Father Koch delivered a talk on the theme “Vocation” and celebrated Mass. Approximately 60 Sisters attended.


- Delivered a Eucharistic reflection on the topic “Christ Among Us,” at the Archdiocese of Newark Men’s Conference, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on February
29, 2020. Additionally, Father Koch led the Eucharistic procession and served as a confessor at the conference. Approximately 1,000 men attended.


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

- Served as confessor at an Advent Penance service for Holy Trinity School, Westfield, NJ, on December 10, 2019.

- Served as confessor at an Advent Penance service for St. Peter Parish, New Brunswick, NJ, on December 10, 2019.

- As Censor Deputatem, in April 2020, reviewed the 2021 Paulist Press Ordo, which is distributed to most US dioceses for use in church sacristies.
Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Moral Theology, presented the following:

- “Names of God.” Presentation, as part of an Advent evening of reflection for men, at Koinonia Academy, Plainfield, NJ, on December 17, 2019. Approximately 50 men attended.

- A series of presentations on the Virtues, for the Sisters in formation for the Missionaries of Charity – Contemplatives, in Plainfield, NJ. Approximately eight women attended each presentation. The presentations were held on the following dates:

- “End-of-Life Issues.” Two presentations, one and one-half hours each (including Q&A), on making decisions in end-of-life situations. The presentations were held at St. Mary’s Byzantine Catholic Church, Hillsborough, NJ, on March 13, 2020. A total of approximately 100 people attended.

Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D., Rector/Dean:

- Presided at an Easter Sunday Sunrise Mass, at 6:30 a.m. on Easter morning, April 12, 2020. The Mass was livestreamed on ICSST’s Facebook page, from the third-floor chapel of Immaculate Conception Seminary. One thousand eight hundred people viewed this Mass. The video recording remains available at https://www.facebook.com/halltheology/videos/1137079766636502/
Presided at Divine Mercy Sunday Evening Prayer, livestreamed on ICSST’s Facebook page, from the Seminary’s Chapel of Christ the Good Shepherd, at 5:30 p.m. on April 19, 2020. Eight hundred seventy people viewed this Evening Prayer. The video recording remains available at

https://www.facebook.com/halltheology/videos/620156088539757/

Publications


❖ Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published the following:
  o Two book reviews online:
❖ Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D., Professor of Church History, published two newspaper articles:


❖ Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, published the following:

- A journal article: “Teaching Contemplatively for Unified Hearts and Communities.” *Religious Education* (March 16, 2020). This article was initially published online; print publication is pending.


Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia

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

- At the 23rd World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics, sponsored by the International Institute of Informatics and Systemics, and held in Orlando, FL, from July 6-9, 2019, delivered the plenary keynote address (with Dr.

- Served as a faculty panelist for the Coronavirus Panel Discussion, organized by Dr. Cosimo Antonacci, as part of Seton Hall University’s online 2020 Petersheim Academic Exposition: “Share, Honor, Unite.” At this panel discussion, held on April 23, 2020, Father Laracy spoke on the topic “Science and Faith in Time of Pandemic.” Approximately 120 people viewed the panel discussion, via Microsoft Teams.

- Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D., Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, as a consultant and one of ten participants, participated in the following video conference calls of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Subcommittee on the Translation of Scripture Text. On these calls, the subcommittee worked on reviewing the revision of the New Testament of the New American Bible:
  - Two-hour call, on April 13, 2020.

Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

- Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented a paper, “Some Hermeneutical Issues in the Catholic Study of Patristic Theology as Seen through the Case Study of Gregory of Nyssa’s Mixture Christology,” to a group of five colleagues in Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology’s faculty scholarly
collaborative group, *Amplificamus*, in ICSST’s Lewis Hall, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on February 13, 2020.