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### **Certificate Earned**

- ❖ **Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. '08**, Director, Center for Diaconal Formation, was awarded a certificate of completion for the Online Teaching Certificate Program sponsored by Seton Hall University's Teaching, Learning and Technology Center (TLTC), as a member of the inaugural class, in Fall 2017.

### **Speaking Engagements**

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spiritual Director, presented "Seminary Formation Viewed through the Lens of Immaculate Conception Seminary and the Institute for Priestly Formation." Communion Breakfast presentation to approximately 40 people, at St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, NJ, on October 1, 2017.

- ❖ **Diane M. Carr, M.A. '07**, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services, presented “Getting Social—Smart Ideas for Reaching Audiences via Social Media.” Session, at *Launching the New Seton Hall Brand and Exploring Best Practices in Marketing and Communications*, Fall workshop for campus communicators, offered by Seton Hall University’s Department of Public Relations and Marketing, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on October 25, 2017. Ms. Carr presented to an audience of approximately 25 people on the social media tool “Facebook Live” and how Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology has successfully used it.
  
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, was interviewed on the topic [“The Reformation, Vatican II, and Catholicism Today.”](#) for the Beeson podcast series, at Beeson Divinity School, Birmingham, AL, on November 7, 2017.
  
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, presented “Lutheran and Catholic Relations 500 Years After the Reformation: Where Are We Now?” Lecture, sponsored by the Catholic Studies program of the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN, for its Catholic Studies lecture series, on November 16, 2017.
  
- ❖ **Reverend Douglas J. Milewski, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Theology, presented “Dante, Purgatory and the *Aldilà*.” Lecture, in Seton Hall University’s Campus Ministry classroom, South Orange, NJ, on November 30, 2017.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology:
  - Was interviewed via telephone on the topic of his book *Theology, Politics, and Exegesis*, on the radio show “Son Rises Morning Show,” Sacred Heart Radio, Cincinnati, OH, on December 7, 2017.
  - Presented a guest lesson on Chanukah for approximately 20 students at Community Pre-School, Roselle Park, NJ, on December 12, 2017.
  - Was interviewed by Matthew Pearson on the topic of “Truth and Happiness,” for a Seton Hall University Campus Ministry podcast, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on February 13, 2018.
  
- ❖ **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 *Relevant Radio* (1430 AM), discussing with the show’s host the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel reading, and fielding callers’ questions, on January 19, 2018. An audio recording of this show is available at the following link: <https://relevantradio.com/2018/01/inner-life-january-19-2018/>

## Special Events

Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology sponsored the following:

- ❖ A Holy Hour and welcome reception for new and returning students for the Fall 2017 semester, at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on September 22, 2017. Twenty-two people attended this event, which was organized by **Diane M. Carr, M.A. ’07**, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services. **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean, presided at the Holy Hour, 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, served as emcee for the event.

- ❖ From August 2017 through February 2018, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology offered a series of retreats titled ***70 x 7: Faith, Family, and Forgiveness, Part IV***. The seven-part series focused on forgiveness and how one can take part in the journey of healing. **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, served as moderator for the retreats. ICSST offered the following not-previously-reported retreats in this series:
  - “Forgiveness and the Journey of Recovery,” by **G. Gregory Tobin, D.Min. (Cand.)**, chief executive of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., a global non-profit publishing and services organization headquartered in New York City. At this retreat, attended by 40 people and held at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on December 2, 2017, Tobin spoke on the Christian foundations of the 12-Step Alcoholics Anonymous Program. His presentation covered the relationship of forgiveness with self-knowledge, healing, prayer, and making amends with those we have hurt.
  - “New Beginnings: New Life—How the Sisters of Life Accompany Others on Paths of Forgiveness, Healing, and Hope,” by **the Sisters of Life**, a religious order founded in 1991. The Sisters of Life have taken an additional vow of protecting life, along with vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Working particularly with young mothers, the Sisters of Life have many stories that journey from tragedy to hope, forgiveness, and joy.

- This retreat, attended by 85 people, was held at St. Paul Inside the Walls: The Catholic Center for Evangelization at Bayley-Ellard, Madison, NJ, on January 27, 2018.
- “Massacre in El Salvador: A Priest Remembers and Forgives,” by **Reverend Raimundo Rivera, M.Div.** Father Rivera was born and raised in El Salvador and became a U.S. Citizen in 2006. His journey to the U.S. was dangerous and difficult. Extremists in El Salvador murdered his family during the country’s civil war in the 1980s. Having lived through these experiences, Father Raimundo shared an incredible witness of forgiveness with the 70 people who attended his presentation at Assumption Parish, Morristown, NJ, on February 22, 2018.

## Mission and Service

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology:
  - Was asked twice during 2017 to assist offices of the Holy See in special projects:
    - The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity together selected Monsignor Radano to write a commentary on the recently-published Report of the International Methodist Catholic Dialogue, titled *The Call to Holiness: From Glory to Glory*. Monsignor Radano’s commentary was approved by both offices and recently published by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. This publication was included in the November report of Seminary faculty activity.
    - The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (PCPCU) invited Monsignor Radano to be a member of its four-member delegation to a meeting sponsored by the World Council of Churches and the Global Christian Forum, held at the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches, in Bossey, Switzerland,

from May 22-23, 2017. The meeting was unique in that four groups, which have not met often in the past—The World Council of Churches, the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, the World Evangelical Alliance, and the Pentecostal World Fellowship—came together to discuss how together they can support the Global Christian Forum, a relatively new and important organization. Each sent a delegation of four members. One member of each delegation was asked to present an informal paper, in the form of talking points in answer to a series of questions aimed at helping those present to see the similarities and differences between these four groups. At the PCPCU’s request, Monsignor Radano prepared and presented this paper on behalf of the PCPCU.

- Continues to serve on the National Reformed-Catholic Dialogue, at the request of the Bishops Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (BCEIA) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). In 2017, the dialogue met twice, from March 19-21 and from October 15-17, and is now seeking to complete this round of dialogue.
- Continues to serve as a member of the Ecumenical Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark, which meets four times per year.

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

- Presented “How to Be Faithful in 2017.” Talk for a young adult event in Hawthorne, NJ, on July 11, 2017. Approximately 60 people attended.

- Facilitated the following:
  - “Isaiah 40 and John the Baptist.” An Advent look into the book of Isaiah and its relationship to John the Baptist, at St. Magdalen de Pazzi Parish, Flemington, NJ, on December 10, 2017. Approximately 75 people attended.
  - “Silence and Patience in Preparation for Christmas.” Advent Evening of Reflection, at St. Jude Parish, Hopatcong, NJ, on December 20, 2017. Approximately 50 people attended.
  
- ❖ **Diane M. Carr, M.A. '07**, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services:
  - Presented “Mary, Star of the New Evangelization: A Guide for Missionary Discipleship.” Half-day presentation, for the Diocese of Paterson Permanent Diaconate Spirituality Program for wives of deacons, wives of deacon candidates, and widows of deacons, at St. Paul Inside the Walls: The Catholic Center for Evangelization at Bayley-Ellard, Madison, NJ, on October 7, 2017. Twenty-five people attended this event. Ms. Carr was featured in [“Wives of Deacons Look to Mary for Guidance in their Lives,”](#) an article about the event, which appeared in the October 12, 2017 issue of *The Beacon*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Paterson.
  - Served as a guest lecturer, on the topic of presenting retreats and delivering parish presentations, for Dr. Patrick Manning’s graduate-level course PTHO 6605: *Ministry of Teaching*, at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on October 11, 2017.

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

- “Parables of Mercy and Justice.” In-service day for the faculty of Sacred Heart Academy, Hempstead, NY, on October 27, 2017. Approximately 85 people attended.
- “Kindness and Truth Shall Meet; Justice and Peace Shall Kiss: Reflections for Advent.” Day-long Advent retreat for women religious, at Joan de Lourdes Leonard Renewal Center, St. Joseph Convent, Brentwood, NY, on December 2, 2017. Approximately 125 people attended, and an additional 300 watched through live streaming.
- “Waiting for the One Who Comes in Grace and Truth in a Post-Truth World.” Day of Reflection/Formation for the Salesians of Don Bosco, Orange, NJ, on December 21, 2017. Approximately 30 people participated.

❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology:

- Presented the following:
  - “What Is Pastoral Ministry?” Facebook Live interview with **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, sponsored by and held at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 9, 2017. One hundred fifty-two people engaged in this session, which was organized by **Diane M. Carr, M.A. ’07**, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services, and served as a preview of Dr. Manning’s November 15 webinar. This Facebook Live session is available on <https://www.facebook.com/halltheology/>



- [“Five Steps to Becoming a Better Pastoral Leader: Stages of Growing in Ministry.”](#)  
Webinar, sponsored by and held at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 15, 2017.  
Twenty-two people engaged in this webinar, which was organized and facilitated by **Diane M. Carr, M.A. '07**, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services.
  - Moderated a faculty discussion of challenges and best practices in teaching at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology (ICSST), for *Amplificamus*: ICSST’s Faculty Collaborative Working Group, at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on February 15, 2018.
  - Is serving as a consultant for parish faith formation initiatives, at Little Flower Parish, Berkeley Heights, NJ, on an ongoing basis.
- ❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director for the Seminary:
- Presented the following:
    - Advent Holy Hour and Reflection, at St. Bartholomew Church, East Brunswick, NJ, on December 10, 2017. Approximately 100 people attended.
    - Advent Recollection for the priests of the Diocese of Metuchen, at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ, on December 14, 2017. Approximately 100 people attended.
    - “Mary and the Spirit of Advent.” Advent Day of Reflection for religious and lay people, at Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel, Lodi, NJ, on December 16, 2017. Approximately 100 people attended.

- “Fraternal Life in Community.” Talk, for a gathering of the Pauline Fathers and Brothers in celebration of their annual Feast of St. Paul the Hermit (their patron saint), at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA, on January 16, 2018. Approximately 50 monks from Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, New York, and Pennsylvania attended.
- Talk for a group of parents and students at a viewing of the film *OUTCASTS*, which was awarded at the *Justice Film Festival*. The viewing, attended by approximately 300 people, took place at Assumption Parish, Morristown, NJ, on January 27, 2018. The film’s producer, Joe Campo, was in attendance and provided the background of the production.
- Workshop for priests on Post-Abortion Healing Ministry, at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, NJ, on February 1, 2018. Approximately 30 attended.
- Assisted with an Advent Penance Service for cadets at West Point, on December 13, 2017.

## Off-Campus Course

- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, taught TH624: *Letters of Paul*, in Fall 2017, for the Diocese of Trenton Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, Lawrenceville, NJ. The program is accredited by Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ.

## Publications

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology:
  - Was honored with the publication of *Towards Unity, Ecumenical Dialogue 500 years after the Reformation: Essays in Honor of Monsignor John A. Radano*, edited by Donald Bolen, Nicholas Jesson, and Donna Geernaert, S.C., with introduction by Cardinal Walter Kasper, NY/Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, and Toronto: Novalis Publishing Company, 2017. Since this *Festschrift* had two publishers, one in the US (Paulist Press) and the other in Canada (Novalis), it was launched twice, here at Seton Hall University (on March 16, 2017), and in Toronto, Canada, at the headquarters of the Canadian Council of Churches (on April 7, 2017). The chief editor of the book, Archbishop Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina, Canada, presided over both launchings.
  - Published the following:
    - A book chapter: “Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.” In *Oxford Handbooks Online* (Scholarly Research Reviews), April Update Live, edited by Paul McPartlan and Geoffrey Wainwright. NY: Oxford University Press, April 5, 2017.
    - An essay in a book: “The Significance of the Classical Pentecostal-Catholic International Dialogue: A Catholic Perspective.” In [\*A Light to the Nations: Explorations in Ecumenism, Missions, and Pentecostalism \(Essays in Loving Memory of Gary McGee\)\*](#), edited by Stanley M. Burgess, and Paul W. Lewis, 54-69. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2017.
    - A journal article: “Our Ecumenical Future: Lessons to be Learned from the Events of 1517.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 52, no. 2 (Spring 2017): 231-51.

- A foreword in a book: “Foreword, 2017: An Ecumenical Perspective.” In [Reformation Observances 1517-2017](#), edited by Philip D. W. Krey, ix-xxvi. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2017.

❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology:

- Published two articles on the website of the journal *First Things*:
  - [“An Exercise in Thoughtless ‘Theology.’”](#) (November 13, 2017).
  - [“Betsy DeVos and the Bishops.”](#) (December 8, 2017).
- Was interviewed by Dr. Klaas van der Zwaag, a journalist for the Dutch newspaper *Reformed Daily* (*Reformatorsch Dagblad*). The interview, which concerned the history and future of the ecumenical initiative Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT), appeared in the December 8, 2017 issue of the newspaper.

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

- A book: [Theology, Politics, and Exegesis: Essays on the History of Modern Biblical Criticism](#). Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2017.
- Four book reviews:
  - Review of *Pope Benedict XVI: Joseph Ratzinger in Communio, Vol. 2: Anthropology and Culture*, co-edited by David L. Schindler and Nicholas J. Healy. *The Thomist* 81, no. 1 (2017): 147-51.
  - [Review of \*The Catholic Enlightenment: The Forgotten History of a Global Movement\*](#), by Ulrich L. Lehner. *Catholic Books Review* (2017).

- Review of *Pillars in the History of Biblical Interpretation, Volume 1: Prevailing Methods before 1980*, co-edited by Stanley E. Porter and Sean A. Adams. *Review of Biblical Literature* (December 2017).
- Review of “*Das Wort Gottes immer mehr zu lieben*”: *Joseph Ratzinger’s Bibelhermeneutik im Kontext der Exegese-geschichte der römisch-katholischen Kirche*, by Eckart Schmidt. *Review of Biblical Literature* (February 2018).

## Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia

- ❖ **Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, served as a respondent to two seminar papers at the Paul Seminar of the Annual Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, held in Washington, DC, from August 6-9, 2017.
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, participated in the North American Academy of Ecumenists conference, hosted by Boston College, Boston, MA, from September 22-24, 2017.
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spiritual Director:
  - Participated in the Annual Conference of the Federation of Seminary Spiritual Directors, held at St. Augustine Seminary, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, from October 19-21, 2017.
  - With **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, represented Seton Hall University at “Reformation 500: Commemorative Eucharist and Festive Reception,” at Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC, on

November 1, 2017. This ecumenical event hosted by the Episcopal cathedral of New York City featured a Lutheran eucharistic celebration and a remembrance of Baptism by a Catholic Archbishop.

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

- As a consultant and one of 14 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 13, 2017.
- Participated in the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, held in Boston, MA, from November 17-18, 2017.

❖ **Reverend Lawrence B. Porter, K.H.S., Ph.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology and Director, Turro Seminary Library, served as Catholic representative (speaker and panelist) at the Appeal to Conscience Foundation's Symposium on the role of faith and culture in fostering good relations between Russia and the US during the current time of political polarization. This symposium was held in the Charles A. Perry Auditorium at Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC, on November 13, 2017.

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

- Presented "Scripture and the Dialectic of Enlightenment: Reading Horkheimer and Adorno's Classic in Light of Biblical Interpretation." Paper, at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, held in Boston, MA, from November 18-21, 2017.

- Served as session chair, presiding over and moderating the session “Modernists and the Papacy,” at the Annual Meeting of *La Société Internationale d’Études sur Alfred Loisy*, held in Boston, MA, on November 19, 2017.
- Participated as a charter member in the planning session for the future of the newly-formed ecumenical Joseph Ratzinger Society of Biblical Theology, at a meeting of the Joseph Ratzinger Society of Biblical Theology, held in Boston, MA, on November 19, 2017.
- Participated in the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, held in Boston, MA, from November 18-21, 2017.