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Awards, Grants, and Honors

- ❖ **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology, as previously reported, was awarded a spring 2020 resident fellowship at the University of Notre Dame by the Program for Constitutional Studies, to complete his book, *The Metaphysics of Sexual Difference*. The fellowship included a stipend of \$15,000.

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies, applied for and secured a grant in the amount of \$14,500 from the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine - Catholic Biblical Association (administered by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) to develop a database under the title "Online Scriptural Database of 100 Jewish and Catholic Theological Writings on the Holocaust," due December 2020. This grant was bestowed on December 12, 2019.

❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology:

- Was awarded a New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal by the New Jersey Adjutant General, for honorable service in the United States Marine Corps from 1984-1989. The medal was bestowed on January 28, 2020.
- Was awarded a Summer Scholar Grant by the Seton Hall University Research Council, in the amount of \$8,000, for his project titled “Ecology as a Key to Marriage and the Family.” This project examines a possible relationship between recent papal teachings on marriage and family and those on ecology. The grant was bestowed for the period June 1-August 21, 2020.

Speaking Engagements

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

- Was interviewed by Seton Hall University student journalist Evando Thompson, regarding Dr. Manning’s article “Five Tips for Finding God Amidst the Coronavirus Crisis,” on May 21, 2020. The interview is available on the webpage of Seton Hall University’s Institute for Communication and Religion, at <https://www.shu.edu/communication-religion/featured-content.cfm>
- Developed a series of four videos for *Montclair Bounce*, a festival of optimism and resilience. The series, *Finding Happiness in a Time of Crisis: Ancient Wisdom and New Research*, provided a glimpse into the ICSST graduate course *Christianity and Human Happiness*, which Dr. Manning taught from June 25-July 22, 2020. The series launched as a virtual *Bounce* event on May 25, 2020, and included the following videos, which have had 33 views:

- Video 1 — Mastery: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wuHXs--wls>

A key component of happiness identified in current research is “mastery” or the sense of being good at something. This first video explores ancient wisdom in the Judeo-Christian tradition concerning the idea of “vocation” and suggests practical ways of developing a sense of mastery and responding to God’s call, even in challenging times.
- Video 2 — Autonomy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4EFgS9M8Sw>

A second key component of happiness is what researchers term “autonomy,” a sense of freedom or control in one’s life. This video discusses what it means to be free according to different philosophical, religious, and scientific perspectives, as well as several practices that contribute to inner freedom in the face of external constraints.
- Video 3 — Belonging: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ffg3gepdCo>

Ancient philosophical and religious traditions and contemporary research all point to a sense of belonging as central to our happiness and fulfillment. This video examines these new and old insights in addition to suggesting practices for promoting connectedness in this time of social isolation.
- Video 4 — Gratitude: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z29PzkUQuQ>

Some current research suggests that the difference between those who are fundamentally happy and those who are not boils down to their basic stance towards reality: Does one receive life gratefully or perceive the world as a threat? This four-part series concludes with an exploration of gratitude, its transformative effects, and ways of cultivating it.

- Was interviewed for an online newspaper article about religious communities' response to the COVID-19 pandemic and recent protests. The article, titled "[Believers Search for Divine Message in Coronavirus, Protests,](#)" appeared on northjersey.com on June 21, 2020.

Special Events

- ❖ **Reverend Renato J. Bautista, M.Div., M.A.T.**, Director of Formation and Director of Seminary Records, **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean, 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, co-facilitated a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, Italy, in partnership with The Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas, Rome, for ICSST 3rd and 4th Theologians, from July 21-29, 2019. Eight seminarians attended.
- ❖ ICSST's Undergraduate Program in Catholic Theology co-hosted and participated in a virtual induction ceremony for *Theta Alpha Kappa*, the National Honor Society for Theology and Religious Studies, on May 12, 2020. **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean, offered remarks and a blessing. K.C. Choi, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Religious Studies, offered a brief reflection. Thirty-five students, both undergraduate and graduate, were inducted, and approximately 49 people attended the ceremony online.
- ❖ In celebration of ICSST's graduating class of 2020, on May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean, led the Seminary community, family, and friends in praying the Rosary, from the Seminary's Chapel

of Christ the Good Shepherd, at 10 a.m., via Facebook Live. Two thousand seven hundred people viewed this prayer service. The video recording of the prayer service remains available at facebook.com/halltheology.

Mission and Service

- ❖ **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology:
 - Continues service as coordinator of prison ministry religious services for the Archdiocese of Newark, at Essex County Correctional Facility, Newark, NJ, on an ongoing basis. This includes interaction with jail administration for arrangement of Catholic services and accessibility of the sacraments for detainees.
 - Continues service as prison minister at Essex County Correctional Facility, Newark, NJ, every Friday. In this role, Dr. Fortin offers Bible studies and outreach to county, federal, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees.
 - Presented a talk conducted virtually: “The Nature and Meaning of Human Sexual Difference,” for the *Discovering Beauty* series, sponsored by The University of Notre Dame Chapter of Communion and Liberation, South Bend, IN, on April 24, 2020. Approximately 12 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:
 - Presented *Edith Stein’s Life and Spirituality*. Retreat for the Carmelite Novitiate, Middletown, NY, from August 6-9, 2019. Dr. Traflet delivered talks on each day of the retreat. Approximately eight novices and priests attended.

- As part of a *Marian Year of Preparation, Prayer, and Catechesis* at St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish, New Brunswick, NJ, delivered a presentation on “Our Lady of the Rosary,” on October 14, 2019. Approximately 40 people attended.
- Facilitated a Marian retreat at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Jersey City, NJ, on October 26, 2019. Approximately 100 people attended.
- As part of the *Developing the Life of Prayer* Series for resident seminarians, presented “Carmelite Spirituality and the Diocesan Priest” to the 4th Theology class, on November 8, 2019.
- Delivered a presentation, “Practicing the Presence of God with Mary,” for the Paterson permanent diaconal class, at St. Paul Inside the Walls: The Catholic Center for Evangelization at Bayley-Ellard, Madison, NJ, on December 14, 2019.
- Presented reflections on Revelation 21:5: “Behold, I am making all things new,” for the Women’s Epiphany breakfast, at St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, NJ, on January 4, 2020. Approximately 70 people attended.
- Served as emcee for the Archdiocese of Newark’s Women’s Conference, titled *Alive in Christ—His Heart in my Heart*, at Seton Hall University, on March 7, 2020. At this conference, Dr. Traflet presented a talk on the Eucharist. Approximately 1,200 people attended the conference.
- Served as a guest presenter for the Spring undergraduate course CORE 3751/CAST 3017: *Saints Alive!*, taught by Professor Stephen Kass. Via Zoom, Dr. Traflet discussed with students the film *The Seventh Chamber*, against the backdrop of the course’s required reading on Edith Stein. Dr. Traflet provided introductory remarks on March 16, 2020, and lectured and led the discussion on April 6, 2020.

- Facilitated a two-day virtual retreat, *From Exhaustion to Inspiration: Finding Oases of Graces in Challenging Times*, for parish catechetical leaders of the Archdiocese of Newark, on June 1 and 2, 2020. Approximately 80 people attended the retreat, which was conducted via Zoom.
 - Presented “St. John Henry Newman’s Prayer: ‘Let Me Be a Catching Force.’” Conference, at the remote Newark priesthood ordination retreat, conducted via Zoom, from June 1-5, 2020. Dr. Traflet presented this conference on June 5, 2020.
 - Delivered two presentations on “The Hidden Energy of the Good News” (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*), at the remote Newark permanent diaconate ordination retreat, conducted via Zoom, from June 22-26, 2020. Dr. Traflet delivered these presentations on June 25 and 26, 2020. Twenty-three diaconal candidates attended the retreat.
- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, presented “The Virtue of Charity.” Presentation for all resident seminarians of St. Andrew’s Hall College Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on September 19, 2019. Approximately 20 seminarians attended.
- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, served as an invited speaker for the Fall 2019 section of the Seton Hall University course CAST 3031/CORE 3078: *Catholicism, Healthcare, and the Human Condition*, on October 9, 2019. Dr. Rice lectured on “Marriage and Family Ethics” for this course taught by Dr. Anthony Carlino.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean, presided at Vespers and gave a Marian lecture, at St. Peter Parish, New Brunswick, NJ, on November 11, 2019. Approximately 50 people attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean, **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director, and **Reverend William M. McDonald, III, S.T.L.**, Associate Spiritual Director, co-hosted a *Fratres in Unum* session for recently ordained priests from Immaculate Conception Seminary, at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 20, 2019. Eight priests attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Renato J. Bautista, M.Div., M.A.T.**, Director of Formation and Director of Seminary Records:
 - Served as a team member and co-facilitator for the yearly gathering of the most recently ordained class, for a retreat titled *Gaudemus in Christo*, held at Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center, Mendham, NJ, from December 3-5, 2019. Approximately 13 priests attended.
 - Presented “Transitioning from College Seminary to Major Seminary: Human Formation.” Presentation, delivered via Microsoft Teams, for the senior class of seminarians of St. Andrew’s Hall College Seminary, on March 31, 2020.

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies:
 - Presented “The Scriptural Sources of the Hail Mary.” Lecture, at Holy Rosary Parish, Jersey City, NJ, on December 17, 2019. Approximately 50 people attended.
 - Led faculty development seminars for *Journey of Transformation* faculty, on the topic “Teaching the Books of Genesis and Exodus,” sponsored by the Department of the Core Curriculum, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on February 21 and 24, 2020. A total of approximately 15 faculty attended.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented a live webinar for the Institute of Catholic Culture: “Timothy, My Son: A Study of St. Paul’s Letters to His Disciple,” on May 12, 2020. More than 350 people viewed the webinar.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology:
 - As *Censor Librorum* for the Archdiocese of Newark, reviewed the 2021 Paulist Press *Ordo*, which is distributed to most US dioceses for use in church sacristies.
 - Facilitated Seton Hall University’s 2020 Annual Faculty Summer Seminar, co-sponsored by The Center for Catholic Studies and The Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on May 28 and 29, 2020. The seminar, on the topic *Discerning the Spirit*, was conducted online via Microsoft Teams. Approximately 50 people participated.
 - As a faculty member and spiritual director for the Summer Program for Diocesan Seminarians, sponsored by the Institute for Priestly Formation, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, served as one of 14 participants in strategic planning consultation sessions

- regarding the Summer Program. These sessions included three two-hour Zoom sessions on June 3 and 4, 2020, and three two-hour Zoom sessions on July 14 and 15, 2020.
- Provided spiritual direction at a Vocations Office retreat for aspirants, held at Villa Pauline, Mallinckrodt Convent, Mendham, NJ, from June 18-21, 2020. Five aspirants attended.
 - Coordinated programming and served as speaker and as a spiritual director for the remote Newark permanent diaconate ordination retreat, conducted via Zoom, from June 22-26, 2020. Twenty-three diaconal candidates attended the retreat. Monsignor McCarren delivered two presentations:
 - “Deacons: Living by the Word of God, Becoming ‘the Aroma of Christ’ (2 Corinthians 2:15),” on June 23, 2020.
 - “Deacons: ‘Servants of Christ and Stewards of the Mysteries of God’ (1 Corinthians 4:1), Encountering Jesus in Sacramental Celebration,” on June 24, 2020.
- ❖ Six faculty members of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology serve as assessors and examiners for former Anglican/Episcopalian clergymen who apply for ordination as Roman Catholic priests through the Pastoral Provision. This service was most recently rendered online, by the following ICSST faculty members:
- **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, on May 26, 2020.
 - **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spiritual Director, on May 27, 2020.
 - **Reverend Roberto Ortiz, S.T.L., S.T.D. (Cand.)**, Director of Liturgy and Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, on May 29, 2020.

- **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, and Founder and Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality, on May 29, 2020.
- **Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D.**, Professor of Church History, on May 29, 2020.
- **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, on May 29, 2020.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, presented the *2020 Pope Benedict XVI Summer Institute*, on the topic of “Faith and the Science of Creation,” sponsored by St. Paul Inside the Walls: The Catholic Center for Evangelization at Bayley-Ellard, Madison, NJ, on June 8, 9, and 10, 2020. Approximately 50 people attended each of the three evening lectures, which were conducted online, via Zoom.

- ❖ **Gregory C. Floyd, M.A. '04**, Assistant Director of the Center for Diaconal Formation, presented “A Life of Personal Prayer,” at the remote Newark permanent diaconate ordination retreat, on June 25, 2020. The retreat was conducted via Zoom, from June 22-26, 2020. Twenty-three diaconal candidates attended the retreat.

- ❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director, served as speaker and a spiritual director for the remote Newark permanent diaconate ordination retreat, conducted via Zoom, from June 22-26, 2020. Father Koch delivered a presentation on “The Deacon as Servant,” on June 22, 2020. Twenty-three diaconal candidates attended the retreat.

- ❖ **Reverend William M. McDonald, III, S.T.L.**, Associate Spiritual Director, served as speaker for the remote Newark permanent diaconate ordination retreat, conducted via Zoom, from June 22-26, 2020. Father McDonald delivered the “Introduction to Retreat in Preparation for the Permanent Diaconate,” on June 22, 2020. Twenty-three diaconal candidates attended the retreat.

- ❖ **Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. '08**, Director of the Center for Diaconal Formation and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, delivered two presentations on “Eucharist and Diaconal Service: ‘It Is No Longer I Who Live, but Christ Who Lives in Me’ (Galatians 2:20),” at the remote Newark permanent diaconate ordination retreat, conducted via Zoom, from June 22-26, 2020. Deacon Saunders delivered these presentations on June 23 and 24, 2020. Twenty-three diaconal candidates attended the retreat.

Off-Campus Courses

- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, taught TH624/RS290: *Letters of Paul*, in Fall 2019, for the Diocese of Trenton Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, Lawrenceville, NJ. The program is accredited by Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ.

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies, taught TH501/RS406: *Spirituality of the Old Testament*, in Fall 2019, for the Diocese of Trenton Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, Lawrenceville, NJ. The program is accredited by Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ.

Publications

- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, published two journal articles:
 - “Conscience, Consciousness, and the Person: Karol Wojtyła’s ‘Trans-Phenomenological’ Approach to Subjectivity, Intersubjectivity, and Participation.” *Dietrich von Hildebrand and Christian Personalism* (Special Issue), *Philosophical News* 1, no. 16 (July 2018).
 - “Not Merely as a Means, Nor Merely as an End: Wojtyła’s Reformulation of the Categorical Imperative and the Human Aperture to Hope.” *Philosophical News* 1, no. 17 (December 2018): 137-65.

- ❖ **Reverend W. Jerome Bracken, C.P., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, as National Chaplain of [CUSA](#), an Apostolate of Persons with Chronic Illness or Disability, published two chaplain’s letters:
 - “Becoming One: The Grace of Forgiveness to the One Offended and the Grace of Repentance to the Offender.” *The CUSAN* (Summer 2019).
 - “The Big Picture: Not God Our Helper, But We, His Instruments.” *The CUSAN* (Winter 2019-2020).

- ❖ **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, published a book chapter: “Witnessing to the Church as ‘Field Hospital’: The Examples of Edith Stein and Dorothy Day in Encountering, Embracing, and Healing the Wounded.” In *Full, Conscious, and Active: Lay Participation in the Church’s Dialogue*

with the World. Preface by Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley. Edited by Donna L. Orsuto and Robert S. White. Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticano, 2019.

- ❖ **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology, published a book chapter: “Exigent Relations: Philosophical Reflections on the Centrality of Fatherhood and Sonship.” In [*Spiritual Husbands-Spiritual Fathers: Priestly Formation for the 21st Century*](#), co-edited by Bishop Felipe J. Estévez, S.T.D., and Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens, S.T.D., 85-106. St. Louis, MO: Enroute, 2020.

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, published a book: [*Converting the Imagination: Teaching to Recover Jesus' Vision for Fullness of Life*](#). Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, May 15, 2020.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, published two journal articles:
 - [“An RSA Co-Processor Architecture Suitable for a User-Parameterized FPGA Implementation.”](#) *Journal of Information Security Research* 11, no. 2 (June 2020): 46-53.
 - [“Towards an Ethical and Ecological Approach to Electricity Generation: A Comparative Analysis of Coal and Nuclear Power in the USA.”](#) *Open Journal of Ecology* 10, no. 6 (June 2020): 370-79.

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, published a book: [*Virtue and Grace in the Theology of Thomas Aquinas*](#). New York City, NY: Cambridge University Press, July 30, 2020.

Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia

- ❖ **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology, participated in “Embracing the Call to Seminary Formation: Responding to the Holy Spirit,” offered by the Seminary Formation Council as part of their Certificate in Seminary Formation for Missionary Discipleship, at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, FL, from June 16-21, 2019.

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies:
 - Presented the following:
 - “A Survey of Scriptural Citations in Jewish Theological Reflections on the Holocaust.” Invited paper, at the 82nd International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, at Walsh University, North Canton, OH, on July 29, 2019. Approximately 12 people attended Dr. Glazov’s presentation.
 - “A Survey of Scriptural Citations in Jewish Theological Reflections on the Holocaust.” Invited paper, at the Princeton Theological Seminary Old Testament Seminar, Princeton, NJ, on January 28, 2020. Approximately 15 people attended Dr. Glazov’s presentation.
 - Participated in the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, held in San Diego, CA, from November 22-25, 2019.

- ❖ **Reverend Renato J. Bautista, M.Div., M.A.T.**, Director of Formation and Director of Seminary Records, participated in two additional modules for the Certificate in Seminary Formation for Missionary Discipleship, at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, FL:

- Module 3: “Christian Psychology and Integration,” from October 30-November 3, 2019.
- Module 4: “The Seminary as a School of Virtue,” from February 26-March 1, 2020.

❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology:

- Presented “Philosophical Principles for Priestly Formation in the Poetic and Dramatic Works of Karol Wojtyła / John Paul II.” Invited paper, at the American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting: *A Perennial Philosophy of Nature*, held in Minneapolis, MN, from November 21-24, 2019. As an invited speaker, Dr. Rice was awarded an in-kind grant of \$50 to cover the expense of a meal. He presented his paper on November 23, 2019, to approximately 25 people.
- Participated in the 2020 *Vita Institute* at the University of Notre Dame, sponsored by the De Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, from June 15-19, 2020. The conference took place online.

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

- Served on the panel at the National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy Convention, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on February 19, 2020.
- Served on the deans’ discussion panel, as part of the Opening Ceremony of Seton Hall University’s online [2020 Petersheim Academic Exposition: “Share, Honor, Unite”](#) Opening Ceremony, on April 20, 2020. Fifty-four 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 two-hour calls, the subcommittee worked on reviewing the revision of the New Testament of the *New American Bible*:
 - March 11, 2020.
 - May 12, 2020.
 - May 25, 2020.
 - June 11, 2020.
 - July 23, 2020.
 - August 10, 2020.
 - Participated in a virtual conference (via Zoom) with an international group of speakers: [*The Dead Sea Scrolls in Recent Scholarship: A Public Conference*](#). This conference was sponsored by New York University and The Friends of the Israel Antiquities Authority, from May 17-20, 2020.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, participated in the annual National Newman Conference, *John Henry Newman: A Saint for Our Season*, sponsored by the Saint John Henry Newman Association, and held via Zoom, from July 31-August 1, 2020. As a board member emeritus, Monsignor McCarren also participated in two board meetings of the Saint John Henry Newman Association, via Zoom, on July 31, 2020.

Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, coordinated the faculty “Contemplative Pedagogy Reading Group,” which met eight times during academic year 2019-2020. The group included Dr. Manning and 11 other Seton Hall University faculty members.

- ❖ **Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, served as external examiner for two doctoral theses for two different universities, during academic year 2019-2020.

- ❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented a paper, “The Theology of the Body and Our Proclamation of the Gospel,” to a group of approximately seven 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 September 19, 2019.

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies, presented a paper, “A Survey of Scriptural Citations in Jewish Theological Reflections on the Holocaust,” to a group of seven 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 October 24, 2019.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology:
 - Presented a paper, “Theology and Science in the Through of Ian Barbour: An Evaluation for the Catholic Doctrine of Creation,” to a group of approximately seven 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 November 21, 2019.
 - Was named a member of the Institute for Theological Encounter with Science & Technology (ITEST), on May 20, 2020.
 - Refereed a paper for the peer-reviewed proceedings of the 2020 World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics, in summer 2020.
 - Was elected President of the Seton Hall University chapter of the [Society of Catholic Scientists](#), an international scholarly society, in August 2020. Jose L. Lopez, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Physics, **Reverend Gerald J. Buonopane, Ph.D.**, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and Adjunct Professor of Undergraduate Theology, and Father Laracy recently established the Seton Hall University chapter of the Society of Catholic Scientists. They hope to actively recruit undergraduate students, graduate students, and other faculty to be members of the chapter. The Seton Hall University chapter plans to organize public lectures (given in person and/or by Zoom), encourage science-faith reading groups, and provide spiritual support opportunities for Catholic scientists. The parent organization has generously provided startup funds for this local chapter.

- ❖ **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, peer-reviewed a manuscript submission to the journal *Vigiliae Christianae*, on May 5, 2020.

- ❖ **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, 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, reviewed and edited the book *Dignity in Suffering—Closeness in Dying—Love in Mourning* (by multiple authors). Edits were completed in June 2020.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology:
 - In June 2020, accepted an invitation to serve as a member of the editorial board of a new journal, *A Word in Season*, which will appear under the auspices of The Saint John Henry Newman Association. Monsignor McCarren is assessing the following three presentations delivered at the annual National Newman Conference, *John Henry Newman: A Saint for Our Season*, for consideration for publication in the Saint John Henry Newman Association's proposed journal: "Antichrist, the Cross, and Christian Education," "The Contested Roles of Grammar and Witness in Newman's German Reception," and "Recovering Newman's Epistemology for a Post-Truth Era."
 - Is serving as a reader for a Ph.D. in Health Sciences proposal and dissertation titled "Exploring Communication Processes During Transitions from Acute Care to Skilled Nursing Facilities and Perceived Barriers to Communication," in the Department of Interprofessional Health Sciences and Health Administration of Seton Hall University's School of Health and Medical Sciences.