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Awards, Grants, and Honors

- ❖ **Reverend Renato J. Bautista, M.Div., M.A.T.**, Director of Formation and Director of Seminary Records, for the Certificate in Seminary Formation for Missionary Discipleship, at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, FL, participated in his final module (online): Module 7: “Formation Towards a Life of Discernment – Personal, Ecclesial, Pastoral,” from November 4-8, 2020. Upon completion of this module, Father Bautista received his Certificate in Seminary Formation for Missionary Discipleship.

- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology:
 - Was awarded the New York State Medal for Merit by the New York State Adjutant General in recognition of meritorious achievement warranting a federal decoration. The medal was bestowed on November 9, 2020.

- Was inducted into the *Delta Sigma Epsilon* honor society (*Alpha Mu* chapter), at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 29, 2021. Seven students and five faculty members were inducted. *Delta Epsilon Sigma* is a national scholastic honor society for students, faculty, and alumni of colleges and universities with a Catholic tradition.

- ❖ **Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, was awarded a grant by the Seton Hall University Research Council, in the amount of \$10,000, for research towards his book project on philosophical physics, for the period June-October 2021, with a presentation due in Spring 2022.

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology, was awarded the Michael Pressley Award for a Promising Scholar in the Education Field, bestowed by the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), University of Notre Dame, in July 2021. Dr. Manning was interviewed for the online article [“Dr. Patrick Manning Honored with 2021 Michael Pressley Award for a Promising Scholar in the Education Field.”](#) which was published on the ACE website on July 23, 2021.

Media Contributions and Interviews

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, served as a guest speaker on an episode 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). On this episode, taped on July 23, 2021, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, Father Laracy discussed the book that he co-edited with Reverend Paul Haffner, S.T.D.,

[Stanley Jaki Foundation International Congress 2015](#) (Gracewing, 2020). This episode will air on WSOU 89.5 FM on August 22, 2021. A podcast of this episode will be available at the following link: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/itunes-u/wsou-kinship-catholics-jews/id510704873>

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology, was interviewed by Craig Truglia, on the topic [“Questions about John Henry Newman vis-à-vis Vincent de Lérins.”](#) for the website *Orthodox Christian Theology*, on August 12, 2021.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, was interviewed by Dustin Quick on his Live YouTube program, *Holy Smokes: Cigars, Catholicism, and Conversation*, Episode 40, on the Jewish roots of the papacy, Confession, and the Eucharist. The interview, which was conducted on August 16, 2021, is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBYCeQ04EM4>. Approximately 100 people have viewed the interview as of the time of this report’s publication.

Mission and Service

- ❖ **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. ’88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology:
 - Delivered virtual presentations on the topic “A Spiritual Journey with Blessed Titus Brandsma,” to students in all levels of formation in the Carmelite Studies Program, Washington, DC, on August 13, 2020. Approximately 35 students and faculty virtually attended.

- As part of the *Developing the Life of Prayer Series* for resident seminarians, presented “Beholding the Face of God with Carmelite Saints this Lent,” on February 26, 2021.
- Led three-day Lenten Parish Mission, “Discovering Divine Treasures in Dark Times: St. Thérèse’s Spiritual Focus Amidst Trials,” at St. Bartholomew Parish, East Brunswick, NJ, on March 3, 4, and 5, 2021. Approximately 200 people attended.
- Presented two days of recollection for ICSST seminarians, on March 18 (at ICSST, Lewis Hall) and March 19 (at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, South Orange, NJ), 2021, on the topic “Open Letter to Seminarians from St. Joseph.”
- Facilitated a virtual Morning of Recollection for Parish Leaders of the Diocese of Trenton, NJ: “Living our Yes,” on March 25, 2021. Approximately 90 people virtually attended.
- Delivered a presentation to ICSST seminarians on “Prayer: From Exhaustion to Inspiration,” at ICSST, Lewis Hall, on April 23, 2021.
- Delivered a presentation to transitional deacons at the priesthood retreat, at Villa Pauline, Mendham, NJ: “‘Worthy:’ Meditations on the Rite of Ordination,” on May 27, 2021.

❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director:

- Celebrated Sunday Mass for Our Lady, at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, Doylestown, PA, on August 23, 2020. Approximately 200 people attended.
- Preached an Advent Mission (at all Masses during the weekend), on the theme “Be Not Afraid,” at St. Joseph Parish, West Milford, NJ, from December 18-20, 2020. Approximately 150 people attended.

- Facilitated a Mothers' Retreat at Immaculate Conception Parish, Somerville, NJ, on May 8, 2021. More than 25 women attended. Father Koch also assisted with Confessions at this retreat.
- Led an evening of prayer in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA, on May 13, 2021. The evening included Mass, a conference, and an outdoor Eucharistic procession. More than 100 people attended.
- Served as special guest at a young adult gathering, held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA, on May 15, 2021. The event included fellowship, Youth Mass, a spiritual conference, discussions, time for personal prayer, lunch, dinner, and a variety of activities. Approximately 25 people attended.
- Facilitated a morning retreat for the staff of Array of Hope, in Old Tappan, NJ, on May 19, 2021. The retreat theme was "Mary in Our Faith Life," and Mass and confessions were included in the morning. Approximately ten people attended.
- Preached at the first Mass of Father Steven Bertonazzi, at St. Padre Pio Church, Vineland, NJ, on May 23, 2021. Approximately 100 people attended.
- Facilitated a retreat for the Franciscan Sisters of the renewal, in Atlantic City, NJ, on June 5, 2021. At the retreat, Father Koch presented a talk on the topic "Jesus, Our Hope," celebrated Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and led a procession. Approximately 20 Sisters attended.
- Co-facilitated a retreat for three Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, in preparation for the friars making their final solemn vows on August 1, 2021. The retreat was held from July 26-27, 2021, at the Marianist retreat house, Long Island, NY.

- ❖ **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:
 - Directed a priests’ retreat for the Eparchy of Paterson, NJ and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, PA, online via Zoom, from October 5-9, 2020. Approximately 70 priests virtually attended.
 - 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 March 2, 2021.
 - Served as an invited speaker for the Spring 2021 section of the Seton Hall University College of Communication & the Arts course ARTH 3101: *Art and St. Peter’s*, on March 4, 2021.

- ❖ **Reverend Paweł Tomczyk, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Moral Theology, presented the following:
 - “The Quest for Happiness: Introduction to Moral Theology.” Online lecture, for Assumption College for Sisters, Mendham, NJ, on October 7, 2020. Approximately ten religious sisters virtually attended.
 - “Spirituality of Parish Ministries.” Liturgical workshop, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Flanders, NJ, on March 21, 2021. Approximately 50 people attended.
 - “On Love.” Retreat day, at Sacred Heart Parish, Clifton, NJ, on March 28, 2021. Approximately 40 people attended.

- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, served as an invited speaker for the Fall 2020 section of the Seton Hall University course CAST 3031/CORE 3078: *Catholicism, Healthcare, and the Human Condition*, on October 14, 2020. Dr. Rice lectured on “Marriage and Family Ethics” for this course taught by Dr. Anthony Carlino.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology:
 - Provided spiritual direction at a Vocations Office retreat for aspirants, held at Villa Pauline, Mallinckrodt Convent, Mendham, NJ, overlapping the ICS 4th Theology retreat, from October 16-17, 2020. Four aspirants attended; Monsignor McCarren provided spiritual direction for two of them.
 - Served as confessor at an Advent Penance Service for Holy Trinity Church, Westfield, NJ, on December 15, 2020.
 - Conducted a remote directed retreat for a religious brother, meeting January 2, 5, and 11, 2021.
 - Served as confessor at a Lenten Penance service for St. Peter Parish, New Brunswick, NJ, on March 2, 2021.
 - Served as confessor at a Lenten Penance Service for Holy Trinity Church, Westfield, NJ, on March 16, 2021.
 - As *Censor Librorum* for the Archdiocese of Newark, in April 2021, reviewed the 2022 Paulist Press *Ordo*, which is distributed to most US dioceses for use in church sacristies.

- At the Institute for Priestly Formation’s Summer Program for Diocesan Seminarians, at Creighton University, Omaha, NE:
 - Served as spiritual director for 14 seminarians, meeting weekly with each seminarian, from June 14-July 31, 2021.
 - Served as a “corridor father,” leading Evening Prayer and discussion twice weekly for 14 seminarians, from June 25-July 31, 2021.
 - Served as a priest-mentor for the 2-credit course IPF 502: *Growing into Authentic Manhood with Christ the Priest*. In this role, Monsignor McCarren assisted the psychologist-professor in relating the course material to the life of the priest. Monsignor McCarren rendered this service from June 28-July 9, 2021.
 - From June 15-July 31, 2021, concelebrated Mass daily; presided/preached three times; celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation weekly for one hour; and coordinated Deglman Hall Eucharistic Exposition and Reposition three times per week, presiding at most of the Exposition and Reposition times.

❖ **Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, served as instructor for a class on “Interior Life,” at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, New Brunswick, NJ, on January 9, 2021. Approximately 40 people attended.

❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, served with his wife on the Seton Hall University Campus Ministry panel *Love through the Ages* (in honor of Saint Valentine), conducted via Zoom, on February 11, 2021. Several dozen students virtually attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, over six weeks in the Spring 2021 semester, for two hours each week, taught and led Seton Hall’s *University Faculty Seminar on Mission*, conducted online via Microsoft Teams, from February 19-March 16, 2021. Fourteen people from Seton Hall University participated in this faculty development seminar.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean, presented a *Faith Quest* conference, “*Nunc Coepi* (Now I Begin) – Discovering Again New Life in Christ After the Scandal,” on March 3, 2021. The host parish was St. Thomas More, Fairfield, NJ. The conference was livestreamed from the third-floor chapel of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. Approximately 135 people virtually attended.

- ❖ **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Philosophical Theology:
 - Served as facilitator and lecturer for the Formation Program presentation “The Priest and Prison Ministry,” at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on March 21, 2021. Dr. Fortin assembled a team of five presenters to speak to the Immaculate Conception Seminary resident seminarians about the nature of prison ministry.
 - Co-led a retreat for students of the University of Texas at Austin, sponsored by the Austin Institute, from May 26-June 3, 2021, in Galveston, TX. Dr. Fortin presented three hour-long lectures on the nature of human sexual difference and complementarity, and led three hour-long seminars. Ten people participated.

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, delivered a series of presentations on various aspects of Catholic morals, for the Sisters in formation for the Missionaries of Charity – Contemplatives, in Plainfield, NJ. Each session included both teaching and discussion, for approximately one hour per session. The sessions were held on the following dates:
 - April 8, 2021. Five women attended.
 - April 15, 2021. Five women attended.
 - April 29, 2021. Five women attended.
 - May 24, 2021. Seven women attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Renato J. Bautista, M.Div., M.A.T.**, Director of Formation and Director of Seminary Records, 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 April 13, 2021.

- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, presented a 50-minute lecture in Spanish for a Spanish-speaking Workshop for Lectors, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark, Office of Divine Worship. The title of the lecture was “*Visión General de la Biblia: Perspectiva Católica*” (“Overview of the Bible: Catholic Perspective”). It provided an introduction to the Scriptures for people who will exercise the ministry of lector at Mass. The workshop (which included Father Gadenz’s lecture and two others) was held online on Saturday, May 15, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Father Gadenz’s lecture was pre-recorded on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, NJ. Fifty-eight people registered for the workshop.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology:
 - Delivered the commencement address for Our Lady of Mount Carmel School’s eighth grade graduation, in Boonton, NJ, on June 11, 2021. Approximately 100 people attended.
 - Delivered the commencement address for *Lumen Gentium* Academy’s high school graduation, in Boonton, NJ, on June 11, 2021. Approximately 50 people attended.
 - Presented “Reading Genesis: Genesis 24-50.” Live webinar, as part of the *Year of the Bible* program of the Diocese of Lansing, MI, on July 1, 2021. Approximately 200 people virtually attended.

- ❖ 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 by the following ICSST faculty members:
 - **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, on June 25, 2021.
 - **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, on June 24, 2021.
 - **Reverend Frederick L. Miller, S.T.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, on June 25, 2021.
 - **Reverend Roberto Ortiz, S.T.L., S.T.D. (Cand.)**, Director of Liturgy and Adjunct Professor and Chair of Systematic Theology, on June 17, 2021.
 - **Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D.**, Retired Professor of Church History, on June 23, 2021.

- **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, on June 16, 2021.

❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology:

- Served as a guest speaker at the Southeast Catechist Conference, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Atlanta, GA, and conducted online from August 12-14, 2021. Dr. Manning's presentation was titled "Young People Are Struggling to Find Meaning in Life: Here's How Catechists Can Help." More than 7,000 people virtually attended the conference.
- Facilitated a workshop on his book, *Converting the Imagination: Teaching to Recover Jesus' Vision for Fullness of Life*, for the Theology Department at St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland, OH, conducted online via Zoom, on August 17, 2021. Fifteen people virtually attended.

Off-Campus Course

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, presented a two-part *Spotlight on Morality* catechetical formation course (six hours combined) for all catechists and religion teachers of the Archdiocese of Newark. The course covered the entire moral portion of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* and was conducted via Zoom on May 25 and 26, 2021. Approximately 25 people participated.

Publications

- ❖ **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, **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, et al. published a co-edited book: *Dignity in Suffering, Closeness in Dying, Love in Mourning: Interdisciplinary Study*. Lublin, Poland: The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, 2020.

- ❖ **Reverend Paweł Tomczyk, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Moral Theology, published a book chapter: “Friend or Foe? The Function of Sorrow in the Process of Mourning.” In *Dignity in Suffering, Closeness in Dying, Love in Mourning: Interdisciplinary Study*, edited by Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino, Dianne M. Traflet, et al. Lublin, Poland: The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, 2020: 243-61.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, published a book translation: [*Las Glorias de María*](#). Totowa, NJ: Catholic Book Publishing Corporation, 2020. Translation from English into Spanish of a book-length adaptation by John Duffy, C.Ss.R., of the classic book by San Alfonsus Liguori: *The Glories of Mary*. New York: Catholic Book Publishing Company, 1981.

- ❖ **Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Sacred Scripture, published two books:
 - [*The Parables of Jesus: Invitations to Grace*](#). Totowa, NJ: Catholic Book Publishing Corporation, 2021.
 - [*Scriptural Novena to Saint Joseph*](#). Totowa, NJ: Catholic Book Publishing Corporation, 2021.

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies, published an article in a book: “Revelation After the Holocaust.” In [*The Oxford Handbook of Divine Revelation*](#), edited by Balász M. Mezei, Francesca Aran Murphy, and Kenneth Oakes. Oxford, England: Oxford University Press (2021): 436-56.

- ❖ **Reverend Frederick L. Miller, S.T.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, published a journal article: “Penance as Sacrament of the Sacrifice of the Cross.” *Nova et Vetera* 19, no. 2 (Spring 2021): 685-97.

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, published two journal articles:
 - Co-authored with Jörgen Vijgen: [*“Thomas Aquinas and Medieval Canon Law: Two Cases of Gratian’s Influence in the Summa Theologiae.”*](#) *Ius Ecclesiae* 33, no. 1 (2021): 219-40.
 - [*“When Must One Permit Scandals to Arise? A Comparison of Two Traditions.”*](#) *Irish Theological Quarterly* 86, no. 3 (2021): 254-72.

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology, published the following:
 - A chapter in a book: “Shaping a Meaningful Vision for Life in Today’s World.” In [*Together Along the Way: Conversations Inspired by the Directory for Catechesis*](#), edited by Hosffman Ospino and Theresa A. O’Keefe, 195-213. Chestnut Ridge, NY: Crossroad Publishing Company, May 2021.
 - [A book review of *Out on Waters: The Religious Life and Learning of Young Catholics beyond the Church*](#), by James Michael Nagle. *Religious Education* 116, no. 3 (May 27, 2021): 317-18.
 - A book review: [“The Research Behind our Intimate Relationships with God,”](#) review of *How God Becomes Real: Kindling the Presence of Invisible Others*, by T.M. Luhrmann. *America Magazine* (July 23, 2021).

- ❖ **Reverend Lawrence B. Porter, K.H.S., S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Director of the Turro Seminary Library, published an article in an online magazine: [“Catholics in High Public Office Today.”](#) *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (June 30, 2021).

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published a book review of *Inconsistency in the Torah: Ancient Literary Convention and the Limits of Source Criticism*, by Joshua A. Berman. *Nova et Vetera* 19, no. 3 (July 2021): 1000-09.

Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia

- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology:
 - Participated in the international conference on *The Heart*, sponsored by the Dietrich von Hildebrand Project, Steubenville University, and conducted virtually from July 6-10, 2020.
 - Participated in the international conference *We Belong to Each Other*, 21st annual conference of the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame, conducted virtually from January 12-14, 2021.
 - Attended the panel discussion *The Unbroken Thread: Discovering the Wisdom of Tradition in an Age of Chaos*, sponsored by the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame, and conducted virtually on May 6, 2021.

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology:
 - Moderated the Contemplative Pedagogy Leadership Seminar, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, from November 2020-August 2021. Dr. Manning designed the seminar, solicited and evaluated faculty applications, and facilitated bi-weekly meetings. Fourteen people participated.
 - Participated in the praxis program of the Advanced Seminar on Mission, sponsored by the Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership, Seton Hall University, on April 28, 2021.
 - Presented “Attending to Attention in Teaching and Learners.” Paper, at the College Theology Society Annual Meeting, conducted online, on June 5, 2021. Approximately 20 people virtually attended Dr. Manning’s presentation.

- Served as a panelist for “A Conversation at the Boundaries of Affiliation,” at the Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, conducted online, on July 6, 2021. Panelists drew from their perspectives as scholars and practitioners of religious education and ministry. In the early decades of the 21st century, there is a decreased likelihood that young people will claim affiliation within the Christian churches, a trend that has caused great apprehension within these churches. Rather than responding in fear, this panel sought to address these issues more openly and holistically by posing questions such as: What does it mean for young people to be at the borders of our churches? What are our hopes for them? How does this impact ministry and catechesis? Thirty-four people virtually attended the panel discussion.

❖ **Reverend Roberto Ortiz, S.T.L., S.T.D. (Cand.)**, Director of Liturgy and Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, participated online in *Lift Up Your Hearts*, Priest Conference, held in Austin, TX and available online for virtual attendance, in January 2021. The conference was designed to provide priests with the latest scholarship on Scripture and the Eucharist. The conference also included a homiletics workshop and daily celebration of Mass.

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

- Participated in the following seminars in New York City, sponsored by *First Things*:
 - Seminar on French Politics and Religious Freedom, on February 4, 2021.
 - Seminar on Law and Theology, on May 24, 2021.

- Led an online faculty colloquium for the faculty of Catholic Distance University, on August 2, 2021. The topic of the colloquium was *Understanding Vatican II with St. Vincent of Lérins*. Approximately 18 people virtually attended.

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

- As a consultant and one of nine 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*:

- February 19, 2021.
- March 18, 2021.
- April 22, 2021.
- June 8, 2021.

Father Gadenz’s service as a consultant also includes extensive work between meetings, reviewing the revision of the New Testament of the *New American Bible*.

- Participated remotely via Zoom in the Academy of Catholic Theology Annual Meeting, held at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC, from May 25-27, 2021. The theme of this year’s meeting was “The Paschal Mystery as Interpretation of Reality.”

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

- Presented “Hermeneutics and Community: The Role of Community in Catholic Biblical Interpretation.” Paper, at the international conference *Holy Scripture in the Catholic Church: Ecclesial Dimensions of Biblical Hermeneutics*, conducted online from May 17-18, 2021. This conference was sponsored by Ruhr-Universität, Bochum, Germany. Dr. Morrow

- delivered his presentation as part of session 4: *Scriptures and Communities: Interreligious Aspects of Hermeneutical Debates*, on May 17, 2021. Approximately 40 people virtually attended Dr. Morrow's presentation.
- Participated remotely via Zoom in the Academy of Catholic Theology Annual Meeting, held at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC, from May 25-27, 2021. The theme of this year's meeting was "The Paschal Mystery as Interpretation of Reality."
 - ❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, participated in the Academy of Catholic Theology Annual Meeting, held at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC, from May 25-27, 2021. The theme of this year's meeting was "The Paschal Mystery as Interpretation of Reality."
 - ❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director, attended the *Avila Summit 2021: Fire From Above*, sponsored by the Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation, at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Hanceville, AL, from July 16-18, 2021. The summit included continuing education workshops on spiritual direction, spiritual life, and vocation promotion.
 - ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, at the 25th World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics: WMSCI 2021, sponsored by the International Institute of Informatics and Systemics, and conducted virtually, from July 18-21, 2021, co-presented with Thomas Marlowe, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus in the Seton Hall University Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, two invited plenary keynote addresses:

- “A Cybernetic View of Agile,” on July 19, 2021. Approximately 15 people virtually attended this presentation.
- “A Second-Order Cybernetic Analysis of Hypothesis-Driven Development (HDD),” on July 20, 2021. Approximately 12 people virtually attended this presentation.

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

- As a board member emeritus, participated, via Zoom, in the annual Board of Directors meeting of the Saint John Henry Newman Association, held at the University of Saint Thomas, Houston, TX, on July 28, 2021.
- Participated, via Zoom, in the National Newman Conference, *The Hour of the Laity*, held at the University of Saint Thomas, Houston, TX, from July 29-31, 2021.

❖ **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 panelist for the panel discussion “The Art and Challenge of Translation: Revising the *NAB* New Testament,” at the annual meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, conducted online via Zoom, on August 2, 2021. Approximately 180 people virtually attended the presentation.

Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

❖ **Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, is serving as a committee member for the evaluation of doctoral thesis of a student at Liverpool Hope University, England (July 2020-present).

- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, blind-reviewed a book-length manuscript for The Catholic University of America Press, submitted February 20, 2021.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology:
 - Participated in the weekly *Online Formation Series: The Liturgical Year*, sponsored by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, from April 21-June 23, 2021.
 - At the Institute for Priestly Formation, Creighton University, Omaha, NE:
 - From June 17-July 21, 2021, received weekly spiritual direction supervision from the Director of Spiritual Direction Formation, a founder of the Institute for Priestly Formation.
 - Participated in two in-service workshops for faculty and spiritual directors, led by Reverend Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V., on June 23 and 25, 2021, and one in-service workshop for spiritual directors, led by Kathleen Kanavy, on July 8, 2021.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology:
 - Refereed an article for the *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, on June 23, 2021.
 - Submitted a peer review report for the *Open Journal of Ecology*, on July 23, 2021.