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Administrative Assignment

- ❖ On March 27, 2023, the Archdiocese of Newark and Seton Hall University announced that **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, has been appointed Rector/Dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, following a national search. Monsignor McCarren has served as Interim Rector/Dean since July 1, 2022. The full announcement is available at <https://www.shu.edu/news/spiritual-leader-monsignor-gerard-mccarren-named-rector-and-dean-of-immaculate-conception-seminary-school-of-theology-at-seton-hall-university.cfm>

Awards, Grants, and Honors

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, was awarded a Seton Hall University Mission Mentors Summer Award, in collaboration with **Laura Wangerin, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of History, in the amount of \$4,000, for his project titled “The *Triplex Veritas* Translation Project.” This grant was awarded for the period June 2022-May 2023. It included a University-wide, virtual presentation in April 2023, at Seton Hall University’s 27th Annual Petersheim Academic Exposition, during the session on such grant projects. Approximately 15 people attended virtually. A final report is due in June 2023.

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, with Seton Hall University colleagues **Minsun Lee, Ph.D.** (College of Education and Human Services, Professional Psychology and Family Therapy), **Anthony Haynor, Ph.D.** (College of Arts and Sciences, Sociology), and **Giuseppe Fazari, Ph.D.** (College of Arts and Sciences, Criminal Justice), has received from Seton Hall University’s Office of the Provost \$16,000, to be spent over the next three fiscal years to found an Academy for Interdisciplinary Seminar on Shame whose main goal is to publish an interdisciplinary volume of seminar papers on Shame.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, with two colleagues from Seton Hall University’s College of Arts and Sciences (**Jose Lopez, Ph.D.**, and **Sulie Chang, Ph.D.**), has received from Seton Hall University’s Office of the Provost \$70,500, to be spent over the next two fiscal years to found an Academy for Nature and Nurture: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Resilience.

- ❖ **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Undergraduate Theology, was awarded a Seton Hall University Research Council summer stipend, in the amount of \$10,000, for her project titled “The Hermeneutical Problem of Perceived Heresy in the Case Study of Gregory of Nyssa’s Mixture Christology.” This grant was awarded for the period June 1-August 31, 2023, with a presentation due in Spring 2024.

- ❖ **Reverend Renato J. Bautista, M.Div., M.A.**, Director of Formation and Director of Seminary Records, was honored at the annual *Notes of Distinction* benefit concert, sponsored by the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Andrew’s Hall, at The Hanover Manor, East Hanover, NJ, on April 20, 2023. Father Bautista is the recipient of the 2023 Saint Andrew’s Achievement Award.

- ❖ **Maria G. McIlvaine**, Coordinator of Events and Facilities Management, for her service to the Seminary, was presented with the St. Junipero Serra Award by the 22nd District of Serra International, Archdiocese of Newark, at their 68th Annual Vocations Fundraising Dinner, at Nanina’s in the Park, Belleville, NJ, on May 1, 2023.

Publications

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, published the following:
 - Journal article: “Beauty, a Path to Christ: A Psychological and Neuroscientific Perspective.” *International Journal of Evangelization and Catechetics* 3, no. 2 (February 27, 2023): 149-66.

- Online encyclopedia article: [“Science and Religion, Ian Barbour’s Legacy.”](#) In *Interdisciplinary Encyclopedia of Religion and Science*. Rome, Italy: The Advanced School for Interdisciplinary Research (ADSIR) at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, March 19, 2023.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L, S.T.D.**, ICSSST’s Coordinator of Undergraduate Admissions and Retention, and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, published a book review of *Lukan Parables of Reckless Liberty*, by Amanda Brobst-Renaud. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 85, no. 2 (April 2023): 355-56.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published the following:
 - A book, co-authored with Jeff Cavins, Biff Rocha, and Andrew Swafford: [A Catholic Guide to the Old Testament](#). West Chester, PA: Ascension Press, 2023. As of mid-May 2023, this book ranked as #1 in new releases in Catholic Theology on Amazon.
 - A magazine article: [“Josemaría Escrivá: The Saint of Ordinary Life.”](#) *The Imaginative Conservative* (June 25, 2022). This is a second reprint of Dr. Morrow’s prior essay “St. Josemaría Escrivá: The Saint of Ordinary Life.” *Crisis* (June 25, 2015). The article also was published in *The Imaginative Conservative* on September 7, 2019.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology, published a dictionary entry: “Vattimo and the Church.” In [The Vattimo Dictionary](#), edited by Simonetta Moro, 50-51. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2023.

Media Contributions

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology, presented a video illuminating the Catholic Intellectual Tradition at Seton Hall University. The video was published on April 19, 2023, and is available on Seton Hall University's YouTube channel, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-d4WhnlRHU>

- ❖ **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, provided commentary in the movie *Our Liberator: St. Joseph and the Priests of Dachau*. [See the movie trailer here](#). The movie opened in theaters nationwide on May 1, 2023, as a Fathom Event, alongside *A Father's Heart: The Miracles of St. Joseph Today*.

Special Events

- ❖ The Seton Hall University Core, Catholic Studies Program, Catholic Studies Center, and Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology are co-sponsoring a *Scholars' Forum in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams. As part of this forum:
 - **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Undergraduate Theology, presented on her recently published co-edited book, [New Narratives for Old: The Historical Method of Reading Early Christian Theology: Essays in Honor of Michel René Barnes](#), on September 28, 2022. Twenty-two people attended virtually.

- **Gregory C. Floyd, M.A. '04**, Assistant Director of the Center for Diaconal Formation, presented on his recent book, [*Unforgettable: How Remembering God's Presence in Our Past Brings Hope to Our Future*](#) (Paraclete Press, 2022), on March 1, 2023. Twenty-one people attended virtually.
 - **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented on his recent book co-authored with John S. Bergsma, [*Murmuring Against Moses: The Contentious History and Contested Future of Pentateuchal Studies*](#) (Emmaus Academic, 2023), on March 29, 2023. Seven people attended virtually.
- ❖ The Seton Hall community gathered with family and friends for the **10th Annual Irish Language Mass & Reception** on the South Orange campus, on April 14, 2023. Sponsors of this celebration of Catholic faith and Irish heritage were Pirates of Irish Persuasion & Extraction (PIPE), Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, and the University's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. **Eilish R. Harrington '08**, ICSST's Institutional Planning & Communications Analyst, and Advisor of PIPE, coordinated the event. Among the ICSST community members who provided support for the event were: **Maria G. McIlvaine**, Coordinator of Events and Facilities Management; **Elizabeth M. Vacchiano, M.A. '20**, Coordinator of Student and Administration Support Services; **Andrew M. Brenycz '99**, Academic Resource Specialist; **Michael F. Burt**, Senior Director of Seminary Advancement; **Ewa Bracko, M.B.A.**, Administrator of Budgets and Financial Operations; **Reverend Robert K. Suszko, M.B.A., M.Div.**, Vice Rector and Business Manager; **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, who also concelebrated the Mass and offered a blessing at the reception; and seminarians **Patrick Rasimowicz**,

Andrew Rubinich, Lucas Folan, James Prumos, Joseph Grabowski, and Carlos Vargas. Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Walsh of the Diocese of Trenton celebrated Mass in the University's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at 3 p.m. Parts of the Mass were said in Irish, and parts in English. The musical selections for the Mass included Irish-inspired hymns, sung and led by **Sara McCabe '02**. Following the Mass was a light reception in the Seminary Refectory in Lewis Hall. An uilleann piper, accompanied by a guitarist, provided musical entertainment. All attendees at the reception were entered to win door prizes generously donated by area businesses. Approximately 75 people attended.

- ❖ ICSST's Undergraduate Program in Catholic Theology hosted and participated in an induction ceremony for *Theta Alpha Kappa*, the National Honor Society for Theology and Religious Studies, on April 19, 2023. **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Undergraduate Theology, offered remarks. Thirty-four students (both undergraduate and graduate, from ICSST and the College of Arts and Sciences) were inducted. Thirty inductees were ICSST students (11 undergraduate and 19 graduate), and 60 people attended the ceremony. **Michael Maloney, Ph.D.**, *Theta Alpha Kappa* Faculty Advisor, and Lecturer, Department of Religion, delivered the Welcome Address, and **Colleen Conway, Ph.D.**, Chair of the Department of Religion, offered additional remarks. **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, offered the Final Word and Blessing. **Elizbeth M. Vacchiano, M.A. '20**, Coordinator of Student and Administration Support Services, organized and supervised the event. The induction ceremony took place in the Seminary's Chapel of Christ the Good Shepherd, and a light reception followed in the Seminary Refectory.

- ❖ As part of Seton Hall University’s 27th Annual Petersheim Academic Exposition, students in ICSST’s Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theology (Systematic Theology and Church History concentrations) programs shared graduate research presentations, on April 25, 2023. **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, served as organizer and host of this event, which was conducted online via Microsoft Teams. Presentations included “Patterns of Early Medieval Mission Work: Missionary-Monks in ‘Barbarian’ Europe,” by **Brother Bruno Mello, O.S.B.**; “Faith: Between Reason and Doubt in Joseph Ratzinger,” by **Reverend João Paolo, C.S.J.**; and “Galileo’s Theological Adventure into Biblical Interpretation,” by **Brother JB Minhduc Tran Nguyen**. Approximately 25 people attended virtually.

- ❖ The Seton Hall University Society of Catholic Scientists, in collaboration with the Program of Catholic Studies, the Center for Catholic Studies, the Department of the Core Curriculum, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, and Campus Ministry, presented “God, Angels, and Electromagnetic Radiation: Life Among the Invisible.” Lecture, as part of Seton Hall University’s 27th Annual Petersheim Academic Exposition, by chemist and theologian **Stacy Trasancos, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Catholic Studies, on April 27, 2023. Approximately 60 people attended the lecture, which was held on SHU’s South Orange campus. **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, served as organizer of the lecture. More information on the lecture is available at <https://www.shu.edu/news/god-angels-and-electromagnetic-radiation.cfm>. A recording of the lecture is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_bQ9HVLQ3w.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, with **John Wargacki, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of English, hosted a presentation and discussion based on their project for the Mission Mentors Program, which focused on metaphors related to the journey within the Catholic intellectual tradition. The colloquium began with an overview of their project, which incorporates the work of linguist and philosopher George Lakoff, and the ways the metaphor of the journey can be traced through a variety of texts, as well as in our collective journeys. This event, which was held on SHU’s South Orange campus, on May 4, 2023, was sponsored by the Mission Mentor Program and the Center for Faculty Development, in collaboration with the Department and Program of Catholic Studies, the University Core Curriculum, the Center for Catholic Studies, and Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology. Approximately 20 people attended.

Teaching Outside Seton Hall

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, presented two-part “Introduction to the Old Testament” *Spotlight on the Scriptures* catechetical formation courses, conducted online, for catechists and religion teachers of the Archdiocese of Newark:
 - On August 24, 2022. Approximately 24 people participated.
 - On January 17 and 18, 2023. Nine people participated.

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, presented a two-part *Spotlight on Morality* catechetical formation course (six hours combined) for catechists and religion teachers of the Archdiocese of Newark. The course covers the entire moral portion of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* and was conducted via Zoom on October 18 and 20,

2022, and again on February 15 and 16, 2023. A total of approximately 20 people participated.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, served as instructor for the online program *Theology of Work*, as part of the new [Emmaus Academy](#), a digital series of lectures offered through the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. The lectures were released in April 2023.

Mission and Service

- ❖ Six faculty members of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology continue service as assessors and examiners for former Anglican/Episcopalian clergymen who apply for ordination as Roman Catholic priests through the Pastoral Provision. These six faculty members are:
 - **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Professor and Chair of Moral Theology.
 - **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology.
 - **Reverend Roberto Ortiz, S.T.L., S.T.D. (Cand.)**, Director of Liturgy, and Adjunct Professor and Chair of Systematic Theology.
 - **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology.
 - **Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Church History.

- **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L, S.T.D.**, ICSST's Coordinator of Undergraduate Admissions and Retention, and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies.

- ❖ **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair 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.
 - 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.

- ❖ **Reverend Paweł Tomczyk, Ph.D.**, Director of Pastoral Formation, and Assistant Professor of Moral Theology:
 - Continues service as a postulator for the Cause of Captain LaRue/Brother Marinus, for the Diocese of Paterson. In this role, Father Tomczyk conducts research into the life of the Servant of God, which is useful for knowing the reputation of holiness or of martyrdom, the reputation of intercessory power, and the importance of the cause for the Church.
 - Served as confessor for approximately 40 students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, at Holy Spirit Parish, Pequannock, NJ, on October 15, 2022.

- Served as confessor for approximately 30 students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, at Christ the King Parish, New Vernon, NJ, on November 12, 2022.
- Delivered the opening prayer at the Seton Hall University Priest Community Thanksgiving Dinner, at SHU, South Orange, NJ, on November 19, 2022. Approximately 100 people attended.
- Served as confessor for approximately 25 students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Mountain Lakes, NJ, on December 3, 2022.
- Served as confessor at a penance service, at Holy Spirit Parish, Pequannock, NJ, on December 10, 2022. Approximately 150 people attended.
- Facilitated a Day of Discernment for young men thinking about priesthood, at St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ, on January 7, 2023. Approximately five people attended.
- Served as confessor at an Antioch Retreat, at Christ the King Parish, New Vernon, NJ, on January 14, 2023. Approximately 30 people attended.
- As *Censor Librorum* for the Diocese of Paterson, reviewed the following future publications seeking Imprimatur (ensuring freedom from doctrinal or moral errors):
 - *Key of Heaven*, Catholic Book Publishing Corporation, on January 30, 2023.
 - *Daily Companion for First Responders*, by Allan Wright, Catholic Book Publishing Corporation, on March 7, 2023.
 - *Saint Joseph Sunday Missal Prayerbook and Hymnal for 2024*, Catholic Book Publishing Corporation, on March 30, 2023.

- Served as confessor for students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, at St. Lawrence Parish, Chester, NJ, on February 11, 2023. Approximately 70 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation that day.
 - Served as confessor at a diocesan men’s retreat, at St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ, on February 22, 2023. Approximately 50 people attended.
 - Delivered “Theology of the Body: On the Meaning of Human Sexuality.” Presentation for RCIA students, sponsored by SHU Campus Ministry, at SHU, South Orange, NJ, on February 26, 2023. Approximately 12 people attended.
- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology, served as coordinator of Seton Hall University’s Living Well Community. In this role, from August 2022 to April 2023, Dr. Manning planned, secured funding, and facilitated a small community of students and faculty guides dedicated to building relationships and promoting mental health through engaging spiritual practices.
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L, S.T.D.**, ICSST’s Coordinator of Undergraduate Admissions and Retention, and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, as *Censor Librorum* for the Archdiocese of Newark, in 2022-2023, reviewed two books submitted to the Archbishop of Newark for his certification that such are free from Catholic theological error:
- *Advent: The Lord is Near, Reflections for Liturgical Year B* (Renew International).
 - *Mark: Growing in Faith*, volume 1 (Renew International).

❖ **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology:

- Presented “Promoting Christian Unity.” One of several lectures at a workshop sponsored by the Ecumenical Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The lecture was held at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus, NJ, on January 22, 2023. Approximately 22 people attended.
- Served as homilist at Seton Hall University’s main Noon Mass for Ash Wednesday, at SHU, South Orange, NJ, on February 22, 2023. Approximately 500 people attended.
- Presented “Virtues and Values in Servant Leadership.” Lecture, at the Servant Leader Scholars meeting, sponsored by SHU’s Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership, at SHU, South Orange, NJ, on March 15, 2023. Approximately 17 people attended.
- Presented “Virtues and the Ecumenical Movement: The Healing of Christian Divisions.” Retreat, for the *Heart of the University* Faculty Retreat Series, sponsored by Seton Hall University’s Office of Mission and Ministry and Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership, and conducted online via Microsoft Teams, on March 29, 2023. Sixteen people attended virtually.

❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, presented three Lenten talks, at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Jersey City, NJ. Approximately 30 people attended each lecture:

- “Palm Sunday: Jesus’ Entry into Jerusalem and the ‘Glory Be,’” on February 24, 2023.
- “Holy Thursday: The Last Supper, Temptation in the Garden, and ‘The Lord’s Prayer,’” on March 17, 2023.
- “Good Friday and ‘The Hail Mary,’” on March 24, 2023.

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

- Presented “The Historical Reliability of Scripture.” Lecture for The Grade, a program for high school men, at Murray Hill Place Conference Center, New York City, New York, on February 25, 2023. Approximately 15 people attended.
- Presented three lectures for the Lenten lecture series on the Eucharist, at Our Lady of Peace Parish, New Providence, NJ. Approximately 30 people attended each lecture:
 - “The Eucharist, Part 1: Bread of the Presence of God,” on March 13, 2023.
 - “The Eucharist, Part 2: The Eucharist as New Manna and Bread of Life,” on March 20, 2023.
 - “The Eucharist, Part 3: The Last Supper as New Passover,” on March 27, 2023.
- Presented two lectures for the annual Lenten Day of Recollection, at Sacred Heart Parish, Clifton, NJ, on March 18, 2023. Approximately 30 people attended each lecture:
 - “The Sacrament of Confession.”
 - “Confession and Catholic Life.”
- Served as parent coordinator at Heart Academy, Westfield, NJ, ensuring that all students were picked up by their parents and helping to reorganize the room, on March 28, April 18, and May 9, 2023.
- Presented three lectures for the course of studies for *Opus Dei* Supernumeraries in the New York City area, at IESE Business School, New York City, New York, on April 8, 2023. Approximately 30 people attended each lecture:
 - “Introduction to Sacred Scripture, Lecture 1: Overview of the Bible.”
 - “Introduction to Sacred Scripture, Lecture 2: Historical Reliability of the Old Testament.”
 - “Introduction to Sacred Scripture, Lecture 3: Overview of the Book of Genesis.”

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology:
 - As *Censor Librorum* for the Archdiocese of Newark, in March 2023, reviewed the 2024 Paulist Press *Ordo*, which is distributed to most US dioceses for use in church sacristies.
 - In early April 2023, was appointed to the Search Committee for the position of Director of the Center for Catholic Studies at Seton Hall University. The review of applications by the search committee began in early May 2023.

- ❖ **Reverend James P. Platania, S.S.L., S.Th.D. (Cand.)**, Director of the Turro Seminary Library, and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, facilitated a retreat titled *From Eve to Mary: Biblical Reflections*, for a women’s group from St. Catherine Parish, Mountain Lakes, NJ, from March 3 to 5, 2023. The retreat was held at Villa Pauline, Mendham, NJ. Approximately 20 women attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Spiritual Director:
 - Preached at Masses that were part of a Lenten Triduum parish retreat and celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Linden, NJ, on March 10, 11, and 12, 2023. Approximately 150 people attended each Mass.
 - Facilitated a retreat for the college seminarians of St. Andrew’s Hall and preached on the topic “Redirecting Our Hearts,” at St. Joseph by the Sea Retreat House, Mantoloking, NJ, from March 17 to 19, 2023. The retreat also included Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Approximately 12 seminarians attended.
 - Facilitated an evening of recollection on the topic “Renewal in Christ,” at St. James Parish, Woodbridge, NJ, on March 21, 2023. The evening included preaching,

- exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Approximately 100 people attended.
- For the “Ten Miles with Jesus” walk, on March 26, 2023, coordinated the English section of the walk with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The day began at 10 a.m. at St. Theresa Church in Linden, NJ. The pilgrims traveled through Elizabeth, NJ, en route to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ. Along the way, the group prayed the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and joined together in song. Approximately ten friars assisted with the singing and leading the prayers. The day ended with a 6 p.m. Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Manuel Cruz. More than 1,000 people attended.
 - Delivered a guest lecture, “Introduction to St. Francis,” for the ICSST course HSTD 6310/PTHO 6726: *History of Spirituality*, taught by Dr. Dianne Traflet in Spring 2023, on April 19, 2023.
 - Facilitated a day of recollection on the theme “Disciples of Christ,” for the Franciscan Sisters in Parsippany, on April 29, 2023. Father Koch delivered two talks, served as celebrant and homilist at Mass, presided at Eucharistic adoration, and celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Forty-five Sisters attended.
- ❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, and his wife, Susan Johnston, presented “Blessed Be the Mess: Spiritual and Real-Life Reflections on Living the Faith in Family Life.” Lenten reflection, at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, NJ, on March 22, 2023. Approximately 100 people attended.

- ❖ **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, facilitated a retreat morning for the Board of Directors of RENEW International, at Immaculate Conception Seminary, on March 25, 2023. Dr. Traflet spoke on the topic “Praying with St. Gregory the Great.”
- Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, served as celebrant and homilist at the morning Mass and delivered the welcome address at the beginning of the retreat. Twenty-three people attended.
- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, presented “Deposit of Faith, Magisterium, and Doctrine.” Lecture, at the Cathedral of St. John, Paterson, NJ, on April 29, 2023. Approximately 12 people attended.

Conferences, Meetings, Panel Discussions, and Symposia

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Interim Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, participated in a symposium offered by the Institute for Priestly Formation at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL, from March 16 to 19, 2023. The symposium was titled *The Propaedeutic Stage: Reimagining Priestly Formation*. Principal sessions included “*Lectio on Ratio and Program of Priestly Formation 6 Texts*,” “The Church’s Vision for Forming Priests in Contemporary Culture,” “The Propaedeutic Stage in Dialogue with the Formation Itinerary,” “Interior Maturity: A Common Thread for the Formation Itinerary,” and “Interior Maturity: Implications for Formation.” Speakers included Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Deacon James Keating.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, with **Thomas J. Marlowe, Ph.D.**, Professor Emeritus in the Seton Hall University Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, and **Susu Nousala, Ph.D.**, Founder and Co-President of Creative Systemic Research Platform Institute, and Professor at Global Humanistic University, presented “Mathematical Modeling, Multi-Modal Presentation, and Transdisciplinary: Communication Questions, Issues, and a Partial Solution.” Plenary keynote address, at the 14th International Multi-Conference on Complexity, Informatics, and Cybernetics: IMCIC 2023, conducted virtually on March 29, 2023. Approximately 15 people attended the presentation virtually.

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, presented on his project “The *Triplex Veritas* Translation Project,” for which he, in collaboration with **Laura Wangerin, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of History, was awarded a Seton Hall University Mission Mentors Summer Award in 2022. Dr. Anderson’s presentation was conducted online, in April 2023, at SHU’s 27th Annual Petersheim Academic Exposition, during the session on such grant projects. Approximately 15 people attended virtually.

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor and Chair of Biblical Studies, delivered “Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher’s Use of Scripture and Rabbinic Writings in Reflecting on the Shoah.” Brief presentation of Dr. Glazov’s University Research Council grant project, conducted as part of SHU’s Petersheim Academic Exposition 2023 Research Showcase, on April 26, 2023. Approximately 15 people attended virtually.

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Pastoral Theology, delivered “Harvesting the Treasures of Contemplative Christianity for Contemporary Catholic Education.” Brief presentation of Dr. Manning’s University Research Council grant research and outcomes, conducted as part of SHU’s Petersheim Academic Exposition 2023 Research Showcase, on April 26, 2023. Six people attended in person and approximately 30 people attended virtually.

Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

- ❖ **Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor of Philosophical Theology, served as a committee member for the evaluation of doctoral thesis of a student at Liverpool Hope University, England, from July 2020 to October 2022. The student successfully defended and published his doctoral thesis.
- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, on November 18, 2022, accepted an invitation to serve on the inaugural Scientific Committee of the journal *Wojtyła Studies*, based in Kraków, Poland.
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology, has been selected by The Catholic Project, an initiative of The Catholic University of America, to undertake continuing research on the recently released National Study of Priests. The research and writing for this project, which will involve several workshops and conferences, will continue throughout 2024.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, peer-reviewed an article for the journal *Religions*, on March 17, 2023.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, is serving as an external reviewer of the dissertation of a Ph.D. candidate at Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel. This service began in April 2023 and will continue through June 2023. Dr. Morrow is performing the review remotely. The candidate's dissertation topic is "Mere Persuasion: Classical and Contemporary Rhetoric in the Works of C.S. Lewis."