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### **Awards, Grants, Honors, and Milestones**

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies, was awarded a grant in the amount of \$500 by Seton Hall University's Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center Digital Humanities Seed Grant Committee, for the period July 2018-April 2019. The grant supported Dr. Glazov's project "Database of Scripture Citations in Jewish and Catholic Theological Responses During and After the Holocaust."
  
- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, was honored as Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology's Researcher of the Year, at the University's annual Research Luncheon, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on March 8, 2019.

- ❖ The Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology community celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the priestly ordination of **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director for the Seminary, at a Mass and dinner at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on May 5, 2019.

## Speaking Engagements

- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, served as a guest speaker on the hour-long “Inner Life” talk show on the nationwide station *Relevant Radio* (Newark area: 1430 AM), discussing with the show’s host the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel reading, and responding to callers’ questions and comments, on the following dates:
  - [March 29, 2019.](#)
  - [April 26, 2019.](#)
  
- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.M., S.T.L.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, was interviewed on March 31, 2019 by Pat Flynn, host of the “Sunday School” show on WCATRadio.com, a St. Louis-based internet radio station developed as an on-air branch of En Route Books & Media for the purpose of advancing the themes of its books and for promoting the mission of Holy Apostles College & Seminary. The interview, on the topic of the relationship of Catholic faith and theology with the natural sciences, is available at <https://wcatradio.com/sundayschool/>.

## Special Events

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, and **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies, presented “Renewal at the Well: Theological and Artistic Interpretations of the Woman at the Well.” Lecture, as part of Seton Hall University’s *Lovelette Interdisciplinary Series*, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on March 7, 2019. Approximately 30 people attended.
  
- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology sponsored *Lenten Lamentations: A Series of Three Lenten Scriptural Reflections*, in the Seminary’s Chapel of Christ the Good Shepherd, on three Lenten Friday evenings. Following each reflection, participants were invited to the Lewis Hall refectory for a simple Lenten Friday meal of soup and bread. The series, which was open to all Seton Hall University students, faculty, staff, and administrators, included the following presentations:
  - “Failing and Grieving: Lament as Scriptural Response,” by **Reverend Thomas D. Stegman, S.J.**, Dean and Professor Ordinarius of New Testament in the Ecclesiastical Faculty at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, on March 22, 2019. Approximately 40 people attended.
  - “The Whole Body Aches: Godly Grief and Transformation,” by **Sister Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, on March 29, 2019. Approximately 40 people attended.
  - “Lamentations: Hope for New Day,” by **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. ’88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, and Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality, on April 5, 2019. Forty-two 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, interviewed Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology alumnus **Michael St. Pierre, Ed.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, for a Facebook Live session sponsored by and held at ICSST, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 3, 2019. This interview was conducted in advance of Dr. St. Pierre's new book, *The 5 Habits of Prayerful People: A No-Excuses Guide to Strengthening Your Relationship with God*. One hundred seventy people engaged in this Facebook Live session. Organized by **Diane M. Carr, M.A. '07**, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services, this Facebook Live session is available on

<https://www.facebook.com/halltheology/videos/437742730318481/>

❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology sponsored a session introducing Biblical Study software, including *Bible Works* and *Accordance*, in the Turro Seminary Library, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 3, 2019. **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, and **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies, presented the session, which was open to students and faculty of ICSST and SHU. The presentations demonstrated the variety of Biblical Study software resources and databases available in *Bible Works* and *Accordance*, and showed how students can use *Bible Works* and *Accordance* in the Seminary Library to study biblical texts via word searches, grammatical aids, dictionaries, commentaries, maps, original manuscripts, et cetera. Twelve people attended.

- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology hosted a lecture and book-signing by **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, in celebration of the recent publication of his book [\*Alfred Loisy and Modern Biblical Studies\*](#). This event was part of Seton Hall University's annual Petersheim Academic Exposition. In his lecture, Dr. Morrow discussed the Roman Catholic Modernist Alfred Loisy's early work in Biblical Studies and the study of the Ancient Near East, illuminating how the Modernist Crisis helped to pave the way for the Second Vatican Council. Twenty-three people attended this event, which was held in the Seminary's Chapel of Christ the Good Shepherd, on April 4, 2019.
  
- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology's Center for Diaconal Formation sponsored *Lenten Reflections*. Day of reflection for wives of deacons, deacon candidates, and aspirants. Focusing on St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, the day included two presentations by **Sister Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, reflecting on what the Cross reveals of God's character and Cruciform Spirituality. The day of reflection was held at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 13, 2019. The morning began with Mass celebrated by **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spiritual Director for the Seminary, and a light breakfast. Thirty-six people attended.
  
- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology hosted an induction ceremony and reception for *Theta Alpha Kappa*, the National Honor Society for Theology and Religious

Studies, on April 23, 2019. **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, addressed the inductees and their guests. Ninety people attended.

- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology hosted Evening Prayer and a reception as part of the launch of ICSST's partnership with the Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas. Evening Prayer and the reception were held at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 25, 2019. **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean, presided at Evening Prayer.
  
- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology sponsored "*Heart of a Priest, the Relic Pilgrimage of St. Jean Vianney's Incorrupt Heart*," at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on May 4, 2019. The day included veneration of the relic, Mass, Confession, and a conference talk by **Reverend Frederick L. Miller, S.T.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology. Approximately 500 people attended.

## Mission and Service

- ❖ **Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino, K.C.H.S., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Seminary and Academic Studies and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies:
  - Served as an invited speaker for the Fall 2018 section of the Seton Hall University course ARTH 3101: *Art and St. Peter's*, on September 17, 2018.
  - As a *Censor Librorum* for the Archdiocese of Newark, reviewed a book titled *Live Lent C*, a Lenten Commentary by Sister Theresa Rickard of Renew International, in October 2018.

- Presented “Transitioning to Major Seminary: Academics.” One-hour presentation to the seniors of St. Andrew’s Hall College Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on February 12, 2019.
- Served as a member of the targeted visitation team of the Association of Theological Schools that visited Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA, from February 25-28, 2019, for its 10-year comprehensive reaccreditation visit. Father Ciccarino also assisted in preparation for the visit and in the composition of the final report.

❖ **Julie V. Burkey, D.Min.**, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology:

- Presented “Being Who You Are in a Flawed Church.” Presentation, sponsored by Array of Hope, addressing how faithful Catholics react to the current crisis in our Church. This presentation was held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Asbury, NJ, on February 9, 2019. Approximately 40 people attended.
- Facilitated “Discerning God’s Will for Your Life.” Retreat for Seton Hall University Campus Ministry upperclassmen and upperclasswomen, on practical discernment of God’s will. This retreat was held at Libenzell Retreat Center, Schooley’s Mountain, NJ, on February 23, 2019. Approximately 35 people attended.
- Facilitated a retreat for youth ministers from parishes across several New Jersey dioceses, at St. Joseph Shrine, Stirling, NJ on February 28, 2019. Dr. Burkey led participants in a focused retreat to name their particular spiritual gifts. Afterward, retreatants spent time discerning how those gifts were operative in their ministry. Approximately 25 people attended.

- Facilitated the Annual Women’s Retreat for St. Catherine of Siena Parish of Mountain Lakes, NJ. Held at Villa Pauline, Mendham, NJ, from March 8-10, 2019, the three-day retreat followed the theme “Be Who You Are and Be That Well! (St Francis de Sales).” Approximately 30 women attended.
- Presented “Mary in Her Later Years.” Reflection on the life of Mary, the Mother of God, after the death and resurrection of her Son. This presentation was held at St. Joseph Parish, Mendham, NJ, on March 30, 2019. Approximately 50 people attended.

❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, presented the following:

- “An Honest Discussion on *Humanae Vitae* and NFP.” Twenty-minute overview of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, including some basic misunderstandings of the document and Church teaching. Following his presentation, as a panel member, Dr. Anderson responded to theological questions during a Q&A session. The presentation was held at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Stirling, NJ, on March 2, 2019. Approximately 25 people attended.
- Two, hour-long presentations on “Catholic Identity,” for Bergen Catholic High School In-Service Day, at Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, NJ, on March 15, 2019. Approximately 60 people attended. Dr. Anderson also facilitated large group discussion at this In-Service Day.

❖ **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 the following:



- “Hearing the Unexpected Voice of Christ in the Midst of Fear and Fatigue: Lessons from Saint Peter on Navigating Stormy Seas.” Two-evening Lenten Parish Mission, at St. Peter Parish, Belleville, NJ, on March 7 and 8, 2019. Approximately 40 people attended each evening. Additionally, as a preview to the Parish Mission, Dr. Traflet spoke at all of the Sunday Masses at St. Peter’s on the weekend preceding the Parish Mission.
- “From Carrying Burdens to Carrying the Word of God: How the Woman at the Well and Mary Magdalene Heard and Answered Christ’s Call.” Two-evening Lenten Parish Mission, at Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, NJ, on March 25 and 26, 2019. Several hundred people attended each evening.

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

- “It Takes a Dorm to Raise a Child: Lessons in Holiness from Living with 800 Undergrads.” Lecture, at Church of the Little Flower, Berkeley Heights, NJ, on March 10, 2019. Approximately 30 people attended.
- “Happiness Through Suffering.” Lecture, for the Lenten lecture series at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Brooklyn, NY, on March 18, 2019. Approximately 30 people attended.
- “The Educational Vocation and Spirituality: The Inner Transformation Behind Transformative Educators.” Retreat, for the *Heart of the University* Faculty Retreat Series, sponsored by the Office of Mission and Ministry and the Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 4, 2019. At this retreat, participants reflected on insights from psychology, education theory, and

theology regarding the inner life and how it affects their work as educators. They explored threats to the educator's interior life (e.g. competitiveness and insecurity about self-worth) as well as healthy and unhealthy ways of responding to those threats.

Approximately 20 people attended.

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

- “The Bible: Where It Came From and Why We Should Read It.” Event sponsored by Newman Catholic Campus Ministry of Rutgers-Newark and NJIT. Father Gadenz celebrated Mass and then gave a 45-minute presentation for students on the Bible. The event was held at the Rutgers-Newark campus, Newark, NJ, on March 13, 2019. Seven students attended.
- “The Passion and Resurrection Narratives in Luke’s Gospel (Luke 22-24).” After celebrating the weekday Mass, Father Gadenz delivered this 45-minute lecture followed by ten minutes of Q&A, in preparation for Holy Week and Easter, at St. Justin the Martyr Parish, Toms River, NJ, on April 3, 2019. Approximately 80 people attended.
- Three 50-minute spiritual conferences on John’s Gospel, to the Brothers and Sisters of the Community of St. John, as well as some lay faithful, at the retreat *Holy Week with St. John’s Gospel*, held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Orange, NJ, on April 17, 18, and 20, 2019. Approximately 25 people attended each conference. The conferences were as follows:
  - “He loved them to the end” (John 13:1), on April 17, 2019.
  - “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), on April 18, 2019.

- “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:19), on April 20, 2019.

❖ **Reverend Renato J. Bautista, M.Div.**, Director of Formation and Director of Seminary

Records:

- Presented “Transitioning from College Seminary to Major Seminary: Human Formation.” Presentation, at St. Andrew’s Hall College Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on March 19, 2019.
- Served as team member and facilitator for *Gaudemus in Christo*, a yearly retreat for recently ordained priests, held at San Alfonso Retreat Center, Long Branch, NJ, from April 23-25, 2019.
- Served as homilist at the 2019 Seton Hall University Baccalaureate Mass, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on May 19, 2019.

❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies, delivered six hours of presentations at the Annual Clergy Retreat for the Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch, at the Mor Aphrem Center, Paramus, NJ, on March 26 and 27, 2019. Approximately 25 people attended. All clergy of the Archdiocese for the Eastern United States, from New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut, and from as far as Rhode Island, Illinois, and Florida, were present. Dr. Glazov’s presentations covered the following topics:

- “Forgiveness in the Joseph Story and the Eucharist.”
- “The Water of Life in John’s Gospel.”
- “The Lord’s Prayer in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.”

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented two talks for the Annual Lenten Day of Recollection at Sacred Heart Parish, Clifton, NJ, on March 30, 2019. Approximately 50 people attended each presentation:
  - “What I Have Done.” Talk on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and sins of commission.
  - “What I Have Failed to Do.” Talk on virtues, sins of omission, and the virtue of penance.
  
- ❖ **Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, delivered two presentations for the Pre-Cana program at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, New Brunswick, NJ, in March and April 2019. Dr. Velarde-Mayol’s presentations addressed the spirituality of marriage, how to sanctify the family, and how to anticipate and prevent marital problems. Approximately 15 people attended each presentation.
  
- ❖ **Sister Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, presented “A Spirituality for Today.” Lecture for the parish Lenten lecture series, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Brooklyn, NY, on April 8, 2019. Forty-three people attended.
  
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D.**, Professor of Church History, celebrated Mass and led a tour of Seton Hall University’s Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, for a group of 60 parishioners from St. James Parish, Woodbridge, NJ, on April 13, 2019.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, presented “The Disputed Teachings of Vatican II: Continuity and Reversal in Catholic Doctrine.” Public lecture, at Xavier High School, NYC, on May 16, 2019. Approximately 45 people attended.

## Off-Campus Course

- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, taught TH502/RS404: *New Testament Selections* (which covered the four Gospels), in Spring 2019, for the Diocese of Trenton Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, Lawrenceville, NJ. The program is accredited by Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ.

## Publications

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, published a book review of *The Prophetic Church: History and Doctrinal Development in John Henry Newman and Yves Congar*, by Andrew Meszaros. *The Thomist* 82 (July 2018): 483-87.
- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.M., S.T.L.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, published a journal article: [“Systems Theory and Information Security: Foundations for a New Educational Approach,”](#) co-authored with Thomas Marlowe. *Information Security Education Journal* 5, no. 2 (December 2018): 35-48.

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

- A book: [\*Pretensions of Objectivity: Toward a Criticism of Biblical Criticism\*](#). Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2019.
- A book chapter: “Religion and the Secular State: Loisy’s Use of ‘Religion’ Prior to his Excommunication.” In [\*Constructing Nineteenth-Century Religion: Literary, Historical, and Religious Studies in Dialogue\*](#), co-edited by Joshua King and Winter Jade Werner, 25-45. Columbus, OH: Ohio State University Press, 2019.
- An encyclopedia article: “Loisy, Alfred Firmin.” In *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception 16: Lectionary-Lots*, co-edited by Christine Helmer, Steven L. McKenzie, Thomas Römer, Jens Schröter, Barry Dov Walfish, and Eric Ziolkowski, 1039-41. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2018.
- A book review of *Wonderful Things: A History of Egyptology 1: From Antiquity to 1881*, by Jason Thompson. *Review of Biblical Literature* (April 2019).

## Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia

❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.M., S.T.L.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, served as conference organizer and principal Mass celebrant for the *Father Stanley Jaki 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference*, held at Casa Santa Maria, Rome, Italy, on March 15, 2019. As we approach the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Father Stanley L. Jaki, O.S.B., S.T.D., Ph.D., Seton Hall University physics professor from 1965-2009, a group of scholars gathered at the Casa Santa Maria in Rome for a memorial Mass and scholarly exchange on the legacy of Father Jaki. Father Laracy’s recent doctoral research in fundamental theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University has utilized the insights of Father Jaki to promote a dialogue

with another theology-science scholar, Ian G. Barbour. Dr. Ines A. Murzaku, Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Director of Catholic Studies at Seton Hall University, spoke about Father Jaki's living legacy at Seton Hall. President of the Father Jaki Foundation, Father Paul Haffner, spoke on the intellectual legacy of Father Jaki. Father Haffner is the author of *Creation and Scientific Creativity: A Study in the Thought of S. L. Jaki*. From Rome, Father Haffner teaches an online course for Catholic Studies, *The Popes and Science*, which introduces students to papal teaching on the relations between Christian faith and natural science. Approximately 10 people attended the conference.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spiritual Director for the Seminary, delivered the invocation and introduction at the conference *Blessed John Henry Newman Cause for Sainthood*, presented by Seton Hall University's Catholic Studies Program and the University Core Curriculum, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on March 28, 2019. Approximately 60 people attended this conference, which was co-sponsored by the Center for Catholic Studies and the Department of Religion.
  
- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies, as one of six recipients of the Digital Humanities Seed Grant, presented on his topic, "Database of Scripture Citations in Jewish and Catholic Theological Responses During and After the Holocaust," at the Digital Humanities Seed Grants Projects Showcase, sponsored by the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Roundtable Best Practices Committee, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 5, 2019. Approximately 20 people attended.

## Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, peer-reviewed a partial book manuscript for The Catholic University of America Press, in January-February 2019.
  
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, peer-reviewed a book manuscript for The Catholic University of America Press, in winter 2019.