First issued in November 2009, Faculty & Administration News (FAN) is a quarterly publication of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology (ICSST). This newsletter highlights the most recent professional accomplishments and service activities of ICSST’s faculty and administrators. Click the hyperlinks to explore the work of our faculty and administrators.

**Awards, Honors, and Appointments**

- **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, was awarded a grant by the Seton Hall University Research Council to pursue the following project to completion:
  
  “Toward Common Ground on the Common Core: Examining the Compatibility of the Common Core with a Catholic Philosophy of Education.”

- **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Undergraduate Theology, was awarded the North American Patristics Society Small Research Grant on April 27, 2015. This $1,500 grant is intended for a junior scholar, to support research in academic year 2015-2016.

- **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Moral Theology, was awarded a summer stipend by the Seton Hall University Research Council, for the period June 1-August 29, 2015 in order to work on his book project “The Birth of Contemporary Virtue Ethics and Thomas Aquinas.”
❖ Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.), Professor of Biblical Studies:

- Was awarded the following:
  - 2015 Provost-Sponsored Researcher of the Year Award for Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology.
  - 2015 Seton Hall University Research Council summer research grant, to write a chapter of the following new planned book, a spin-off from his Solovyov work: *Five Russian Friends of 19th-Century Russian Jewry*.

**Speaking Engagements**


❖ 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:

- “Mary and the Vocation of Women: The Cana Connection.” Lecture, at St. Peter Parish, Belleville, NJ, on October 6, 2014.

- “Developing the Life of Prayer.” Lecture, for the Diocese of Trenton, NJ, on October 11, 2014.

- “Edith Stein and the Vocation of Women.” Keynote lecture, for the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, on October 25, 2014.


“Radiating the Presence of God: The Witness of St. Edith Stein.” Lecture, at Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, on February 6, 2015.


“Developing the Life of Prayer.” Lecture, for the Diocese of Trenton, NJ, on May 2, 2015.


REV. PABLO T. GADENZ, S.S.L., S.T.D., Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, presented the following:


“Scripture for Everyday.” Talk, as a guest on The Catholic Corner, a cable television series of the Diocese of Trenton, in Bordentown, NJ, on December 8, 2014.

❖ Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino, K.H.S., S.S.L., S.T.D., Associate Dean for Seminary and Academic Studies and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, presented the following:

❖ The Christmas Gospel According to Matthew.” Lecture, for staff and patients at Bergen Regional Medical Center, Paramus, NJ, on the following dates:

  ▪ December 12, 2014.
  ▪ December 19, 2014.

❖ The Catacombs in History and Faith.” Lecture, at Our Lady of Victories Parish, Harrington Park, NJ, on February 24, 2015.


❖ Zeni V. Fox, Ph.D., Professor Emerita of Pastoral Theology, was interviewed on the topic of lay ministry for two segments on Reverend Lawrence Frizzell’s radio program on WSOU, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, during Spring 2015.

❖ Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, presented “Joy in Sorrow: Mary’s ‘Yes’ and the Gift of Self.” Lecture, sponsored by Totus Tuus, a parish women’s group, at St. Joseph Parish, Toms River, NJ, on May 7, 2015.
❖ **Reverend Hong-Ray Cho, S.T.L, Ph.D.,** Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, presented “A Reflection on St. Paul’s Ministry.” Lecture, at St. Joseph Parish, Demarest, NJ, on May 31, 2015.

❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.,** Assistant Professor of Moral Theology, served as lecturer and facilitator for the presentation “Gay Marriage.” Lecture, followed by Q&A on the topic of the Church’s stance on “gay marriage,” at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Haskell, NJ, on June 29, 2015.

**Special Events**

❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology sponsored the following:

  o From December 2014 through June 2015, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology’s Institute for Christian Spirituality offered a series of retreats titled **70x7: Faith, Family, and Forgiveness, Part II.** Held at Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Parish, Cedar Knolls, NJ, and St. Paul Inside the Walls: The Catholic Center for Evangelization at Bayley-Ellard, Madison, NJ, the retreats considered the power of forgiveness through the inspiring lens of Scripture, great books, music and film. With music, prayer and conversation, each of the seven days was designed to lead retreatants on a transformative journey of forgiveness from spiritual imprisonment to true freedom, so that they may be able to experience, as Pope Francis encourages, “the joy of forgiveness.” The Institute offered the following retreat not previously reported:

  ▪ “Praying for Forgiveness: With the Mysteries of Light.” By **Dianne M. Traflet,** J.D. ’88, S.T.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, Assistant Faculty & Administration News (FAN) Volume VI, Issue 4 (August 2015) Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology (ICSST) at Seton Hall University
Professor of Pastoral Theology, and Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality; and with a musical performance by Keaton Douglas, ICSST student, professional soprano and composer, at Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Parish, Cedar Knolls, NJ, on June 6, 2015. As part of this year’s Forgiveness Retreat series, ICSST sponsored an essay contest for high school students in the Archdiocese of Newark and surrounding dioceses. Winners of the essay contest received monetary prizes, and portions of their essays were read aloud at the June 6 retreat.

Mission and Service

❖ Zeni V. Fox, Ph.D., Professor Emerita of Pastoral Theology:

○ Served as co-leader (with a rabbi) of an interfaith pilgrimage to Israel, from June 29-July 9, 2014.


○ Served on the following boards and committees:
  - Board of the Center for Ministry Development. Dr. Fox participated in a meeting in Gig Harbor, WA, from October 19-21, 2014, and in semi-monthly phone meetings.
  - Advocacy Committee, National Association for Lay Ministry. Dr. Fox participated in monthly phone meetings.
  - 50th Anniversary Committee, National Catholic Reporter. Dr. Fox participated in periodic phone meetings.
Served as a member of Ascension Health Mission Committee, participating in a preparatory webinar on February 20, 2015 and a meeting in St. Louis, MO, on March 10, 2015.

Provided the following consultations:

- “Faith Formation.” For the Education Committee of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, NJ, on February 26, 2015.
- “Strategic Planning.” For the Institute for Liturgical and Spiritual Formation, at St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, NJ, on April 18, 2015.


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 Spirituality of Carmelite St. Edith Stein.” Lecture, for the Carmelite Novitiate, Middletown, NY, from July 21-22, 2014.

Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Moral Theology:

Presented *Virtues and the Encyclical Veritatis Splendor*. Series of lectures to the contemplative branch of the Missionaries of Charity, in Plainfield, NJ, regarding the following topics:

- “Fundamental Option.” April 15, 2015.

O Served as a presenter and facilitator of Q&A regarding the role of ethics in Seton Hall University’s Stillman School of Business, for the MICAH Center for Business Ethics Faculty Seminar, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on August 28, 2014.

O Presented Catholic Moral Controversies. Five-part series, as part of the ongoing formation of the ordained deacons of the Paterson Diocese, at St. Paul Inside the Walls: The Catholic Center for Evangelization at Bayley-Ellard, Madison, NJ. This series included the following presentations:

O Presented two sessions of “Teaching Aquinas.” Presentation to Seton Hall University faculty teaching in the CORE on how to teach the section regarding faith and reason in Thomas Aquinas, Averroes and Maimonides, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on February 19 and 20, 2015.

O Served as a guest lecturer, speaking on the topic of “Gay Marriage,” for THEO 2513AA: Catholic Apologetics, graduate-level course taught by Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Associate
Professor of Undergraduate Theology, for Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 14, 2015.

❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.),** Professor of Biblical Studies:

  o Served as CCD instructor for Confirmation class, at St. Paul Parish, Princeton, NJ, on Sundays during 2014-2015.

  o Presented the following:

    ▪ RCIA lectures, at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, NJ:


    ▪ “Evangelical Power of Tolkien’s Work.” Lecture, for the Archdiocese of Newark’s Roman Catholic Chaplaincy of Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, on March 11, 2015.

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

Served as a consultant for the USCCB Subcommittee on the Translation of Scripture Text, assisting the bishops on the subcommittee in the work, particularly regarding the announced revision of the New Testament of the *New American Bible*, in St. Louis, MO, on June 10, 2015.

![Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.](image)

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

- Presented the following:
  - Talk on “Praying the Liturgy of the Hours,” for an Advent afternoon of recollection for priests, at Immaculate Conception Seminary’s Chapel of Christ the Good Shepherd, South Orange, NJ, on December 2, 2014.
  - As an alumnus of Delbarton School, presented a brief recounting of his vocation story to the Delbarton senior class on their day of recollection, at Mallinckrodt Convent, Mendham, NJ, on February 4, 2015.
  - “Lift Up Your Hearts!” Retreat for women of various Erie, PA parishes, at St. Columban Center, Derby, NY, from February 27-March 1, 2015.
Four presentations for the Metuchen Permanent Diaconate Canonical Ordination Retreat, at St. Francis Retreat House, Easton, PA, from April 21-23, 2015.

- Preached at one of three Taize Prayer Services for Lent, at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, NJ, on March 11, 2015.
- Served as spiritual director for 14 seminarians participating in the Summer Program for Spiritual Formation for Diocesan Seminarians, at the Institute for Priestly Formation, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, from June 8-30, 2015. In this role, Monsignor McCarren had weekly meetings with each seminarian, for a total of 51 meetings in June.

❖ Reverend Hong-Ray Cho, S.T.L, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, led a retreat for Korean-American young people, at Korean Catholic Center, Palisades Park, NJ, on February 7, 2015.


❖ Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino, K.H.S., S.S.L., S.T.D., Associate Dean for Seminary and Academic Studies and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies:
  - Was appointed a Censor Librorum for the Archdiocese of Newark, on March 27, 2015.
  - Directed the Priesthood Ordination Retreat for the 4th Theologians of Mount St. Mary of the West Seminary, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH, from May
❖ Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, served as guest lecturer, speaking on the topic of “Apologetics of Christian Marriage,” for THEO 2513AA: Catholic Apologetics, course taught by Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, for Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 21, 2015.

❖ Reverend W. Jerome Bracken, C.P., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Moral Theology:
  o Was interviewed by five students in the Seton Hall University College of Nursing course Death and Dying with Dignity, regarding priestly work with those who are dying and in need of care. The interview took place at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on April 22, 2015.
  o Delivered a presentation on the Catholic Church’s Ecclesiology and Moral Teaching regarding Same Sex Unions, at a joint meeting of the Newark Archdiocesan Commission on Christian Unity and the Episcopal (Anglican) Diocese of Newark, at All Saints Episcopal Church, Leonia, NJ, on June 11, 2015.

❖ Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. ’08, Director, Center for Diaconal Formation, and Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. ’88, S.T.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, and Director, Institute for Christian Spirituality, served as co-leaders of He Leadeth Me. Archdiocese of Newark

### Off-Campus Courses

- **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spiritual Director, taught the following for The Institute for Priestly Formation, at Creighton University, Omaha, NE:
  - Four of 19 class sessions of IPF 504: *The Mystery of the Liturgy: Receiving in Celebration and in Life*, during July 2014.
  - IPF 502: *Human and Spiritual Foundations for Receiving Celibacy as a Generative Gift*, during May and June 2015. Monsignor McCarren served as a priest-mentor (classroom presence and a minor administrative role) for this class, taught by psychologist Christina Lynch, Ph.D.

- **Reverend Donald E. Blumenfeld, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, taught *Encountering the Resurrection*, online tutorial, for Graduate Theological Foundation, South Bend, IN, during the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters.

- **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies, taught an introductory Old Testament studies course, for the Bridgeport, CT Diaconate Program, on first Saturdays from September 2014-June 2015.

### Publications
Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Moral Theology, published a magazine article: “A View on the World from the Living Room Window: Catholic Social Teaching through the Lens of the Family.” The Sower Review (now The Catechetical Review) 35, no. 4 (October 2014).


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

- Two journal articles:
Two magazine articles:

❖ “The Ongoing Dictatorship of Relativism.” *Crisis* (June 9, 2015).


Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Undergraduate Theology:

❖ Published a magazine article: “What Hierarchy Really Means.” *Crisis* (December 1, 2014).


Reverend Donald E. Blumenfeld, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, published a newspaper article: “Catholicism in America needs positive pastoral attitude.” *Asbury Park Press* online edition (May 21, 2015).


Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino, K.H.S., S.S.L., S.T.D., Associate Dean for Seminary and Academic Studies and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, published a


**Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia**

❖ **Reverend William M. McDonald III, S.T.L.,** Associate Spiritual Director, Director of Liturgy, and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, participated in the following:

- Seminar for Seminary Spiritual Directors, at the Institute for Priestly Formation, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, from June 6-27, 2014.
- Institute for Seminary Formators, at the Theological College of The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, from June 3-10, 2015.

❖ **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, participated in the Pontifical Mission Societies meeting, Miami, FL, from July 13-17, 2014.

❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.,** Assistant Professor of Undergraduate Theology:

- Presented the following:
  

- Participated in the following:
  - Thomas Aquinas Society International Medieval Congress, in Kalamazoo, MI, from May 14-16, 2015. Dr. Johnston moderated one session and attended many others.
  - *Aquinas and the Philosophy of Nature*, Thomistic Philosophy Workshop, at Mount St. Mary’s College, Newburgh, NY, from June 5-7, 2015.

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

- Participated in the National Newman Conference, sponsored by the Newman Association of America, at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, from July 31-August 2, 2014.
- As one of eight Vatican appointees (Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity), participated in a meeting of the Joint Commission for Dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the World Methodist Council, in Assisi, Italy, from October 10-18, 2014.

❖ Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino, K.H.S., S.S.L., S.T.D., Associate Dean for Seminary and Academic Studies and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies:
Participated in the 50th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Catholic Theological Schools, held in Chicago, IL, from October 3-4, 2014.


❖ Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Moral Theology:


Participated in the Dietrich von Hildebrand Book Presentation, sponsored by the Dietrich von Hildebrand Legacy Project, at the New York City Yacht Club, NYC, on May 6, 2015.

❖ Zeni V. Fox, Ph.D., Professor Emerita of Pastoral Theology:

Presented the following:

- “Building Vibrant Missionary Parishes.” Invited lecture, at the annual meeting of Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities (FADICA), in Clearwater, FL, on March 5, 2015.
“Formation for Lay Ecclesial Ministry.” Invited lecture and facilitated discussion, for the conference *Tending the Vine: Celebrating 10 Years of Co-Workers*, sponsored by the National Association for Lay Ministry, at Chicago Theological Union, Chicago, IL, from May 27-30, 2015.


“From a Clergy-Oriented Church to a Participatory Church Experience: Experiences from the USA.” Invited lecture, at the conference *Baptismal Consciousness and Ecclesial Leadership: Impulses from the Global Church*, sponsored by the Faculty of Catholic Theology, at Ruhr-Universität, Bochum, Germany, from June 15-19, 2015.

“Lay Ecclesial Ministry as One Flowering of Baptismal Witness.” Invited lecture, at the conference *Fostering Baptismal Witness in the World*, sponsored by the Marten Program in Homiletics and Liturgies, at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, from June 22-24, 2015.

 Participated as a member of an invited group on the “Authorization of Lay Ecclesial Ministers for Ministry,” at St. John School of Theology and Seminary, Collegeville, MN, from May 19-21, 2015. The group analyzed a report of the Canon Law Society and developed recommendations for the parish and diocesan levels.

❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology:
  
  ○ Participated in the following:
    
    ▪ Academy of Catholic Theology (ACT) conference, in Washington, DC, from May 19-21, 2015. ACT is a national organization of Catholic theologians.
    
    ▪ *New Wine, New Wineskins*, Young Catholic Moral Theologians Conference, at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, from July 30-August 2, 2015.
  
  ○ Presented the following lectures at the Applied Biblical Studies Conference, at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, on July 23, 2015:
    
    ▪ “The Old Testament: Critics, Criticism, and the Evidence of History.”
    

❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, participated in “The Struggle for the Person.” Conference, sponsored by the Dietrich Von Hildebrand Legacy Project, and held at Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH, from June 6-12, 2015.

**Other Scholarly and Professional Activity**

❖ **Zeni V. Fox, Ph.D.**, Professor Emerita of Pastoral Theology:

- Served as an external reviewer of the Associate Professor and Tenure application of a faculty member at the University of Dallas, during spring 2015.

- Served as reader for two doctoral candidates and performed an ongoing review of their work, at Fordham University, Bronx, NY. The candidates defended their dissertations on April 9, 2015.