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Speaking Engagements

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, with Dr. Thomas Marlowe, co-presented “A Systems-Theoretic Approach in Cybersecurity.” Lecture, at the Mathematics and Computer Science departmental seminar for faculty and students, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 15, 2019. Approximately ten people attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, served as the guest for the half-hour long “Encounter” television talk show hosted by Bishop John Barres and Reverend Monsignor James Vlaun of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY, on the *Catholic Faith Network* (reaching television audiences in the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area). [The episode](#), which focused on the Gospel of Matthew, was taped on December 6, 2019, and aired numerous times on the network.

❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, served as a guest speaker on two half-hour episodes 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). Both shows were taped at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ:

- On an episode taped on November 13, 2019, as a member and co-chair of the bilateral ecumenical group Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT), Monsignor Guarino discussed the recent document issued by ECT and titled “The Gift of Children.” This episode aired on WSOU 89.5 FM on November 24, 2019.
- On an episode taped on January 16, 2020, Monsignor Guarino discussed his book *The Disputed Teachings of Vatican II: Continuity and Reversal in Catholic Doctrine* (Eerdmans, 2018). This episode aired on WSOU 89.5 FM on January 26, 2020.

Podcasts of these episodes are available at the following link:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/itunes-u/wsou-kinship-catholics-jews/id510704873>

Special Events

❖ ICSST’s Center for Diaconal Formation sponsored a retreat, focusing on Esther 4:14, for wives of deacons and wives of diaconal candidates. **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, facilitated the retreat and delivered two reflections. Held at ICSST, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 9, 2019, the retreat began with Mass celebrated by **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean, and a light breakfast. The retreat also

included the Sacrament of Reconciliation and small group discussions. Thirty-three 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 **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, and ICSST alumna **Eniola Honsberger, M.A. in Theology '18**, on the topic of “Evangelization in the Public Square,” for ICSST’s Facebook Live series, at ICSST, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 22, 2019. Dr. Manning provided a glimpse into his Spring 2020 graduate course *Secularism and Catholicism*, while Mrs. Honsberger shared how her studies in ICSST’s Certificate in Catholic Evangelization program have positively impacted her inspiring work in evangelization at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison, NJ. Ninety-three 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/468006877156400/>

- ❖ ICSST sponsored an Advent reflection series featuring daily video reflections by ICSST faculty and administrators. The series was created and coordinated by **Diane M. Carr, M.A. '07**, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services. **Michael F. Burt**, Senior Director of Seminary Advancement, filmed the series; **Thomas P. Palanza**, seminarian of the Diocese of Fall River, MA, served as video editor; and seminarians **Matthew Gonzalez** and **Ju Huyn (Andrew) Lee** of the Archdiocese of Newark performed the background music. More than 575 people subscribed to the mailing list for this series. The video

reflection webpage (www.shu.edu/theology/immaculate-conception-seminary-advent-video-reflection-series.cfm) has received more than 5,500 visits lasting, on average, 14 or more minutes. Featured video reflections included the following:

- Welcome Video on Registration Thank You page, by **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean.
- December 1, 2019 reflection, by **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean: “Advent: An Invitation to Stay Awake,” reflection on [Matthew 24:37-44](#).
- December 2, 2019 reflection, by **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology: “Longing for Redemption,” reflection on [Isaiah 4:2-6 and Matthew 8:5-11](#).
- December 3, 2019 reflection, by **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology: “Joyful Anticipation,” reflection on [Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, and 17; and Luke 10:21-24](#).
- December 4, 2019 reflection, by **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology: “Prepare for the Feast of Rich Food and Choice Wine,” reflection on [Isaiah 25; Psalm 23; and Matthew 15](#).
- December 5, 2019 reflection, by **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology: “Building on Rock Foundations,” reflection on [Isaiah 26; Psalm 118; and Matthew 7](#).
- December 6, 2019 reflection, by **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies: “Jesus as the Living Torah and Gate to Salvation.”

- December 7, 2019 reflection, by **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology: “Becoming Laborers for the Harvest,” reflection on [Isaiah 30 and Matthew 9](#).
- December 8, 2019 reflection, by **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology: “The Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Disciple of Christ,” reflection on [Isaiah 11](#).
- December 9, 2019 reflection, by **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology: “Jesus Christ: The Temple Emmanuel,” reflection on [Luke 1:26-38](#).
- December 10, 2019 reflection, by **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology: “Urgent Mercy,” reflection on [Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-2, 3, 10AC, 11-12, and 13; and Matthew 18:12-14](#).
- December 11, 2019 reflection, by **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology: “Did You Experience the Lord with You in That?,” reflection on [Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; and Matthew 11:28-30](#).
- December 12, 2019 reflection, 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: “I Am Your Compassionate Mother:” Mary’s Joyful Solitude of Juan Diego and All Her Spiritual Children,” reflection on [Luke 1:39-47](#).
- December 13, 2019 reflection, by **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology: “St. Lucy and Eternal Longing,” reflection on [Isaiah 48:17-19 and Matthew 11:16-19](#).

- December 14, 2019 reflection, by **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology: “On Unseen Grace,” reflection on [Psalm 80:2AC and 3B, 15-16, and 18-19; and Matthew 17:9A, and 10-13.](#)
- December 15, 2019 reflection, by **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology: “Good News for the Poor,” reflection on [Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, and 9-10.](#)
- December 16, 2019 reflection, by **Sister Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies: “Seeing as God Sees,” reflection on [Numbers 24:2-7 and 15-17A and Matthew 21:23-27.](#)
- December 17, 2019 reflection, by **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology: “Jesus Is the New Davidic King,” reflection on [Genesis 49 and Matthew 1.](#)
- December 18, 2019 reflection, by **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology: “Do Not Be Afraid!,” reflection on [Matthew 1:18-25.](#)
- December 19, 2019 reflection, by **Sister Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies: “From Barrenness to New Life,” reflection on [Judges 13:2-7 and 24-25A and Luke 1:5-25.](#)
- December 20, 2019 reflection, by **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology: “Receiving God Within,” reflection on [Luke 1:26-38.](#)
- December 21, 2019 reflection by **Reverend William M. McDonald III, S.T.L.**, Associate Spiritual Director and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology: “Visiting at Christmas,” reflection on [Luke 1:39-45.](#)
- December 22, 2019 reflection, by **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology: “Imitating St. Joseph,” reflection on

[Matthew 1:18-24.](#)

- December 23, 2019 reflection, by **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology: “John Is his Name,” reflection on [Luke 1:57-66.](#)
- December 24, 2019 reflection, by **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology: “A Child of God,” reflection on [Luke 1:67-79.](#)

Mission and Service

- ❖ **Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, presented three lectures at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, New Brunswick, NJ:
 - “Inhabitation of the Holy Spirit,” on September 7, 2019. Approximately 40 people attended.
 - “Confession and Interior Life,” on October 5, 2019. Approximately 40 people attended.
 - “The Mystical Theology of St. Teresa of Avila,” on November 2, 2019. Approximately 40 people attended.
- ❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director for the Seminary:
 - Facilitated a day of recollection for the Little Servant Sisters, in Cherry Hill, NJ, on November 9, 2019. Approximately 50 Sisters attended.
 - Facilitated a post-abortion retreat for men, at St. Michael Friary, Paterson, NJ, on November 16, 2019. Five men attended.
 - Facilitated the five-day annual canonical retreat for the friars of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word, at Most Blessed Sacrament priest retreat house in Hanceville, AL, from January 6-10, 2020. Father Koch’s talks focused on Franciscan

communal life and charism, personal holiness, prayer, the cross, and consecrated life.

Father Koch also offered a homily at Mass each day during the retreat. Thirteen friars attended the retreat.

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

- “Understanding St. Luke’s Gospel.” Faculty seminar for the teachers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Boonton, NJ, on December 4, 2019. Approximately 20 people attended.
- “The Gospel of Luke: Focus on the Infancy Narrative.” Parish Advent lecture, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Boonton, NJ, on December 4, 2019. Approximately 50 people attended.
- “The Gospel of Luke: Focus on the Infancy Narrative.” Parish Advent lecture, at the Church of St. Monica, Jackson, NJ, on December 11, 2019. Approximately 35 people attended.
- “*Visión General de la Biblia: Perspectiva Católica*” (“Overview of the Bible: Catholic Perspective”). Hour-long lecture in Spanish, for a Spanish-speaking [Workshop for Lectors](#), sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark, Office of Divine Worship, at the Archdiocese of Newark Pastoral Center, Newark, NJ, on February 22, 2020. Approximately 35 people attended.

❖ **Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino, K.C.H.S., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Seminary and Academic Studies and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, and **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, led a group of 18

seminarians from Immaculate Conception Seminary on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from December 29, 2019-January 9, 2020, lecturing at the biblical sites and celebrating Mass at the shrines marking events in the life of Jesus.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented the following live webinars, for the Institute of Catholic Culture:
 - “Biblical Politics: A Scriptural Study of Political Theory: Part 1,” on the topic of politics in the biblical narratives of the Old Testament, on January 21, 2020. More than 350 people viewed the webinar.
 - “Biblical Politics: A Scriptural Study of Political Theory: Part 2,” on the topic of the political background to the Kingdom of God in the New Testament, on January 28, 2020. Approximately 300 people viewed the webinar.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, delivered the annual Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair Lecture, at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH, on February 19, 2020. The topic of the lecture was “Continuity and Change at Vatican II: Why is the Council Still Controversial?” Approximately 200 people attended.

Publications

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, co-authored and signed a statement titled [“The Gift of Children,”](#) published by Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT) on the website of the journal *First Things*. (November 2019).

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D.**, Professor of Church History, published four newspaper articles:
 - [“The Archdiocese of Newark and Immigration: The ‘New’ People of Newark—a Microcosm of the Universal Church.”](#) *The Catholic Advocate* 68, no. 11 (November 13, 2019): 10-11. (Third in a 9-part series).
 - [“The Archdiocese of Newark and Immigration: The Second Wave of Hispanic Migration.”](#) *The Catholic Advocate* 68, no. 12 (December 18, 2019): 10-11. (Fourth in a 9-part series).
 - [“The Archdiocese of Newark and Immigration: A Rich Variety of Hispanic Catholic Heritage.”](#) *The Catholic Advocate* 69, no. 1 (January 22, 2020): 8-9. (Fifth in a 9-part series).
 - [“The Archdiocese of Newark and Immigration: The Korean Migration.”](#) *The Catholic Advocate* 69, no. 2 (February 12, 2020): 8-9. (Sixth in a 9-part series).

- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, published the following:
 - [A book review of *Law and Ethics in Early Judaism and the New Testament*](#), by Stephen Westerholm. *Biblica* 100, no. 3 (December 2019): 466-69.
 - A newspaper article: [“Word of God Sunday: Why Is it Important for us to Read the Bible?”](#) *Trenton Monitor*, online newspaper of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton, NJ (January 21, 2020).
 - A magazine article: “Word of God Sunday: Why Is it Important for us to Read the Bible?” *The Monitor Magazine*, Official Publication of the Diocese of Trenton 1, no. 5 (February 2020): 25.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published four book reviews online:
 - Review of *The Emancipation of Biblical Philology in the Dutch Republic, 1590-1670*, by Dirk Van Miert. *Review of Biblical Literature* (2019).
 - Review of *Jonathan Edwards and Scripture: Biblical Exegesis in British North America*, co-edited by David P. Barshinger and Douglas A. Sweeney. *Review of Biblical Literature* (January 2020).
 - Review of *The English Bible in the Early Modern World*, co-edited by Robert Armstrong and Tadhg Ó hAnnracháin. *Review of Biblical Literature* (January 2020).
 - Review of *Justifying Christian Aramaism: Editions and Latin Translations of the Targums from the Complutensian to the London Polyglot Bible (1517-1657)*, by Eveline van Staalduine-Sulman. *Review of Biblical Literature* (February 2020).

- ❖ **Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, published [a book review of *The Aristotelian Tradition of Natural Kinds and Its Demise*](#), by Stewart Umphrey. *International Philosophical Quarterly* 59, no. 4, issue 236 (December 2019): 501-05.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, published the following:
 - Four journal articles:
 - [“Epistemology and Metaphysics in Interdisciplinary Communication: Insights from Ian Barbour and Bernard Lonergan, S.J.”](#) *Journal of Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics* 17, no. 5 (2019): 49-54.

- With Reverend Monsignor Richard M. Liddy, Thomas Marlowe, and Edgar Valdez: [“Cybernetics of Observing Systems and Lonergan’s Generalized Empirical Method.”](#) *Journal of Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics* 17, no. 5 (2019): 65-70.
- With Russell Greenspan: [“Towards a Rigorous Software Architecture Documentation Process: A Demonstration with the Real-time Immersive Network Simulation Environment \(RINSE\).”](#) *International Journal of Computer Science and Engineering* 2, no. 12 (December 31, 2019): 1-33.
- “Logos, Creation, and Science: Insights from Benedict XVI.” [*Ex Latere Christi* 1, no. 1 \(Winter 2020\): 133-58.](#)
- A volume co-edited with Reverend Paul Haffner: [*Stanley Jaki Foundation International Congress*](#). Leominster, UK: Gracewing, January 17, 2020.
- A book chapter: “Creation, Revelation, and the Emergence of Empirical Science.” In [*Stanley Jaki Foundation International Congress*](#), co-edited by Reverend Joseph R. Laracy and Reverend Paul Haffner, 27-72. Leominster, UK: Gracewing, January 17, 2020.

Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, at the Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, held in Toronto, Canada:
 - Presented a paper: “Teaching Contemplatively for Unified Hearts and Minds,” on November 1, 2019. Approximately 15 people attended Dr. Manning’s presentation.
 - Served as a session moderator, for a session attended by approximately 12 people, on November 2, 2019.

- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, as a consultant and one of ten participants, attended a meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Subcommittee on the Translation of Scripture Text, held in Baltimore, MD, on November 11, 2019.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, as former head of the Western Section of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, served as a respondent at the ecumenical symposium *Truth Does Not Fear Dialogue: Toward a Common Future*, sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York, the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, and the Metropolitan New York Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, the Santa Maria Foundation, and Yale Divinity School. Monsignor Radano responded to the keynote address, which was delivered by Archbishop Elpidophoros of America Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The symposium was held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, NYC, on November 13, 2019. Approximately 75 people attended.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology:
 - Presented “On Alfred Loisy and Modern Biblical Studies (2019).” Invited paper, at the annual meeting of La Société Internationale d’Études sur Alfred Loisy, held in San Diego, CA, from November 22-23, 2019. Approximately 10 people attended the presentation, which Dr. Morrow delivered on November 23, 2019.
 - Participated in the following:
 - Annual meeting of The Joseph Ratzinger Society of Biblical Theology, held in San Diego, CA, on November 22, 2019.

- Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, held in San Diego, CA, from November 22-25, 2019.
- Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, held in San Diego, CA, from November 22-25, 2019.

Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, co-chaired a meeting of the bilateral ecumenical group Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT), in New York City, on December 1, 2019. ECT is working on an ecumenical statement concerning the proper relationship of the Christian faithful to the secular state and to civil government.