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Awards, Honors and Appointments

- ❖ **Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. '08**, Director, Center for Diaconal Formation, served as an author of and contributor to a successful grant application for an educational innovation grant, bestowed by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) as part of the ATS Educational Models and Practices project, on June 20, 2017. Through this collaborative grant, which totals \$49,970, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology in South Orange, NJ, and St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, IN, will produce a Spanish language curriculum for permanent diaconate formation. Each of the two collaborating partners received an equal amount of \$24,985 for this project.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D.**, Professor of Church History:
 - Was reappointed by His Eminence, Joseph William Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., for a three-year term as co-chair of the Newark Archdiocesan Commission for the Ecclesiastical Patrimony.
 - Was appointed by His Eminence, Joseph William Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., as co-chair of the Newark Archdiocesan Task Force on Archives.

Speaking Engagements

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented “Historical Reliability of Scripture.” Lecture, for The Grade, a monthly club for young men in high school, in NYC, on September 16, 2017. Approximately 15 young men attended this lecture.

- ❖ **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 *Relevant Radio* (1430 AM), discussing with the show’s host the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel reading, and fielding callers’ questions, on the following dates:
 - September 22, 2017.
 - [October 20, 2017.](#)
 - [November 3, 2017.](#)

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

- Presented “Receiving the Reformation Today: Catholic Reflections.” Lecture, in commemoration of the quincentennial of the Protestant Reformation, on two occasions on October 25, 2017:
 - Afternoon lecture, attended by approximately 100 people, at St. Joseph College, Standish, ME.
 - Evening lecture, attended by approximately 40 people, at St. Pius X Parish, Portland, ME.
- Delivered a sermon, “The Reformation: An Ecumenical Remembrance,” at the chapel worship service of Beeson Divinity School (Samford University), Birmingham, AL, on November 7, 2017. Monsignor Guarino’s sermon was part of Beeson’s year-long commemoration of the quincentennial of the Reformation.
- Was interviewed on the topic “Catholicism, Vatican II, and the Reformation Today,” for the Beeson podcast series, on November 7, 2017. Publication of the podcast on the Beeson Divinity School website is forthcoming.

❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, presented the following at Franciscan University of Steubenville’s campus in Gaming, Austria:

- “Why Life’s Best Days Come from Wasted Time: Means, Ends, and the Value of the Useless.” Talk, for *Philosophy on Tap: Philosophical Approach to Relevant Questions Today*, on October 30, 2017. Dr. Anderson spoke to an audience of approximately 50 people on the classical Aristotelian three aspects under which one might call some thing or activity

- good (pleasurable, useful, and good in itself), underscoring the importance of not just having a life of “useful” goods.
- “Aquinas on Virtue.” Lecture, in a course on philosophical ethics, on Aquinas’s understanding of virtue in general and its link to law, grace, and sin, on October 31, 2017. Dr. Anderson’s lecture, presented to approximately 60 people, also discussed ways in which Aquinas’s account could be compared with and contrasted to Aristotle’s, Plato’s, and Augustine’s.

Special Events

Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology sponsored the following:

- ❖ From August 2017 through February 2018, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology is offering a series of retreats titled *70 x 7: Faith, Family, and Forgiveness, Part IV*. The six-part series focuses on forgiveness and how one can take part in the journey of healing. **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, serves as moderator for the retreats. Thus far, ICSST has offered the following retreats in this series:
 - “Forgiveness and the Journey of Healing,” by **Robert Enright, Ph.D.**, co-founder of the International Forgiveness Institute and an educational psychologist at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. The retreat, attended by 139 people and held at St. Paul Inside the Walls: The Catholic Center for Evangelization at Bayley-Ellard, Madison, NJ, on August 19, 2017, explored the psychology of forgiveness and the journey that one is called to take in order to achieve healing and transformation.

- “Forgiveness: The Way to Freedom in Christ,” by **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director for the Seminary, who served for many years as the Community Servant (superior) of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and frequently appears on Eternal Word Television Network. The retreat, attended by 110 people and held at Assumption Parish, Morristown, NJ, on September 28, 2017, included four meditations with reflection and concluded with a healing procession and benediction, all in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament.
- “Forgiveness and Affirmation: The Road of Recovery and Healing,” by **Suzanne Baars, Ph.D.**, a licensed professional counselor and marriage and family therapist. The retreat, attended by 58 people and held at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on October 14, 2017, focused on the power of affirmation and how it is related to healing and forgiveness. Using her background in psychology and the teachings of her father, Dr. Conrad Baars, Dr. Suzanne Baars integrated her understanding of emotions and spirituality into the Christian teaching of forgiveness.
- “The Shooting of a NYC Police Officer: How One Family Chose Forgiveness,” by **Patti Ann McDonald and Reverend Peter Le Jacq, M.M., M.D.** Patti Ann McDonald is the widow of the late Steve McDonald, an NYPD detective who passed away in January 2017. Steve was well known for his heroic forgiveness of the man who shot him while he was on duty, paralyzing him for the rest of his life. At the retreat, attended by 75 people and held at Assumption Parish, Morristown, on November 2, 2017, Patti Ann, a nationally known speaker, shared profound insights on the healing process. Accompanying McDonald for her talk was Reverend Peter Le Jacq, M.M., M.D., who received his medical education from Cornell Medical School and is actively

involved in missionary medical efforts in Tanzania.

- ❖ The Archdiocese of Newark, in collaboration with Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, sponsored *Christ In Our Humanity: Our Humanity as a Place for Growth, Sanctification and Communion with Christ*, a day of formation and continuing education for men and women in consecrated life, at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on September 30, 2017. Organized by **Diane M. Carr, M.A. '07**, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, this event drew 44 attendees. The day began with Mass celebrated by **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director for the Seminary. **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, delivered the welcome address, opening prayer, and concluding remarks. **Sister Theresia Maria Holtschlag, C.S.J.**, Delegate for Religious, Archdiocese of Newark, provided the introduction to the day, coordinated midday prayer, and offered additional concluding remarks. The day included facilitated conversation, as well as the following presentations:
 - “Sense and Salvation: An Apology for ‘Frater Asino,’” by **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology.
 - “Christ in His Beauty Draws Me to Him,” by **Reverend José Medina F.S.C.B.**, U.S. Coordinator of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation.

- ❖ “From Immigrant Parish to Intercultural Church: The Ongoing Ecclesial Movement of U.S. Catholicism.” Lecture, presented by **Reverend Simon C. Kim, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Theology at the University of the Holy Cross, New Orleans, LA, as part of the *Archbishop Gerety Lecture Series*, in Immaculate Conception Seminary’s Chapel of Christ the Good Shepherd, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on October 4, 2017. More than 90 people attended this lecture.

- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology’s Center for Diaconal Formation sponsored ***The Nourishing Love of Three Divine Invitations: An Inspirational Morning of Prayer and Reflection***, for wives of permanent deacons and wives of permanent diaconate candidates, at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 4, 2017. The day, attended by 25 people and facilitated 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, included Mass, breakfast, *Lectio Divina*, small group discussions, and two presentations by Dr. Traflet:
 - “The Divine Invitation to Eat!”
 - “Divine Invitations to Drink and Rest.”

Mission and Service

- ❖ **Diane M. Carr, M.A. ’07**, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, for the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership, serves on the Evangelization Committee as a Special Projects leader and on the Adult Faith Formation Committee.

- ❖ **Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, was elected to the Committee for Research Support of the Catholic Biblical Association of America at the association’s annual meeting. The meeting took place at the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, from August 5-8, 2017.

- ❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Associate Spiritual Director for the Seminary:
 - Helped to organize, and attended an approximately 60-mile walking pilgrimage from Great Meadows, NJ to Doylestown, PA, from August 10-13, 2017. During the pilgrimage, which was attended by 2,000 people, Father Koch celebrated Mass, heard confessions, and delivered talks.
 - Preached a 40-hour Devotional, at Holy Rosary Parish, Jersey City, NJ, on October 8, 2017.

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, served as a guest lecturer on “Lonergan’s Cognitional Theory,” for Dr. Mark Miller’s undergraduate-level course CAST/CORE 3749: *Lonergan’s Philosophy and Theology*, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on September 18, 2017.

- ❖ **Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, presented “Scripture and the Message of Fatima.” Forty-five-minute talk, at the “Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally” held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. Approximately 75 people attended this talk, at Donovan Catholic High School, St. Joseph Parish, Toms River, NJ, on October 7, 2017.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean, served as the speaker at the Diocese of Camden Annual Presbyteral Convocation, held in Avalon, NJ, from October 16-18, 2017, and attended by approximately 150 people. The theme of the convocation was *The Priest as the Embodiment of the Good Shepherd—Living a Life of Presence, Love and Service*. Monsignor Reilly delivered three presentations as part of the convocation:
 - “*Presence, the Art of Accompaniment*. Place of Encounter: Cathedral Floor.”
 - “*The Vulnerability of Love*. Place of Encounter: The Cross.”
 - “*The Beauty of Service*. Place of Encounter: The Eucharist.”

Publications

- ❖ **Reverend W. Jerome Bracken, C.P., Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, as National Chaplain of CUSA, an Apostolate of Persons with Chronic Illness or Disability, published two chaplain’s letters:
 - “Letter to CUSANs: Mercy, Justice, and Our Talents.” *The CUSAN* (Winter 2016-17): 3-6.
 - “Letter to CUSANs: The Mystery of the Trinity and the Mystery of the Cross.” *The CUSAN* (Summer 2017): 3-7.

- ❖ **Julie V. Burkey, D.Min.**, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, published a newspaper article: [“Understanding a spirituality of work.”](#) This article appeared on the website of *The Catholic Spirit*, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, MN, on August 8, 2017.

- ❖ **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 interviewed for and quoted in a newspaper article: [“Padre Pio Relics Will Go on Display at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.”](#) by Stephen Nakrosis. *The Wall Street Journal* (September 10, 2017).

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, published a journal article: [“Teaching for the Recovery of Meaning: An Imagination-Centered Pedagogical Approach for Today’s College Students.”](#) *Teaching Theology and Religion* 20, no. 4 (October 1, 2017): 327-39.

- ❖ **Reverend Lawrence B. Porter, K.H.S., Ph.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology and Director, Turro Seminary Library, published a journal article: “St. Lawrence’s Death on a Grill: Fact or Fiction? An Update on the Controversy.” *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 20, no. 4 (Fall 2017): 89-111.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor John A. Radano, Ph.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, on behalf of both the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, wrote [the official response to “The Call to Holiness: From Glory to Glory,” the international Catholic-Methodist dialogue document of 2016.](#) The response was published on the Vatican website on October 19, 2017, and will be published with the Catholic-Methodist report in the next issue of “Information Service.”

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, was interviewed for and quoted in a newspaper article: [“Protestants, Catholics](#)

[Have More in Common Now, Some Say,](#)” by Grace Thornton. *The Alabama Baptist* (October 27, 2017). This article also appears on page 4 of the October 26, 2017, print edition of *The Alabama Baptist*.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published a book review of *Josephus’ Interpretation of the Books of Samuel*, by Michael Avioz. *Review of Biblical Literature* (November 2017).

Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia

- ❖ **Diane M. Carr, M.A. ’07**, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology:
 - As a member of the New Wineskins Award Selection Committee, presented the 2017 Diocesan Award to the Archdiocese of Atlanta, at the 81st annual National Conference of Catechetical Leadership. The national award recognizes a diocese that develops and promotes successful evangelization initiatives. In order to be eligible, the initiative must exist in the diocese for at least three years, demonstrate a record of effectiveness and have a strong catechetical and/or evangelization dimension with fidelity to Scripture and Church teaching. The conference, attended by approximately 400 people, was held in Dallas, TX, from May 22-25, 2017.
 - Attended the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Convocation of Catholic Leaders: *The Joy of the Gospel in America*, as a delegate of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership. The convocation, attended by approximately 3,500 people, was held in Orlando, FL, from July 1-4, 2017.

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, participated in the following conferences:
 - *Wittgensteinian Approaches to Moral Philosophy*, sponsored by Katholieke Universiteit Leuven – HIW, at the Institute of Philosophy, Leuven, Belgium, from September 21-23, 2017.
 - *Neo-Thomism in Action. Law and Society Reshaped by Neo-Scholastic Philosophy, 1880-1960*, sponsored by Katholieke Universiteit Leuven – KADOC/HIW/Law Faculty, at the Irish College, Leuven, Belgium, from October 8-10, 2017.
 - *Thomas Studium – The Praying Thomas*, sponsored by Katholieke Universiteit Leuven – Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Leuven, Belgium, on October 11, 2017.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented “Genealogies of Modernity: Situating Before Church and State in the Context of Modern Theories of Secularization.” Invited paper, at the 25th Anniversary National Conference of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists, at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, on October 28, 2017.

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, presented “Mediating Fruitful Encounters with Truth, Transcendence, and Difference by Teaching Critical Thinking.” Paper, at the Annual Meeting of the Religious Education Association, held in St. Louis, MO, from November 3-5, 2017.

Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, peer reviewed an article for *Theological Studies*, in fall 2017.