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Speaking Engagements

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, as previously reported, was interviewed by Jonathan Lace, teacher of religion at Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange, NJ, and developer of the “Theologica” app for the iPhone, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on July 13, 2016. The subject of the interview concerned the state of contemporary theology. Since September 20, 2016, the interview has been part of the “Explorations” section of the “Theologica” app, which is available for purchase on the iPhone.

- ❖ **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, was interviewed on *Relevant Radio* (1430 AM), on the topic of St. Brigid of Kildare and “holding the Church in our hearts,” on September 28, 2016. The interview is

available at

https://us.vocuspr.com/Publish/519884/vcsNews_519884_88293607_1f1d66af-0d0e-4f8b-858f-6ce1e2dd9ea6_0.mp3

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, presented “Virtue of *Misericordia*: Being *Les Misérables*’ Jean Valjean in a Javert World.” Lecture, at Our Lady of Sorrows/St. Anthony Parish, Hamilton, NJ, on September 29, 2016.

- ❖ **Julie V. Burkey, D.Min.**, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, presented the following:
 - “A Christian Theology of Work.” Lecture on work as a spiritual practice: the biblical, historical, and theological warrants for the Theology of Work, at The Catholic and Dominican Institute, Mount St. Mary College, Newburgh, NY, on September 29, 2016.
 - “Mary in Her Later Years.” Lecture imagining the life of the Blessed Virgin after the death and resurrection of her Son, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Maywood, NJ, on October 2, 2016.

- ❖ **Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. '08**, Director, Center for Diaconal Formation, was interviewed on *Relevant Radio* (1430 AM), on the topic of the National Diaconate Convocation for permanent deacons, hosted by the Center for Diaconal Formation, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 5, 2016. The interview, which took place on October 4, 2016, is available at
https://us.vocuspr.com/Publish/519884/vcsNews_519884_88292409_3b0806a9-5c1c-46ac-8288-cccb8b97021e_0.mp3

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, was interviewed on *Relevant Radio* (1430 AM), on the topic of the Biblical roots of Confession, on October 20, 2016.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Chapel, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Moral Theology (currently on leave as Spiritual Director of Casa Santa Maria, the Pontifical North American College, Rome), was interviewed by Reverend Andrew Mattingly, for *Catholic Bytes: A Podcast Discussing the Catholic Faith*, on the topic of [“Navigating the Gray Area: Cooperation with Evil,”](#) posted on November 2, 2016.

Special Events

- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, in collaboration with the Center for Catholic Studies, the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, and the Department of Physics, sponsored **“God’s Universe: The Catholic Church & Science in a New Era.”** Lecture, by guest lecturer Reverend David Brown, S.J., at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on August 31, 2016. Partial funding for this lecture was provided by the “Science in Seminaries” grant from the John Templeton Foundation.

- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology sponsored the following:
 - From December 2015 through November 2016, in celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology is offering a series of retreats titled *70 x 7: Faith, Family, and Forgiveness, Part III: Developing a Heart of Mercy* and a series of lectures bearing the same title. The retreats and lectures consider the power of forgiveness and mercy

through the inspiring lens of Scripture, great books, music and film. Each of the seven retreat days and each of the seven evening lectures is designed to lead participants on a transformative journey of forgiveness from spiritual imprisonment to true freedom, so that they may be able, in the words of Pope Francis, to “contemplate the Face of Mercy,” Jesus Christ, and to experience “the joy of forgiveness.” **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 and the lectures.

- Including music, prayer and conversation, the retreats are held at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, on Seton Hall University’s South Orange, NJ, campus. Thus far, ICSST has offered the following not-previously-reported retreats in this series:
 - “The Gospel Within the Gospel: The Parable of the Prodigal Son.” By **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, on September 17, 2016.
 - “St. Thérèse, Little Servant of God’s Merciful Love.” By **Reverend Frederick L. Miller, S.T.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, on October 1, 2016.
 - “Surprised by Mercy: The Conversion and Compassion of Dorothy 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 November 12, 2016.

- Theology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on October 29, 2016. The day included presentations, facilitated conversation, lunch, and Mass in the Chapel of Christ the Good Shepherd.
- ❖ The Archdiocese of Newark, in collaboration with Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, sponsored *Encountering Christ in Community Life: 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 24, 2016. Organized by **Diane M. Carr, M.A. '07**, Coordinator of Graduate and International Services and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, the day began with Mass celebrated by **Reverend Frederick L. Miller, S.T.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology. The day included facilitated conversation, as well as presentations by **Timothy P. Fortin, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology; **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies; Sister Theresia Maria Holtschlag, C.S.J., Delegate for Religious, Archdiocese of Newark; Sister Donna Marie Kemberling, S.C.C., Director of Novices for the Sisters of Christian Charity; Sister Bernadette McCauley, S.C.C., Director of Vocations and Director of Postulants for the Sisters of Christian Charity; 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. Dr. Traflet served as emcee.
 - ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, in collaboration with the Seton Hall University Office of Campus Ministry, sponsored *Pack the Green*, a Holy Hour of praise,

worship, and Adoration of Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, on the Campus Green, on October 13, 2016. The Holy Hour also included the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology’s Center for Diaconal Formation led a collaborative effort with the Dioceses of Camden, Metuchen and Paterson and the Archdiocese of Newark, sponsoring a Permanent Diaconate Convocation, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 5, 2016. The day of reflection, open to deacons, candidates, aspirants and wives, was attended by 160 people from ten dioceses (all five New Jersey dioceses—Camden, Metuchen, Newark, Paterson and Trenton; two New York dioceses—Brooklyn and Rockville Center; and three Pennsylvania dioceses—Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Scranton. Features of the convocation included:
 - Welcome, opening prayer, and remarks, by **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean.
 - Keynote address: “Embracing the Merciful Heart of Jesus,” by Steven Smith, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD.
 - Mass, celebrated by Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D., Bishop of Camden.
 - Presentation to deacons and candidates: “Be Merciful to the Church and Continue Our Own Formation,” by Deacon James Keating, Ph.D., Director of Theological Formation in the Institute for Priestly Formation, Creighton University, Omaha, NE.
 - Presentation to wives: “Merciful Accompaniment: The Spiritual Journeys of Inspiring Women of Faith,” 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.

- Presentation: “Diaconal Sloth and Its Effects on Ministry and Prayer,” by Deacon James Keating, Ph.D.
- Panel discussion (break-out for wives).
- Book signings by the presenters.

An optional Welcome Dinner was also held for convocation participants, at Westminster Hotel, Livingston, NJ, on November 4, 2016.

- ❖ Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, in collaboration with the Toth-Lonergan Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies and the Center for Catholic Studies, sponsored **“Bernard Lonergan and Contemporary Ecclesiology.”** Lecture, by guest lecturer Reverend Joseph A. Komonchak, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on November 10, 2016. This lecture outlined how Bernard Lonergan’s notion of the Church as “a process of self-constitution occurring within worldwide human society” illumines three major issues in Roman Catholic ecclesiology after Vatican II.

Mission and Service

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spiritual Director:
 - Served as spiritual director for 13 diocesan seminarians, at the Institute for Priestly Formation’s Summer Program for Diocesan Seminarians, at Creighton University, Omaha, NE, from June 13-July 28, 2016.
 - After sixteen years of service on the Board of Directors of the Newman Association of America, was elected Board Member Emeritus, on July 28, 2016, at the annual meeting

of the Newman Association of America, held at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, from July 28-30, 2016.

❖ **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, Rector/Dean, as the Missionary of Mercy for the Archdiocese of Newark:

- Presented “Meeting the Merciful God: Not Settling for Anything Less Than Love.” Two Adult Faith Formation presentations, at Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, NJ, on September 19, 2016.
- Served as the guest speaker at the “Morning of Mercy Mini Pilgrimage,” sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark Evangelization Commission, at Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway, NJ, on September 24, 2016. Approximately 700 participants were able to receive the grace of a plenary indulgence, through Adoration, Confession and various prayers.
- Served as Preacher of Mercy at the Mass for the Archdiocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the National Shrine Marian Sacramentary, Washington, DC, on October 22, 2016.

❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented the following lectures in light of the concept of the family as the domestic Church, for parents of children in the CCD program, at Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park, NJ:

- “Domestic Church: The Life of Grace.” September 25, 2016.
- “Domestic Church: The Life of Virtues.” October 2, 2016.

Publications

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, published the following:
 - A journal article: “Analogy and Vatican II: An Overlooked Dimension of the Council.” *Josephinum Journal of Theology* 22 (2015): 44-58.
 - An article in a volume: “Vattimo, Diversity and Catholicism.” *Justice through Diversity?: A Philosophical and Theological Debate*. Ed. Michael J. Sweeney. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016. 533-50.

- ❖ **Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)**, Professor of Biblical Studies, edited, translated and provided commentary for a 650-page book: [*The Burning Bush: Writings on Jews and Judaism*](#), by Vladimir Solovyov, edited, translated and with commentary by Gregory Yuri Glazov. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2016.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spiritual Director, serves as one of 16 members of the Joint International Commission for Dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the World Methodist Council, which includes eight Catholics and eight Methodists. The members of the Commission collaborated to produce a 71-page report: [*“The Call to Holiness: From Glory to Glory.”*](#) The World Methodist Council published this report on September 1, 2016, at their quinquennial meeting, in conjunction with the World Methodist Conference, held in Houston, TX, from August 31-September 3, 2016. The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity has received the report as well, but will not formally receive and publish it until an official from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has written a

commentary on it. After that time, the report will be published in the Information Service of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, together with the commentary.

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

- Review of: *The Rediscovery of Jewish Christianity: From Toland to Baur*, by F. S. Jones. *Review of Biblical Literature* (September 2016).
- Review of: [*One True Life: The Stoics and Early Christians as Rival Traditions*](#), by C.K. Rowe. *Catholic Books Review* (2016).
- Review of: *Gregory of Nyssa's Tabernacle Imagery in its Jewish and Christian Contexts*, by Ann Conway-Jones. *Review of Biblical Literature* (October 2016).

❖ **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published a journal article: [“The Evolution of Hilary of Poitiers’s Trinitarian Use of *Nativitas*.”](#) *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 24, no. 3 (Fall 2016): 363-94.

❖ **Eric M. Johnston, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Undergraduate Theology, published a journal article: [“The Apostle, the Philosopher, and Friar Thomas: The Place of Aristotle in Thomas Aquinas’s Dominican Vocation.”](#) *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 19, no. 4 (Fall 2016): 15-46.

Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spiritual Director, participated in faculty and spiritual director in-service sessions, at the Institute for Priestly Formation, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, on July 7 and 21, 2016.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented “Loisy’s Biblical Scholarship and the Modernist Controversy.” Presentation of sabbatical work, to colleagues in Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology’s faculty scholarly collaborative group, *Amplificamus*, in ICSST’s Lewis Hall, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on September 22, 2016.

Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor of Systematic Theology, peer-reviewed the following:
 - An article for *The Thomist*, during summer 2016.
 - An article for *Modern Theology*, during summer 2016.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology, became a manuscript reviewer for Emmaus Academic, the scholarly branch of Emmaus Road Publishing, in 2016.