



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SEMINARY
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

Faculty & Administration News (FAN)

Volume XV, Issue 4

August 2024

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

- ❖ For their dedication and commitment to vocations work, four members of the ICSST community were honored by the 22nd District of Serra International, Archdiocese of Newark, at their 69th Annual Vocations Fundraising Dinner, at Nanina's in the Park, Belleville, NJ, on May 14, 2024:
 - **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor and Chair of Systematic Theology, was presented with the Governor's Award.
 - **Michael F. Burt**, Senior Director of Seminary Advancement, was presented with the Junipero Serra Award.
 - **Deborah A. Kurus**, Assistant to the Rector/Dean and Vice Rector, was presented with the Rose Marie Dechan Award.
 - **Joseph Nicastro** was honored for his years of faithful service as General Maintenance Mechanic to ICSST.

Degree Earned

- ❖ **Andrew M. Brenycz '99, M.L.I.S.**, Academic Resource Specialist, earned a Master of Library and Information Science from Southern Connecticut State University in August 2024.

Publications

- ❖ **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, published the following:
 - Co-edited book, with Dr. Matthew Levering and Reverend Aaron Pidel, S.J.: [*Ignatius of Loyola and Thomas Aquinas: Ressourcing the Jesuit Tradition*](#). Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, June 2024. Dr. Anderson wrote the following chapter of this book:
 - “Experiencing the Divine according to Thomas and Ignatius,” 29-58.
 - Journal article: “Mere Theological Garb? A Reply to Thomas Osborne, Jr.’s *Thomas Aquinas on Virtue*.” *The Thomist* 88, no. 1 (January 2024): 105-12.
- ❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology, published a book chapter: “A Deeper Humanity: The Family as the School of an Inclusive Economy.” In [*Homo Curator: Towards the Ethics of Consumption*](#). Virtues and Economics, vol. 7. Series editors, Peter Róna and László Zsolnai, 159-85. Cham, Switzerland: Springer, 2024.
- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Thomas G. Guarino, K.H.S., S.T.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology, published two articles on the website of the journal *First Things*:

- [“Vatican II and *Dignitas Infinita*”](#) (June 18, 2024). This article was syndicated worldwide through the ZENIT Catholic News Service and was featured in a [news story](#) on the Seton Hall University website.
- [“Evangelicals and Catholics Together at 30”](#) (July 4, 2024).

❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor and Chair of Systematic Theology, published the following:

- A journal article, with Samantha R. Mattheiss, Ph.D. (Department of Psychology, Felician University): [“Holistic Holiness: An Examination of Human Flourishing from the Intersecting Perspectives of Catholic Theology and Psychology.”](#) *Integratus* 2, no. 2 (June 2024): 106–22.
- A book chapter: “The Witness of Perpetua and Felicity: Fundamental Theological Perspectives.” Chapter 4 in [The Passion Narratives of Saints Perpetua, Felicity, and Their Fellow Martyrs](#), edited by Nancy Enright (Professor of English and Director of the University CORE, Seton Hall University) and Francis J. Hunter (Latin and Classics teacher, Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest, NJ), 67-80. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, August 2024.

Media Contributions

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology:
 - Was interviewed by Charles Camosy, on the topic of Dr. Morrow’s conversion to the Catholic Faith and his experience in Catholic academia. [Dr. Morrow’s interview](#) was published in the online newspaper *Our Sunday Visitor* on May 23, 2024. Additionally, the interview received coverage via a [news story](#) published on the Seton Hall University

- website on June 4, 2024, and via [an article](#) published in the online newspaper *The Irish Catholic* on June 6, 2024.
- Was interviewed live on Catholic Faith Network, on the television show *CFN Live*, on May 28, 2024. The topic of the interview was “Jesus’s Resurrection.” A recording of the interview is available at <https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/cfn-live>. Dr. Morrow’s interview runs from the 28:25 mark to the 38:16 mark on the recording of the May 28 show.

Special Events and Initiatives

- ❖ Since 2019, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology has offered reflection series during the Advent and Lenten seasons, uniting in prayer during these key liturgical seasons more than 2,500 Seton Hall students, faculty, staff, administrators, and other community members from near and far. Throughout the 2024 Lenten season, ICSST was pleased to sponsor a series of daily reflections titled “*Your Face, Lord, Do I Seek,*” inspired by Psalm 27:8. Delivered daily via email, from Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, through Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024, the reflections helped participants enter more deeply into the Lenten season by focusing attention on the gaze of Christ in powerful ways, contemplating how He beckons us to draw close and experience His great love. Authors of the reflections were **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. ‘88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology; **Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.**, then Vice Provost for Academics and Catholic Identity, and now President of Seton Hall University; and **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic

Theology. The reflections are available at <https://www.shu.edu/theology/your-face-lord-do-i-seek-daily-lenten-meditations.html>

- ❖ A significant project related to ICSST's [*The 4:12 Pathway for Pastoral Leadership*](#) project, funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, was the finalization of the [*Insights: A Day in the Life of a Seminarian*](#) video, which will serve to welcome those entering the Seminary and to introduce others to the life of a seminarian and the formation offered at ICSST. This video project included comprehensive planning, storyboard finalization, filming, and post-production editing among ICSST, University Relations, and Awesome Films (the University's third-party video production partner), as well as communications consultation, to disseminate the video both internally and externally. A [news story with the video embedded was published and is being leveraged](#) for internal and external promotions.

- ❖ With great pride and gratitude, ICSST celebrated the accomplishments of its Class of 2024 at Evening Prayer and a reception, held at ICSST, South Orange, NJ, on May 6, 2024. The following week, ICSST continued the celebration at a Mass of Blessing and hooding ceremony, held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ, on May 15, 2024. ICSST awarded 43 graduate degrees and certificates that day to a diverse and talented group of alumni of a multitude of ethnicities, from various walks of life, and living out all types of vocations. At the hooding ceremony, **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, served as emcee; **Reverend Robert K. Suszko, M.B.A., M.Div.**, Vice Rector and Business Manager, offered the invocation; and **Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino, K.C.H.S., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Seminary and Academic Studies, Interim Director of the Seminary Library, and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, offered

the benediction. A recording of the Mass and hooding ceremony is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqrF_xaCHyg

Mission and Service

- ❖ Six faculty members of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology continue service as assessors and examiners for former Anglican/Episcopalian clergymen who apply for ordination as Roman Catholic priests through the Pastoral Provision. These six faculty members are:
 - **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Professor and Chair of Moral Theology.
 - **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology.
 - **Reverend Roberto Ortiz, S.T.L., S.T.D. (Cand.)**, Director of Liturgy, and Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology.
 - **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology.
 - **Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Wister, Hist.Eccl.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Church History.
 - **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L, S.T.D.**, ICSST's Coordinator of Undergraduate Admissions and Retention, and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies.
- Additionally, this year, **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor and Chair of Systematic Theology, served as assessor and examiner, substituting for a faculty member who was recovering from surgery.

- ❖ **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. '88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, presented the following talks:
 - “The Marian Spirituality of St. Edith Stein and St. Titus Brandsma,” to the Legatus Chapter of Westchester County, Larchmont, NY, on August 16, 2023. Approximately 50 people attended.
 - “Seeking the Face of Jesus with St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face,” at St. Thérèse of Lisieux Parish, Cresskill, NJ, on the occasion of the parish’s 100th anniversary, on March 7, 2024. Approximately 30 people attended.
 - “The Humility of St. Joseph,” at St. Agnes Parish, Clark, NJ, on March 15, 2024. Approximately 75 people attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Douglas J. Milewski, S.T.D.**, Associate Professor of Undergraduate Theology:
 - Presented a series of five talks on the Pseudepigraphal Old Testament and Apocryphal New Testament books to the Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of the Rosary Monastery, Summit, NJ, on February 12, 20, and 27, and March 5 and 19, 2024. Approximately 20 Sisters attended each talk.
 - Led a tour of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ, for the SHU Honors Program, on April 5, 2024. Approximately 12 students attended.

- ❖ **Reverend Jared J. Brogan, S.T.L.**, Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, from February 21 to May 8, 2024, presented a lecture series titled *Eucharist: Something to Be Believed, Celebrated, and Lived*, at St. Teresa of Avila Church, Summit, NJ, and at Immaculate Conception Church, Montclair, NJ. Those involved in ministry and many parishioners faithfully participated in the presentations.

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L., S.T.D.**, ICSST’s Coordinator for Undergraduate Admissions and Retention, and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies:
 - Delivered to Mass lectors “Discharging the Ministry of the Word, Human and Divine,” a one-hour presentation concerning their ministry. This presentation was part of a lectors’ workshop sponsored by the Office of Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Newark and conducted at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, NJ, on March 9, 2024. Thirty people attended.
 - Was appointed Chair of the *Censores Librorum* for the Archdiocese of Newark, in April 2024. As *Censor Librorum*, in 2023-2024, Monsignor Ziccardi reviewed two books submitted to the Archbishop of Newark for his certification that they are free from Catholic theological error:
 - *Mark: Growing in Faith*, volume 2 (Renew International).
 - *The Eucharist: The Real Presence of Christ* (Renew International).

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, served as a consultant on the Consultation on the Summer Program for Diocesan Seminarians, Institute for Priestly Formation, Omaha, NE (online, via Zoom), on March 19, 2024, together with approximately 12 other seminary personnel.

- ❖ **Reverend Roberto Ortiz, S.T.L., S.T.D. (Cand.)**, Director of Liturgy, and Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology:
 - Began service on the SHU Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) Working Group, effective April 5, 2024.

- Began service on the SHU Environmental Sustainability Committee, effective April 23, 2024. Father Ortiz serves as Co-Chair of this committee.
 - Was appointed by Cardinal Tobin to serve the Archdiocese of Newark as *Censor Librorum* (“Censor of Books”), with the responsibility of reviewing texts for doctrinal accuracy prior to publication. This appointment went into effect on April 29, 2024.
- ❖ **Reverend Renato J. Bautista, M.Div., M.A.**, Director of Formation, and Director of Seminary Records, served as guest speaker on the topic “The Resurrection of Jesus Christ in Our Life,” at the chapter meeting of Couples for Christ, held at the Church of Jesus, Lord of Divine Mercy Parish, Caimito Street, Mapayapa Village 1, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines, on April 6, 2024. Approximately 35 people attended.
- ❖ **Very Reverend Charles Pinyan, D.Min. (Cand.)**, Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese of Newark, and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, delivered “Helpful Hints for Homily Preparation and Delivery.” Presentation to permanent deacons of the Archdiocese of Newark, on April 18, 2024. The program was organized by the Office of the Permanent Diaconate and was offered both in person at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Newark, NJ, and online via Zoom. Thirty people attended in person and 35 attended remotely.
- ❖ **Reverend Mariusz Eugene R. Koch, C.F.R., M.Div., M.A.**, Spiritual Director:
- Served as principal celebrant at a reunion for the fraternity *Phi Kappa Sigma*, at SHU’s Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, South Orange, NJ, on April 28, 2024. Approximately 20 people attended. Father Koch had served as *Phi Kappa Sigma* advisor for these men when he was Campus Minister at Seton Hall in the 1980s.

- Presented a brief, video-recorded talk on the topic “Celibate Fatherhood,” for a group of approximately 16 Catholic married couples in New Jersey, on June 7, 2024. **Justin M. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Professor and Chair of Moral Theology, volunteers as co-organizer of small circles of Catholic married couples in New Jersey. These couples meet eight times per year in one another’s homes, enjoy dinner, and listen together to a presenter via Zoom, then discuss the topic on faith, marriage, and family in their respective circles.
- Facilitated a retreat in preparation for the priesthood ordination of Brother Maksymilian Dawid Ogar, a Pauline Religious Brother, at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, NJ, from June 19 to 21, 2024.
- Preached a Parish Mission on “Mary, Helper of Mothers,” at St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Dunellen, NJ, on June 24, 2024. Father Koch also served as confessor for the attendees. Ten people attended.
- Preached at the Celebration of the First Mass of Reverend Steven Bolton, C.O., a 2024 alumnus of ICSST. The Mass took place at Mary, Mother of God Church, Hillsborough, NJ, on June 30, 2024.
- Helped to organize and attended an approximately 60-mile walking pilgrimage from Great Meadows, NJ, to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA, from August 8 to 11, 2024. Father Koch was responsible for the English-speaking group. Each day, he celebrated Mass, celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and delivered homilies. Approximately 2,000 people attended the pilgrimage.

❖ **Reverend Robert K. Suszko, M.B.A., M.Div.**, Vice Rector and Business Manager, offered the invocation at the Graduate Hooding Ceremony for the Stillman School of Business, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, on May 17, 2024.

- ❖ **Reverend Paweł Tomczyk, Ph.D.**, Director of Pastoral Formation, and Assistant Professor of Moral Theology:
 - Served as a presenter for a panel discussion on “Catholic Teaching on *In Vitro Fertilization (IVF)*/Surrogacy,” at St. Helen Parish, Westfield, NJ, on May 21, 2024. Approximately 40 people attended.
 - Presented “Contemporary Moral Issues.” Three online presentations, for Men of St. Joseph, an online, Catholic men’s group that meets biweekly. Father Tomczyk delivered his presentations on May 21, June 4, and June 10, 2024. Approximately 20 men attended each presentation.

- ❖ **Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino, K.C.H.S., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Seminary and Academic Studies, Interim Director of the Seminary Library, and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, in June 2024, was elected Vice Chair and Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of the Association of Theological Schools, for a term of two years. Concurrent with this service is *ex officio* membership on the Audit Committee.

- ❖ **Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology, and Director of the Seton Hall University Center for Catholic Studies, served as presenter of the English breakout session on the practice of contemplative prayer, for the Archdiocese of Newark’s bilingual Day of Prayer, held in response to Pope Francis’s invitation to the faithful to participate in the Year of Prayer in 2024. In the pontiff’s words, the year is dedicated “to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world.” Facilitated by Valimar Jansen, a highly regarded singer, composer, and recording artist, the event included music, prayer, and praise. It was

held at the St. John Paul II Youth Center, Kearny, NJ, on June 29, 2024. Approximately 25 people attended Dr. Manning's session.

Conferences, Meetings, Panel Discussions, and Symposia

- ❖ **Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Rector/Dean, and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, on March 14, 2024, participated online, via Microsoft Teams, in a follow-up session to a symposium he had attended in March 2023. The symposium, titled *The Propaedeutic Stage: Reimagining Priestly Formation*, was offered by the Institute for Priestly Formation at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL, from March 16 to 19, 2023.

- ❖ **Víctor Velarde-Mayol, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor of Philosophical Theology, served as moderator of the session on “Indexicals and Sacraments,” at the Academy of Catholic Theology Annual Meeting, on May 22, 2024. The meeting was held at Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC, from May 21 to 23, 2024.

- ❖ **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Undergraduate Theology:
 - Organized a panel discussion titled *Historical Theology: Its Enduring Value and Place Today*, for the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, held in Chicago, IL, from May 23 to 25, 2024. This panel discussion was held on May 24, 2024. Approximately 50 people attended.
 - Presented “The Rise of the Creationist Ensoulment Model and its Detrimental Effect on Corporate Conceptions of Humanity, Original Sin, and Soteriology.” Paper, at the

North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, in Chicago, IL, on May 25, 2024.
Approximately 15 people attended Dr. Scully's presentation.

- ❖ **Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. '08**, Director of the Center for Diaconal Formation, attended the National Diaconate Institute, sponsored by the National Association of Diaconate Directors and held at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH, from June 9 to 13, 2024. Deacon Saunders's participation furthered the Center for Diaconal Formation's access to, and understanding of, best practices in the formation of deacons in the United States. He participated as a panelist in an intellectual dimension roundtable discussion, providing expert input on academic formation for new diaconate formation directors. Approximately 30 diaconate directors from across the United States attended.

- ❖ **Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D.**, Professor of Undergraduate Theology, presented "History of Religion and History of the Bible: Alfred Loisy's Retrospective and Prospective View on Modernism in *Un Mythe Apologétique*." Invited paper, at *Prophétiser la Religion de l'humanité. Philosophie, histoire et mysticisme dans les petits livres rouges post-modernistes d'Alfred Loisy (1917-1935): Colloque international à l'Université de Lausanne* (international conference on Loisy), held at University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland, from June 13 to 14, 2024. Dr. Morrow presented his paper on June 13, 2024, to an audience of approximately 30 people.

- ❖ **Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino, K.C.H.S., S.S.L., S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Seminary and Academic Studies, Interim Director of the Seminary Library, and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, participated in the biennial meeting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), *Rooted in Hope, Thriving in Change: Navigating Transitions in*

Theological Education, in Atlanta, GA, from June 18 to 21, 2024. Father Ciccarino facilitated two groups during the conference: “The Global Awareness and Engagement Initiative” and “Review of the *Standards of Accreditation* and the *Policies and Procedures* (Standard 5:1-10; Procedure IA-IB).” Each of these was a table group with eight participants.

❖ **Dianne M. Traflet, J.D. ‘88, S.T.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, delivered a talk as part of a symposium sponsored by the Carmelite Institute of North America and the Center for Carmelite Studies, Catholic University of America (CUA). The symposium was held from July 28 through August 1, 2024, at CUA, Washington, DC. Dr. Traflet delivered her presentation, “Understanding St. Edith Stein’s Eucharistic Spirituality: A Fictional Interview,” on July 30, 2024. One hundred fifty-three people attended Dr. Traflet’s presentation.

❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor and Chair of Systematic Theology, presented “The Cosmic Hierarchy: Quantum Mechanics and Teleology.” Lecture, at the conference *The Faith-Science Vision of Richard J. Pendergast, S.J.: The Bible, Evolution, and the Program of Good and Evil*, sponsored by Donnelly College, the Ethics of Evidence Foundation, and Catholic University of America. The conference was held at Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, on August 6, 2024. Approximately 40 people attended Father Laracy’s presentation.

Other Scholarly and Professional Activity

❖ **Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology:

- Is serving on the Inaugural Scientific Committee of the journal *Wojtyła Studies*, based in Kraków, Poland (2022-present). The inaugural edition of the journal was published in February 2024.
- Reviewed a book-length manuscript for The Catholic University of America Press during academic year 2023-2024.
- Is serving on the Board of Directors of the Marine Corps Tankers Association, an elite, close knit group who have earned a highly respected reputation within the brotherhood and history of the United States Marine Corps. To be eligible for membership in the association, one must be an honorably discharged or retired Marine, on active duty, or a member of the Marine reserve. This person must have served within a Marine Tank Battalion or been attached to any Marine Tank Unit in any support function. Dr. Rice's responsibilities as a member of the Board of Directors include fundraising, as well as administration of the scholarship fund for children of Marine veterans of tanks and of other combat arms veterans who have served with Marine Corps tank units.

❖ **Reverend Roberto Ortiz, S.T.L., S.T.D. (Cand.)**, Director of Liturgy, and Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, participated in the Seton Hall University Employee Professional Development Program (EPDP) from October 2023 until June 2024. The goal of the EPDP is to create formal opportunities for highly motivated individuals to develop the skills they need to grow and advance in their careers. Seton Hall University Executive Cabinet members mentor the selected EPDP participants. The program affords participants opportunities to meet with leaders and members of various departments. These opportunities

provide an overview of the planning efforts and the significant issues challenging each department. EPDP participants earn a Certificate of Completion upon successfully meeting their approved objectives for the program.

- ❖ **Ellen R. Scully, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair of Undergraduate Theology, on May 24, 2024, was elected to the Board of Directors of the North American Patristics Society for a three-year term.

- ❖ **Reverend Joseph R. Laracy, S.T.D.**, Assistant Professor and Chair of Systematic Theology:
 - Served as a peer reviewer for the journal *Systems* in Spring 2024. Published monthly online by Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute, *Systems* is an international, peer-reviewed, open access journal on systems theory in practice, including fields such as systems engineering management, systems-based project planning in urban settings, health systems, environmental management, and complex social systems. The International Society for the Systems Sciences (ISSS) is affiliated with *Systems*.
 - Served as a peer reviewer for *Journal of Pastoral Care & Counseling* on July 17, 2024. The *Journal of Pastoral Care & Counseling* advances theory and professional practice through scholarly and reflective literature on pastoral and spiritual care, counseling, psychotherapy, education, and research.
 - Served as a peer reviewer for the journal *AI and Ethics* on August 2, 2024. *AI and Ethics* seeks to promote informed debate and discussion of the ethical, regulatory, and policy implications that arise from the development of AI. It focuses on how AI techniques, tools, and technologies are developing, including consideration of where these developments may lead in the future. The journal provides opportunities for academics,

scientists, practitioners, policy makers, and the public to consider how AI might affect our lives in the future, and what implications, benefits, and risks might emerge. Attention is given to the potential intentional and unintentional misuses of the research and technology presented in articles published. Examples of harmful consequences include weaponization, bias in face recognition systems, and discrimination and unfairness with respect to race and gender.

- Served as a peer reviewer for the journal *Informatics* on August 2, 2024. *Informatics* is an international, peer-reviewed, open access journal on information and communication technologies, human-computer interaction, and social informatics, and is published quarterly online by Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute.