

# Faculty News

Immaculate Conception  
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## Special Events

- ❖ Three members of the Seminary's faculty and administration were honored by the late Pope John Paul II with papal honors. Monsignor Robert F. Coleman '74, J.C.D., rector and dean, has been elevated to the rank of Prelate of Honor with the title Reverend Monsignor. Given the honor of Chaplain for His Holiness, with the title of Reverend Monsignor, are Monsignor Gerard McCarren, M.Div. '91, S.T.D., assistant professor of Systematic Theology and spiritual director of the Seminary; and Monsignor Thomas P. Nydegger, M.Div. '92, vice-rector/business manager and director of formation.

## Memberships and Service

- ❖ Reverend Anthony J. Figueiredo, M.Div. '94, S.T.D., assistant professor of Systematic Theology, served as an analyst for MSNBC network coverage of the death of Pope John Paul II, the papal conclave and installation.
- ❖ Monsignor Gerard McCarren, M.Div. '91, S.T.D., assistant professor of Systematic Theology and spiritual director of the Seminary, attended the Institute for Priestly Formation's Symposium on the Spirituality and Identity of the Diocesan Priest, which took place at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver, Colorado from March 3 through 6, 2005. The Symposium's theme was, "Interiority for Mission: Spiritual Formation for Priests of the New Evangelization."
- ❖ On April 21, 2005, Deacon William J. Toth, M.A. '82, Ph.D., associate professor of Christian Ethics, served as a facilitator for the "Roundtable Discussion on Social Security Reform for Business Leaders," sponsored by the Center for Catholic Studies of Seton Hall University.
- ❖ Monsignor Robert J. Wister '65/M.Div. '68, Hist.Eccl.D., associate professor of Church History, served as a commentator for the CBS television network coverage of the death of Pope John Paul II, the papal conclave and installation.

## Publications

- ❖ Reverend Anthony J. Figueiredo, M.Div. '94, S.T.D., assistant professor of Systematic Theology, published an article about Pope Benedict XVI, titled, "In a Humble German Scholar, a Providential Choice for Pope," in the April 22, 2005 edition of the Star Ledger.
- ❖ Monsignor Robert J. Wister '65/M.Div. '68, Hist.Eccl.D., associate professor of Church History, published an article about Pope John Paul II, titled, "The Church Will Never Be the Same," in the April 3, 2005 edition of the Star Ledger.

## Speaking Engagements

- ❖ Reverend Joseph R. Chapel, S.T.D., associate dean and assistant professor of Christian Ethics, was interviewed concerning the death of Pope John Paul II by CNN En Espanol, on April 1 and 2, 2005; and WWOR-TV (UPN 9), for the evening news on April 2, 2005.
- ❖ Reverend Anthony J. Figueiredo, M.Div. '94, S.T.D., assistant professor of Systematic Theology, had several speaking engagements:
  - (1) A live interview on MSNBC, throughout the day on April 1, 2005;
  - (2) A discussion of German Cardinal Josef Ratzinger as a candidate for the papacy in the article, "Analysis: Ratzinger in the Ascendance," published in the Washington Times on April 1, 2005. The article also appeared in Express Newslines (India) and New Kerala (India);
  - (3) A live appearance on the NBC "Today Show" on April 2, 2005;
  - (4) An interview on CNN "Larry King Live" on April 3, 2005;
  - (5) Quoted in the article, "For Next Pontiff, Daunting Challenges Await," discussing the concerns that the next pope will likely face. The article was published on April 3, 2005 in the Boston Globe, and also appeared in the Wichita Eagle;
  - (6) An interview on the NBC national network special of April 4, 2005, during live coverage of the procession of the body of Pope John Paul II;

## Speaking Engagements, continued

- (7) A live interview on MSNBC “Hardball” with Chris Matthews on April 4, 2005; and
  - (8) An interview for an article published in the Bergen Record on April 4, 2005, titled, “Spiritual Giant with Uncommon Appeal,” concerning Pope John Paul II. This article also appeared in the Herald News.
- ❖ Monsignor Gerard McCarren, M.Div. ’91, S.T.D., assistant professor of Systematic Theology and spiritual director of the Seminary, had the following speaking engagements:
- (1) A “Spotlight on the Catechism” course, offered to religious educators by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office, titled, “Spotlight on Sacraments: Life in the Love of the Holy Trinity,” at St. Therese Parish in Cresskill on March 15 and 22, 2005; and
  - (2) On April 17, 2005, a RCIA talk on the Eucharist for Seton Hall University’s Campus Ministry.
- ❖ On March 29, 2005, Deacon William J. Toth, M.A. ’82, Ph.D., associate professor of Christian Ethics, gave a presentation on “The Spirituality of Health Care” to the Student Nurse Association of Seton Hall University.
- ❖ Monsignor Robert J. Wister ’65/M.Div. ’68, Hist.Eccl.D., associate professor of Church History, had numerous speaking engagements:
- (1) An interview for the article by Steve Chamber and Jeff Diamant, titled, “A Beloved Pope Is Gone,” published in the Sunday, April 3, 2005 edition of the Star-Ledger;
  - (2) Quoted in the article titled, “Catholics in America: A Restive People,” by Laurie Goodstein, commenting on the papacy of Pope John Paul II. The article was published in the New York Times on April 3, 2005, and appeared in the Akron Beacon Journal, Seattle Times, Minneapolis Star Tribune, Jerusalem Post, and TheState.com;
  - (3) Quoted in the article concerning Pope John Paul II, titled, “Beloved for Activism, Humility, Spiritualism,” by John Chadwick, published in the Bergen Record on Sunday, April 3, 2005;
  - (4) An interview for the article about papal succession by Bruce Nolan, titled, “Selecting Successor Won’t Be Easy Task,” published in The New Orleans Times-Picayune on April 3, 2005;
  - (5) An interview for the article, “Aftermath of Death is Rooted in Church Ritual,” published in the April 3, 2005 edition of The New Orleans Times-Picayune;
  - (6) A discussion of the state of the Church before the Second Vatican Council in the article, “He Reached Out, Touched World,” published in the Bergen Record, on April 3, 2005;
  - (7) A day of Recollection for Vocationist sisters, in Florham Park on April 16, 2005;
  - (8) On April 30, 2005, the Archdiocesan Heritage Tour, a tour of churches of historic and artistic importance in the Archdiocese of Newark presented under the auspices of Archdiocesan Development Office; and
  - (9) “The Chapel of Seton Hall University,” the Seton Hall alumni Mass in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on May 1, 2005.
- ❖ Reverend C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L., assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, had numerous speaking engagements:
- (1) An interview concerning Pope John Paul II for WCBS-TV (Channel 2) on April 1, 2005; and
  - (2) A discussion of Pope John Paul II’s willingness to travel the world to be with his people, in the article, “A Day for Prayers, Tears and Memories,” published in the Bergen Record on April 3, 2005.