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**Education**

PhD, (Philosophy) Pontifical Athenaeum *Regina Apostolorum*, May 1999  
Dissertation: [\*The Value Ontology of Dietrich von Hildebrand: Toward a Reform of the Contemporary Notion of Value\*](#)  
Director: Fr Michael Ryan, LC, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy

MA, (Liberal Studies) Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, May, 1997  
Concentration in Political Science  
Thesis: *Human Nature and the American Democratic Experiment*  
Director: Dr Giulio Gallarotti, Dept of Government

PhL, (Philosophy) Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, June 1996  
Concentration in Systematic Philosophy  
Thesis: *Human Goods and the Incommensurability Thesis in the Natural Law Theory of John Finnis*  
Director: Fr Kevin Flannery, SJ

PhB, (Philosophy) Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, June 1994

BA, (Spanish Literature) The University of the State of New York, June 1993  
Completed all credits for the major in Spanish Literature at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1983-1986; "Marquette in Madrid" study program at the Universidad Complutense, Madrid, Spain, 1985-86

Areas of specialization & research: Fundamental moral theology; natural law theory; act theory; conscience; trauma-informed pastoral care; the clergy sexual abuse crisis; seminary formation; the theology of Penance and the pastoral practice of confessors; special issues in bioethics and Catholic medical ethics.

Areas of competence: History of western moral thought; history of Catholic moral theology; philosophies of Aristotle and Aquinas; philosophical and theological anthropology.

Languages: Spanish (bilingual); Italian (proficient); Latin (competent); Greek (moderate).

## **Academic Appointments & Teaching Experience**

May 2024-Present—Visiting Professor of the Practice, McGrath Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame.

2023-2024—Visiting Scholar, McGrath Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame.

2011-2024—Professor of Moral Theology, St. Joseph’s Seminary, Yonkers, NY.

2010 – 2012—Adjunct Professor of Moral Theology, The Institute for Religious Studies at St. Joseph’s Seminary, Yonkers, NY.

2009 – 2011—Adjunct Professor of Medical Ethics, St. Joseph’s Seminary, Yonkers, NY.

1997 – 2009—Professor of Moral Philosophy, Center for Higher Studies of the Legion of Christ, Thornwood, NY.

Fall 2000—Adjunct faculty member of the *Institute for Psychological Sciences*, Arlington, VA..

1991 – 1993—Assistant professor of classical humanities at the *Legionaries of Christ Center for Humanities*, Cheshire, CT.

1989 – 1991—Academic Director, *Immaculate Conception Junior High School* Center Harbor, NH.

## **Scholarship**

### **Book in progress**

*Ministers of Divine Mercy: The Theology of Penance & Pastoral Guidance for Confessors*

### **Books**

*Choosing Forgiveness: Unleash the Power of God’s Grace*. Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor, forthcoming, March 2022 (with Timothy G. Lock, Ph.D.).

*Hurting in the Church: A Way Forward for Wounded Catholics*. Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor, 2017.

### **Books edited**

With Edward J. Furton, *Human Embryo Adoption: Biotechnology, Marriage and the Right to Life*, National Catholic Bioethics Center, December 2006.

### **Contributions to books**

“Veritatis Splendor and Pastoral Accompaniment: *Diakonia Veritatis* and the Art of Speaking the Truth in Love,” in James Keating, ed., *Priestly Formation and Integrative Healing* (Omaha, NE: The Institute for Priestly Formation), May 2024.

“Self-Disclosure in Formation: Respecting Privacy and Soliciting Transparency,” in James Keating, ed., *Priestly Formation and Integrative Healing* (Omaha, NE: The Institute for Priestly Formation), September 2019.

Foreword to Laraine & Art Bennett, *The Temperament God Gave You: The Classic Key to Knowing Yourself, Getting Along with Others, and Growing Closer to the Lord*. Sophia Press, 2005.

### Encyclopedia entries

“Value Ethics,” “Virtue Ethics,” “Philosophy of Value,” in the *Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science, and Social Policy*, eds. J. Varacalli, S. Krason, & R. Myers (Lanham, Maryland: Scarecrow Press), July 2007.

### Book Reviews

Review of *Virtue and Grace in the Theology of Thomas Aquinas* by Justin M. Anderson. *Nova et Vetera*, Fall 2023 (Vol. 21, No. 4), 1421-1425.

“A timely appeal to those in holy orders: ‘Suffer the coming of God’s love!’” Review of *Remain in Me* by James Keating. *Catholic World Report*. July 14, 2019.

“Bishop Barron expresses real outrage—and it’s wonderful.” Review of *Letter to a Suffering Church* by Robert Barron. *Catholic Herald*. May 31, 2019.

Review of *Knowing the Natural Law: From Precepts and Inclinations to Deriving Oughts* by Steven J. Jensen. *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 18.4 (Winter 2018).

“A New Theory On the Undoing of American Liberalism.” Review of *Camelot and the Cultural Revolution* by James Pierson. *Dunwoodie Review*, v. 39 (2016).

“This Book is Rocking the Catholic World.” Review of *Forming Intentional Disciples* by Sherry Weddell. *Catholic News Agency*. October 10, 2013.

“In Between the Angels and the Apes.” Review of *Neither Beast Nor God: The Dignity of the Human Person* by Gilbert Meilaender. *First Things*. December 2009.

### Articles in progress

"Self-Originating Source of Valid Moral Claims or Witness of Moral Truth? Contemporary Revisionist Accounts of Conscience—An Exploration & Response. *Nova et Vetera* (forthcoming, 2024).

### Articles in peer-reviewed journals

With Kevin Flannery, SJ “*Amoris Laeitia*, Pastoral Discernment, and Thomas Aquinas,” *Nova et Vetera*, 16: 1 (2018), 81-111.

“A Revised Analysis of the ‘Phoenix Abortion Case’ and a Critique of NNL Intentionality,” *Nova et Vetera*, 15: 2 (2017), 365-396.

With John Travaline, “Perspectives on Directive 58,” *The Linacre Quarterly*, 78.1 (February 2011), 8-12.

“Ethics Notes: a Brief Commentary on Selected Current Bioethics Matters,” *The Linacre Quarterly*, 77.4 (November 2010), 479-483.

With Maureen Condic, “Emerging Biotechnology, the Defense of Embryonic Human Life, and Altered Nuclear Transfer,” *The Linacre Quarterly*, v. 75, no. 4 (November 2008): 268–290.

With E. Christian Brugger, “Abortion and Contraception in Catholic Moral Teaching: A Reply to Recent Objections,” *Josephinum Journal of Theology*, v.15, no. 2 (August 2008), 335-354.

“A reply to Malcolm Byrnes,” Colloquy, *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, v. 6, no. 2 (Summer 2006), 203-205.

“Human Brain Cells in Animal Brains: Philosophical and Moral Considerations,” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, v. 6, no. 1 (Spring 2006), 89-107.

"Considerations of the Soul in Western Thought: Can Science Dialogue with Aristotle and Aquinas?" *Fu Jen Religious Studies*, no. 10 (Winter 2004), 17-49. Reprinted with permission and published in the collection *Scienza e Fede*, no. 6, Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum (ISBN 88-89174-28-5).

### White Papers

“Fully Equipped for Every Good Work: A Proposal of Twelve Core Competencies in Ministering to Survivors of Sexual Abuse for Seminary Formation Programs” (with Justin M. Anderson and Timothy G. Lock), McGrath Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame (November 2023).

“Emergency Contraceptives and the Catholic Healthcare Establishment: A New Look at the Science and the Moral Question” (with Marie Hilliard and Mark Stegman), Westchester Institute White Paper 2(1): 1-30. Westchester Institute for Ethics & the Human Person, Thornwood, NY (June 2011).

Articles in non-peer-reviewed specialized venues:

"What More Can You Do in The Face of the Church's Sexual Abuse Crisis?" *Church Life Journal*, April 27, 2023.

"Conformed to a Vulnerable Savior: A Christmas Reflection for priests." *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (December 2017).

"On Vulnerability and Self-Disclosure in Priestly Formation." *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (November 2017).

"Amoris Laetitia and 'Pastoral Discernment': Areas of Concern," *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly*, vol. 40, nos. 1-2 (Winter/Spring 2017).

"Discerning a Call to Priesthood? Some Questions You Should be Asking Yourself," *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (October 2016).

"Alasdair MacIntyre and The Myth of Moral Consensus," *Dunwoodie Review*, v. 38 (2015), 134-142.

"Conscience, Freedom, and the 'Law of Graduality' at the Synod on the Family," *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (September 2015).

"Exploring the Christological Nexus Between the Ascetical Life and the Moral Life," *Freedom and the Moral Law: Proceedings of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars*, ed. Elizabeth Shaw, 83-103.

"What is Moral Conscience? Refuting four mistaken ideas about conscience in light of the natural law tradition," *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (January 2012).

"The Moral Morass Around In Vitro Fertilization," *Ethics & Medics*, v. 33, no.11 (November 2008), 3-4.

"The Personhood of the Human Embryo," *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* v. 103, no. 7 (April 2003), 10-19.

Articles in Christian and secular press

"A Self-Examination in Light of the Pillars of Formation," *The Priest*, Vol. 77. No. 1 (January), 2020, 25-31.

"Seminary Formation: What we've learned in the past 25 years & where we're going," *Catholic Digest*, November 2019, 36-39.

"The moral theory that failed – but is now back in fashion," *Catholic Herald*, October 17, 2019.

"After the Abuse Summit: Where Do We Go From Here?" *Our Sunday Visitor*, February 28, 2019.

“Getting Formation Right,” *First Things*, December 2018 (288), 11-14.

“Want to Address Priest Sexual Abuse? The Catholic Church Needs to Overhaul its Seminaries.” *The Washington Post*, October 18, 2018.

“The Problem of Sexually Active Priests” *First Things: Web Exclusive*, July 23, 2018.

“Welcoming the Wounded,” *The Priest*, March 2018.

“When Your Job Requires Immoral Work” (Ask Father), *Catholic Digest*, January/February 2018.

“What Does it Mean to ‘Offer it Up?’” (Ask Father), *Catholic Digest*, September 2017.

“The Church’s Revamped Rite of Marriage Explained,” *Catholic Digest*, March 2017.

“Fidelity to Moral Truth and the Law of Graduality at the Upcoming Synod on the Family,” *Catholic News Agency*. July 6, 2015.

“Thoughts on a Smaller, More Vibrant Catholic Church in America,” *Catholic News Agency*. May 25, 2015.

“Can I Attend my Colleague’s Same-Sex Wedding?” (Ask Father),” *Catholic Digest*, Jan/Feb 2015.

“Vocation Awareness Week and Priestly Holiness” *Catholic News Agency*. November 6, 2014.

“What if Priests Fail to Teach what the Church Teaches?” (Ask Father),” *Catholic Digest*, November, 2014.

“Discerning a Call to the Priesthood?” *Catholic News Agency*. September 23, 2014.

“Unreason Unleashes a World of Hurt,” *Catholic News Agency*. August 4, 2014.

“Can I Attend My Catholic Friend’s Non-Catholic Wedding?” (Ask a Priest), Catholic Match Institute, June 24, 2014.

“Why Can’t I Go to Communion if I Don’t Go to Mass Every Sunday? (Ask Father),” *Catholic Digest*, April, 2014.

“In What Age of the Church are we Living?” *Catholic News Agency*. February 17, 2014.

“When Things Don’t Seem to Get Better.” *Legatus Magazine*, vol. 27, n.5, February 2014.

“Legion Reformed?” *First Things: Web Exclusive*, January 14, 2014.

“*Evangelii Gaudium*: Exhorting a Self-referential Church,” *Catholic News Agency*. December 5, 2013.

"Is Flirting a Sin? (Ask Father)," *Catholic Digest*, November, 2013.

"The Pope Francis-Antonio Spadaro Interview: Three Reflections." *Catholic News Agency*. September 20, 2013.

"Remembering the Encyclical *Fides et Ratio*," *Catholic News Agency*. September 10, 2013.

"Do I Have to Believe Everything the Catholic Church Teaches? (Ask Father)," *Catholic Digest*, September, 2013.

"Should a Catholic Read Racy Romance Novels? (Ask Father)," *Catholic Digest*, May, 2013.

"Is In Vitro Fertilization Ever OK? (Ask Father)," *Catholic Digest*, February-March, 2013.

"Forming Your Conscience Rightly," *Catholic New York*, vol. 31, n. 26, September 6, 2012.

"Following Your Conscience: The Key to a Joyful Christian Life," *Catholic New York*, vol. 31, n. 25, August 23, 2012.

"The Legion's Scandal of Stalled Reform," *First Things: On the Square*, June 22, 2012.

With James Capretta, "Catholic Social Teaching and the Ryan Budget," *The Public Discourse*, May 11, 2012.

With James Capretta, "Assessing Obama's Assault on Religious Liberty," *Legatus Magazine*, vol. 25, n.7, April, 2012.

"The ethical minefield of stem-cell science," *Legatus Magazine*, vol. 24, n.5, February, 2011.

"Knowing Right From Wrong." *Catholic News Agency*. November 16, 2010.

"The Terri Schiavo Effect," *Legatus Magazine*, vol. 23, n.5, February 2010.

"The Legionaries' Last Stand: An Exclusive Interview with Fr. Thomas Berg," *Chiesa*, July 13, 2009.

"Scrambled Ethics," *National Review Online*, June 2, 2009

With Michael Augros, "Don't Know Nothing," *National Review Online*, March 26, 2009.

"Economy Matters, Life Matters," *National Review Online*, October 8, 2008.

"The Bio-Logic of Coming to Be," *National Review Online*, September 15, 2008.

"New York's \$600 Million Question," *National Review Online*, May 12, 2008.

"Secularism and Religious Fanaticism Make Dangerous Bedfellows," *The Journal News*, April 13, 2008.

“The Future is Now,” *National Review Online*, November 20, 2007.

“Monkey Business,” *National Review Online*, November 15, 2007.

“Of Cybrids, Hybrids and Chimeras,” *National Review Online*, October 23, 2007.

“Ugly New World” *National Review Online*, September 10, 2007.

With Robert P. George, “Six Stem Cell Facts,” *The Wall Street Journal*, March 14, 2007.

“Secular Humanists to the Rescue,” *National Review Online*, December 13, 2006.

“We Need Answers,” *National Review Online*, September 11, 2006.

“A Step Toward Clarity,” *National Review Online*, July 7, 2006.

“Should Vatican alter Condom Stance?” *New York Daily News*, May 14, 2006.

“Hitting Rewind,” *National Review Online*, May 10, 2006.

“Cloning After Hwang,” In Depth, *National Catholic Register*, January 29, 2006.

#### Columnist for Catholic News Agency: “With Good Reason”

2008-2010. Writing on an array of topics at the crossroads of ethics and cultures, my “With Good Reason” column sought to raise the level of public discourse on crucial issues of the day, ranging from secular humanism, to embryonic stem cell research, to same-sex ‘marriage’ and beyond.

### **Professional Activity & Institutional Leadership**

November 2014-May 2020. Vice Rector. St. Joseph’s Seminary

June 2013- January 2023. Director of Seminarian Admissions. St. Joseph’s Seminary

June 2011-May 2024. Formation Advisor. St. Joseph’s Seminary

1998-2011. Founder & Executive Director of The Westchester Institute for Ethics & the Human Person

The Westchester Institute was a free-standing virtual research institute conducting interdisciplinary, natural law analysis of complex, contemporary moral issues yet unresolved among Judeo-Christian scholars. Through the Scholars Forum (periodic invitation-only, closed door meetings of scholars) the Institute undeniably established itself as a foundational resource for intellectually honest and morally grounded analysis of the most difficult contemporary issues such as embryo adoption, altered nuclear transfer for creating pluripotent stem cells, and brain death. In addition, it aimed to



make the results of its research accessible to a broader public by means of publications and other instruments.

#### Invited lectures & papers delivered

August 21-22, 2023. St. Louis, MO. Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Presenter. "Veritatis Splendor and the Pastor's Task."

October 3, 2019. Scranton, PA. "Prevention, Healing and Reconciliation." Sponsored by the Healing, Reconciliation, and Hope Task Force of the University of Scranton.

September 8, 2018. Washington, DC. "Recommendations for the future formation of Catholic priests." A symposium on "The Future of the Catholic Church after the Scandals of 2018. Co-sponsored by the Thomistic Institute and *First Things*. Dominican House of Studies.

June 4, 2018. New Orleans, LA. "Mercy in Action, Redemptive Suffering." To participants at the 13th annual Child and Youth Protection Catholic Leadership Conference.

January 8, 2018. "A Catholic Understanding of the Human Person & the Transgender Movement: Reflections on our Current Situation." To a gathering of Principals and Presidents of Catholic primary and secondary schools of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

March 2, 2017. Yonkers, NY. "*Amoris Laetitia* and 'Pastoral Discernment': Areas of Concern." Msgr. William Smith Colloquium Series, the Spring 2017 Program. St. Joseph's Seminary.

June 11, 2016. Milwaukee, WI. Panel on 'Brain Death.' "Existing as my Soul: A Response to Christopher Tollefesen's "Brain Death and Irreplaceable Parts." University Faculty for Life Conference, Marquette University.

February 2, 2014. New York, NY. "The Francis Effect: What's Happening in the Catholic Church?" To members of the Brick Presbyterian Adult Education gathering.

September 28, 2013. Philadelphia, PA. "Exploring the Christological Nexus Between the Ascetical Life and the Moral Life." Paper delivered at the 2013 Convention of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars.

April 20, 2013. Katonah, NY "Cultural Challenges Facing the Pro-Life Movement in the New Evangelization." To participants of the 13th annual Pro-Life Breakfast of the Northern Westchester and Putnam Center for Life Educational Trust.

March 1, 2012. New Orleans, LA. With Dorinda Bordlee: "Religious Liberty, Obamacare and the HHS Contraceptive Mandate." To faculty and seminarians of Notre Dame Seminary.

February 29, 2012. Covington, LA. "To Become Fire: On the Catholic Lay Response to the Present Moment of the Catholic Church in America." Presented to members of the North Shore Chapter of Legatus.

January 19, 2012. New York, NY. "Emerging Biotechnologies and Human Self-Understanding." The Siena Forum for Faith and Culture.

October 27, 2011. Yonkers, NY: "IVF: Why Not? Five Reasons from Catholic Teaching." St. Joseph's Seminary (Dunwoodie).

October 22, 2011. Denver, CO: "Emerging Biotechnologies and Human Self-Understanding: Assessing the Past 15 Years." Presented at the annual archdiocesan Gospel of Life Conference, John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization.

June 10, 2011. South Bend, IN: "The Role of Intention in the Moral Analysis of Life Issues, with commentary on the Phoenix abortion case." Panel presentation with Fr. Kevin Flannery, S.J. University Faculty for Life Conference, University of Notre Dame.

May 23, 2008, New York, NY: "'Right to Treatment' vs. 'Right to Conscience': Problems with Our Moral Categories." Presented at the Bioethics International & IHEU – New Dilemmas in Medicine Conference, United Nations Plaza. Panel III: Saying 'No' to Patients: Medical Professionals as Conscientious Objectors.

April 18, 2008, Buffalo, NY: "Emerging Biotechnology, Moral Judgment, and Altered Nuclear Transfer." Niagara University/Eastern regional meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers.

January 25, 2008, Ypsilanti, MI: "Emerging Biotechnologies, Moral Judgment, and the Defense of Embryonic Human Life." Ave Maria School of Law - Distinguished Lecturers Series.

January 24, 2008, South Bend, IN: "Emerging Biotechnologies, Moral Judgment, and the Defense of Embryonic Human Life." University of Notre Dame School of Law – sponsored by the Jus Vitae Right to Life organization.

October 6, 2007, Atlanta, GA: "Human Embryo Adoption: Marriage, Technology and the Right to Life." Annual meeting of the Catholic Medical Association.

October 4, 2007, Cumming, GA: "Embryo-Destructive Research: Are there Alternatives?" Parent Association of Pinecrest Academy Catholic School.

April 11, 2007, Baltimore, MD: "Embryo-Destructive Research: Are there Alternatives?" Presented to 40 members of Legatus of Baltimore.

March 21, 2007, Covington, KY: "Whatever Happened to Conscience?" Sponsored by The Newman Club of Northern Kentucky University.

October 7, 2006, Thornwood, NY: "The Meaning of Believing: Faith in the Thought of Benedict XVI". Presented at the National Men's Convention of the Regnum Christi Movement.

September 27, 2006, Raleigh, NC: "Defending Human Dignity." Presented at the Christian Businessmen's Leadership Roundtable.

September 15-16, 2006, Dayton, TN: "What Makes Man Moral?" Delivered at the Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice, fall seminar: "What is Man That Thou art Mindful?"

November 27, 2004, Taipei, Taiwan: "Considerations of the 'Soul' in Western Thought: Can Science Dialogue with Aristotle and Aquinas?" Delivered at The International Conference on Cosmology—Religion and Science in Dialogue, sponsored by Fu Jen Catholic University.

October 24-25, 2003, Steubenville, OH: "The Value-Language Phenomenon and the Imminent Tasks of Catholic Moral Philosophy." Delivered at the annual national conference of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists.

July 17-19, 2003, Chicago, IL: "Biotech and the Status of Human Embryo: Is Dialogue Possible?" Delivered at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual national conference of the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity (*Remaking Humanity? Biotech Challenges for Healthcare, Science and the Church*).

June 14, 2003, Thornwood, NY: "Spiritual Discernment—Part II" Lecture delivered via video-conferencing to lay spiritual guides of the Regnum Christi Movement.

October, 12, 2002, Thornwood, NY: "Spiritual Discernment—Part I" Lecture delivered via video-conferencing to lay spiritual guides of the Regnum Christi Movement.

May 13, 2002, Thornwood, NY: "Our Human Makeup and the Spiritual Life." Lecture delivered via video-conferencing to lay spiritual guides of the Regnum Christi Movement.

December 28, 2001, Thornwood, NY: A two-part lecture entitled "An Overview of Some Current Moral Issues Regarding Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research" to 90 members of the Legion of Christ as part of a 4-day, in-house workshop on bioethics.

#### Workshops and seminars administered

October 9-11, 2023. Lake Ozark, MO. "Restorative Justice & Trauma-Informed Pastoral Care." For the priests of the diocese of Jefferson City during their annual Priest's Institute.

August 8, 2023. Huntington, NY. "Healing the Seminarian to Help Heal the Church" and "Restoring Trust." Conferences for the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Hartford as part of their annual convocation.

October 22 & 24, 2012. Huntington, NY. "IVF: Why Not?" To priests of the Diocese of Rockville Center, NY as part of their "Clergy Days" gathering.

October 5-6, 2010. Kerhonkson, NY: 5 lectures in a series entitled "An Overview of Contemporary Bioethical Issues" to the clergy of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford, CT.

December 26-30, 2008, Edgerton, WI: 13 lectures in a series entitled "Issues in Bioethics" to 60 members of the Legionaries of Christ in a weeklong on-going formation seminar.

April 8-9, 2005, Regina, SA: "Medicine and Moral Decision Making" at the Hotel Saskatchewan Radisson Plaza, sponsored by the Catholic Physicians Guild of Regina, Saskatchewan, under the auspices of the Westchester Institute. A 13-hour seminar for healthcare professionals accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada for CME units.

April 29-May 1, 2004, Irvington, TX: "Catholic Morality in the Modern World." An 8-hour seminar for faculty of the Highlands School of Irvington.

July 7-10, 2003, Los Angeles, CA: 8 lectures on "Issues in Bioethics" to faculty and staff of the *Escuela de la Fe*.

November, 2002, Regina, SA: A weekend bioethics workshop for the Catholic Physicians Guild of Regina, Saskatchewan, organized and presented under the auspices of the Westchester Institute. Topics: "The Human Person and the Question of Human Dignity"; "Morality, Medical Practice, and the Status of the Human Embryo."

April, 1999, Greenville, RI: 12 lectures on General Ethics and the Natural Law to 27 members of the *Mater Ecclesiae* Institute.

August, 1998, Dallas, TX: 7 lectures on Christian Anthropology to the 140 participants of the third annual *Integer Course* for headmasters, administrators, and educators of primary and secondary schools administered by the Legion of Christ.

June, 1998, Thornwood, NY: A five-day workshop via teleconferencing to 45 education professionals, members of the "Centro de Asesoría Pedagógica" of the *Anáhuac University* of Mexico. The course was entitled *Antropología filosófica con algunos aspectos de ontología de la Persona*, and consisted of 10 lectures.

December, 1997, Thornwood, NY: 9 lectures in a series entitled "Considerations of the Natural Law & Basic Principles of Christian Morality" to 40 members of the Legionaries of Christ in a weeklong on-going formation seminar.

#### Westchester Institute Scholars Forums organized and directed

November 6-7, 2008, Washington, DC: The eighth Scholars Forum on the topic of natural law and the Catholic Magisterium.

April 10-11, 2008, Washington, DC: The seventh Scholars Forum on the topic of brain death.

May 16-18, 2007, Washington, DC: The sixth Scholars Forum on the topic of defining the human embryo.

October 26-27, 2006, Washington, DC: The fifth Scholars Forum on the topic of the current state of de facto unions in light of Catholic moral and sacramental theology.

March 2-3, 2006, Washington, DC: The fourth Scholars Forum on the definitions of embryo and organismic human life.

November 3-4, 2005, Washington, DC: The third Scholars Forum on the topic of condom use to prevent the spread of HIV.

April 28-29, 2005, Washington, DC: The second Scholars Forum on the topic of altered nuclear transfer.

October 28-29, 2004, Washington, DC: The first Scholars Forum on the topic of heterologous embryo transfer.

#### Professional on-going formation

September 11-12, 2023. Mystic, CT. Trauma Recovery Training with Fr. Kenneth Schmitz, SJ. Sponsored by St. Edmund's Retreat, Enders Island, CT.

June 13-25, 2021. Boynton Beach, FL. Certification Program for Seminary Formators. Seminary Formation Council. Modules 5 & 6 and completion of the certificate program.

March 3-6, 2021. Via Zoom. Certification Program for Seminary Formators. Seminary Formation Council. Module 8.

November 4-8, 2020. Via Zoom. Certification Program for Seminary Formators. Seminary Formation Council. Module 7.

February 26-March 1, 2020. Boynton Beach, FL. Certification Program for Seminary Formators. Seminary Formation Council. Module 4.

October 30-November 3, 2019. Boynton Beach, FL. Certification Program for Seminary Formators. Seminary Formation Council. Module 3.

June 16-28, 2019. Boynton Beach, FL. Certification Program for Seminary Formators. Seminary Formation Council. Modules 1 & 2.

March 29-31, 2019. Boynton Beach, FL. International symposium on the *Ratio Fundamentalis*.

August 16, 2018. Yonkers, NY. St. Joseph's Seminary in-house priest faculty on-going formation workshop presented by Dr. Christina Lynch, Psy.D. "Motivational Interviewing"

August 18, 2017. Yonkers, NY. St. Joseph's Seminary in-house priest faculty on-going formation workshop presented by Dr. Christina Lynch, Psy.D. "The Millennial Seminarian."

January 12-13, 2017. Yonkers, NY. St. Joseph's Seminary in-house priest faculty & student-body on-going formation workshop presented by Fr. Gerry McGlone, SJ

August 19-20, 2016. Yonkers, NY. St. Joseph's Seminary in-house priest faculty & student-body on-going formation workshop presented by Fr. James Flavin & David Shellenberger (St. John Vianney Center)

July 11-12, 2016. Naperville, Illinois. "Undoing the Knots that Bind: Treating Addiction in the Year of Mercy". 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Guest House Summer Leadership Conference.

May 9-11, 2016. Yonkers, NY. St. Joseph's Seminary in-house priest faculty & student-body on-going formation workshop presented by Fr. David Songy, OFM.Cap. (St. Luke's Institute).

January 12-13, 2016. Yonkers, NY. St. Joseph's Seminary in-house priest faculty & student-body on-going formation workshop presented by Dr. Andrew Kelly.

February 15-17, 2012. Notre Dame, Indiana. Symposium on the Charism of Priestly Celibacy. Sponsored by the Doctrine Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Institute for Church Life at Notre Dame University.

#### Participation in conferences, colloquia, and scholarly gatherings

April 12-13, 2024. Mundelein, Ill. Panelist: "Pedagogical Strategies for GenZ Seminarians." University of St. Mary of the Lake. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Catholic Moral Theology & Seminary Teaching conference.

April 14-15, 2023. Mundelein, Ill. University of St. Mary of the Lake. Presenter. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Catholic Moral Theology & Seminary Teaching conference.

September 15-16, 2022. St. Paul, MN, University of St. Thomas. Participant. "Bearing the Wounds: A National Consultation on Restorative Processes in Response to the Church's Sexual Abuse Crisis."

Sept. 23-25, 2021. South Bend, IN, University of Notre Dame. Participant. "The Truth Will Make You Free: What Promise Do National Truth and Reconciliation Processes Offer for the Catholic Church's Response to the Sexual Abuse Crisis?"

Aug. 4-5, 2017. Charleston, SC: Keynote address "From Betrayal to Healing: A Testimony." Journey of Hope Conference for Divorce Recovery.

June 3-4, 2014. Washington, D.C. Symposium on the Definition of Death. Sponsored by Catholic University of America and Bioethics Defense Fund.

September 21, 2010, Philadelphia, PA: The Science, Ethics and Politics of Vaccine Mandates. Organized by the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania.

May 13, 2007, New York, NY: Panelist. New York University School of Journalism, Institutes for Journalists, entitled "Cells and Souls."

January 20, 2006, Washington, DC: Participated in the annual Healthcare Right of Conscience Working Group Conference at the Family Research Council. Reported on the progress being made with adult stem cells and "pluripotent stem cells" as alternatives to destroying human embryos.

June 21, 2005, Washington, DC: Round table participant. Religious and Ethical Reflections on the End of Life. Sponsored by the Culture of Life Institute and the Ethics and Public Policy Center.

March 7-8, 2005, Rome, Italy: Participant. "The Global State of Stem Cells and Cloning." Sponsored by the Culture of Life Institute, the Discovery Institute, The Federalist Society, and the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum.

November 13-14, 2001, Rome, Italy: Participant. "The Stem Cell Dilemma: For the Good of All Human Beings?" sponsored by the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum.

#### Conference sessions organized or chaired

September 20, 2008, Washington, DC: Culture of Life Institute. "The Culture of Life vs. The Culture of Death: From *Humanae Vitae* to Cloning and Assisted Suicide." Moderator for Panel Two: From Contraception to the Commodification of Humanity.

#### Additional institutional leadership

September 2023 – present. Founding member. National Catholic Restorative Justice Initiative.

September 2000 – December 2002. Senior coordinator of the taskforce overseeing the launch of the *University of Sacramento* project.

1989 – 1991. Academic Director of the *Immaculate Conception Apostolic School* in Center Harbor, New Hampshire, a minor seminary for boys, grades 7 through 12. During his tenure, oversaw the institute's academic re-accreditation.

#### Appointments and board memberships

December 2023 –present	Member, Board of Directors, <i>Awake</i>
January 2011 – present	Member, Pro-Life Commission of the Archdiocese of New York
September 2010 – Oct. 2013	Member, New York State Task Force on Life and the Law
February 2009 – 2021	Committee of Moral Theologians, New York State Catholic Conference
September 2007 – April 2012	Member, Ethics Committee, Empire State Stem Cell Board
2005 – 2008	Member, Board of Trustees, The University of Sacramento, Sacramento, CA
2002 – 2009	Member, Board of Directors, The Institute for the Psychological Sciences, Arlington, Va.

### Membership in scholarly societies

2019-present	The Academy of Catholic Theology
2011-present	University Faculty for Life
2008-2009	International Association of Catholic Bioethicists
2006-2008	The Society of Christian Philosophers
2002-2008	American Catholic Philosophical Association
2002-present	Fellowship of Catholic Scholars
2003-2010	National Catholic Bioethics Center
2003-2004	The Hastings Center
2003-2004	Society of Catholic Social Scientists

### Other

2013 – 2017 Editorial Advisory Board. *The Linacre Quarterly* of the Catholic Medical Association  
2008 – 2012 Contributing editor. *The Linacre Quarterly* of the Catholic Medical Association.  
2007 – 2011 Editor. The Westchester Institute White Paper Series.  
2004 – 2009 Editorial consultant to the *National Catholic Register*.  
January 2003 – 2005 Consultant for the launch of the University of Sacramento.  
January 1997 – December 1998 Advisor to National Consultants for Education, an organization founded to provide assistance to independent Catholic schools across the US and Canada in the area of curriculum, school operations, administration, and teacher formation.

### Pastoral Experience

November 27, 2016-May 31, 2023. Weekend Associate. St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish, Brewster, NY, and Sacred Heart Parish, Putnam Lake, NY.

September 1, 2011- December 2015. Weekend Associate. St. James the Apostle Parish, Carmel, NY.

July 1, 2010- June 30 2011. Parochial Vicar. St. Denis Parish, Yonkers, NY.

July 1, 2009- June 30 2010. Parochial Vicar. St. Columba Parish, Hopewell Junction, NY.

April 1, 2009- June 30, 2009. Weekend Associate. St. Denis Parish, Hopewell Junction, NY.

March 2000 – May 2001; January 2003 to May 2005. Pre-Cana marriage preparation and “3-to-Get-Married” program coordinator. Directed numerous one-day and three-day marriage preparation programs for over 500 engaged couples and gave presentations on marriage and human sexuality, and the sacramentality of marriage.

Has directed four-day, eight-day preached Ignatian spiritual exercises, eight-day individually directed retreats for diocesan clergy, religious, seminarians and laity. Confessor and spiritual director for religious, clergy and laity.