

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

October 1997 to June 2000

#### **Doctorate of Sacred Theology, Specialization in Moral Theology**

Pontificia Università della Santa Croce  
Rome, Italy  
*Summa Cum Laude*

October 1995 to June 1997

#### **Specialized Licentiate in Sacred Theology, Specialization in Systematic Theology**

Pontificia Università della Santa Croce  
Rome, Italy  
*Summa Cum Laude*

August 1993 to May 1995

#### **Masters of Sacred Theology, Concentration in the Theology of Marriage and the Family**

Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies in Marriage and the Family  
Washington, D.C.  
*Magna Cum Laude*

August 1991 to June 1993

#### **Bachelor of Arts Degree, Majored in Theology**

Franciscan University of Steubenville  
Steubenville, Ohio  
*Magna Cum Laude*

### Teaching Experience

August 1998 to Present

#### **Professor of Theology** (Promoted 2013)

Franciscan University of Steubenville  
Steubenville, Ohio

I have taught both undergraduate courses (THE 101 Foundations of Catholicism, THE 115 *Christian Moral Principles*, THE 341 *Christian Marriage*, THE 395 *Theology of the Body*,

THE 409 *Christian Spirituality*, THE 436A *Western Spirituality*, THE 436B *Moral Theology in Veritatis splendor and the Universal Catechism*, THE 436B *The Universal Catechism*, THE 465 *The Encyclicals of Pope John Paul II*) and graduate courses (THE 605 Foundations of Moral Theology, THE 700 CMP: Theology of the Body, THE 721 Christian Spirituality).

January 1999 to December 2008

### **Visiting Professor of Moral Theology**

Pontifical International Theological Institute  
For Studies on Marriage and the Family  
Gaming, Austria

I taught a number of graduate courses, such as *Contemporary Moral Theology*, *Nuptial Meaning of the Body*, *Sacramentum Magnum*, *Conjugal Morality*, *Contemporary Theology of Marriage*, *Marriage and Family in the Documents of the Magisterium*, and *Christian Marriage*.

### **Publications**

*The Conjugal Act as a Personal Act*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2002.

With Petroc Wiley, Dominic Scotto, and Elizabeth Siegel, *A Year With the Catechism: 365 Day Reading Plan*. London: Catholic Truth Society, 2018.

“Evil of Divorce and the Dignity of the Human Person: Understanding the Immorality of Divorce through St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body” at [http://marysadvocates.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/the\\_evil\\_of\\_divorce\\_donald\\_asci.pdf](http://marysadvocates.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/the_evil_of_divorce_donald_asci.pdf).

“Mercy without Misunderstanding” in *The Catechetical Review*, Vol. 2 No.4 (October 2016).

“Neither Do I Condemn You...Go and Sin No More” in *The Catechetical Review*, Vol. 1 No. 3 (July, 2015).

“Integration in Action: The Conjugal Act and the Sincere Practice of Conjugal Chastity” in Jose Granados (Ed.), *Una Caro: Il linguaggio del corpo e l’unione conjuale*, Siena, 2014.

“Catholic Doctrine on Sex and Marriage: It’s Time for a Change...Lest the Cross of Christ Be Emptied of Its Power” in *The Sower* (Oct-Dec 2014).

“Moral Absolutism” in *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-13: Ethics and Philosophy*, Farmington Hills: Gale, 2013.

“Chastity Refined: Conjugal Chastity According to John Paul II’s Theology of the Body” in *TOB International Symposia* video collection ([www.tobinternationalsymposia](http://www.tobinternationalsymposia)), 2011.

“Living the Message - A Personal Testimony” in *Voice of Medjugore*, April 2009.

“Conjugal Chastity and the Procreative Personalism of Pope John Paul II” in *Josephinum Journal of Theology*, Vol.14, No. 2, Summer/Fall 2007.

“Care for the Dying” in *Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science, and Social Policy*, Lanham: Scarecrow Press, 2007.

“*Donum vitae*” in *Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science, and Social Policy*, Lanham: Scarecrow Press, 2007.

“Pornography” in *Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science, and Social Policy*, Lanham: Scarecrow Press, 2007.

“Marriage Under Attack” in *Franciscan Way*, Winter 2005

### **Presentations**

“Continence for the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory of God: Theology of the Body and the Consecrated Life” a week-long seminar given to the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka, IN, June 2017.

“St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body” a three-day seminar given at the *Summer Institute* of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA, June 2017.

“St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body and the Hope of Everyday” given for the Catholic Chaplaincy Program at the Belmont Correctional Facility in St. Clairesville, OH, March, 2017.

“The Gift of Human Sexuality” presented at *Gift of Human Sexuality Symposium* in Steubenville, OH, September 2016.

“Christ Lives in Me – Reflections on Embracing the Call to Follow Christ” presented at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Dover, OH, March, 2016.

“Theology of the Body and Conjugal Spirituality” presented at St. Richard’s Parish in Wexford, PA (April, 2015).

“Goods News on Difficult Issues” presented at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Wintersville, OH (March 2015).

“Contemporary Moral Questions” presented at St. Richard’s Parish in Wexford, PA (March, 2015).

“Understanding Marriage as a School of Conversion” presented at St. Mark’s Parish in Huntersville, NC (February, 2015).

“Be Not Afraid! - St. John Paul II Teaches Us How to Proclaim God’s Plan for Sex and Marriage” presented at *Defending the Faith Conference* in Steubenville, OH, July 2014.

“Headship in Marriage Means Imitating Jesus” at *Real World, Real Men* conference in Steubenville, OH, April, 2014.

“Love and Responsibility: John Paul II’s Vision of Love Between Man and Woman” for *The Anscombe Society* in Steubenville, OH, February 2014.

“Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body and the Witness of Pre-marital Continence” for *Grad and Non-Traditional Students* in Steubenville, OH, November 2013.

“Contraception and Concupiscence: How Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body Defends the Teaching of *Humanae vitae*” at *Humanae vitae at 45: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Holiness* at Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, OH, September 2013.

“Continence for the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory of God: Theology of the Body for Religious” for *Franciscan Sisters of the Penance of the Sorrowful Mother* in Toronto, OH July 2013.

“The Dignity of Marriage and Social Justice” for *Students for a Fair Society* in Steubenville, OH April 2013.

“Master of Her Own Mystery: Femininity According to Pope John Paul II’s Reflection on the Song of Songs” at *Beloved* in Steubenville, OH, February 2013.

“*Familiaris consortio*: Pope John Paul II at His Best” for *Love Revealed* in Steubenville, OH, January, 2013.

“Love is Patient: The Truth of the Gospel and the Evil of Contraception” presented at *Proclaim the Good News Always and Everywhere* at Kartause Maria Thron in Gaming, Austria, June 2012.

“A Call to Conversion: Catholic Doctrine and the Sexual Revolution” presented to the Faculty and Students of *Kolegium Antona Neuwirtha* in Ivanka pri Dunaji, Slovakia, January 2012.

“Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body” a lecture series presented at the *Summer Program* of the *Language and Catechetical Institute* in Gaming, Austria, June 2010.

“Man and Woman He Created Them: Catholic Teaching on Sex and Marriage” a lecture series presented at the *Summer Program* of the *Language and Catechetical Institute* in Gaming, Austria, June 2009.

“Final Words of Advice: Love One Another as I Have Loved You” presented at *And They Become One Flesh – A Day of Reflection for Engaged Couples* in Gaming, Austria, May 2009.

“After Ethics: A Return to Ethics” presented at the *Neuwaldegg Institute Summer Seminar* in Vienna, Austria, August 2007.

“Chastity Refined: The Finality of Sex and The Value of the Person” presented at *Man and Woman He Created Them: John Paul II’s Theology of the Body, An International Symposium* in Gaming, Austria, May 2007.

“Chastity and Responsible Parenthood,” presented at *Theological Formation Seminar for Education Initiative for Central and Eastern Europe* at Schloss Neuwaldegg in Vienna, Austria, January 2007.

“Christian Ethics and the Meaning of Freedom” presented at *Theological Formation Seminar for Education Initiative for Central and Eastern Europe* at Schloss Neuwaldegg in Neuwaldegg, Austria, January 2007.

“The Original Unity of Man and Woman” presented at *Theologie des Leibes*, a conference hosted by the Legionaries of Christ in Vienna, Austria, March 2006.

“Blessed Are the Pure of Heart” presented at *Theologie des Leibes*, a conference hosted by the Legionaries of Christ in Vienna, Austria, March 2006.

“Chastity and Responsible Parenthood” presented at *Theologie des Leibes*, a conference hosted by the Legionaries of Christ in Vienna, Austria, March 2006.

“Faith in the Modern World” a lecture series presented at the *Summer Program* of the *Language and Catechetical Institute* in Gaming, Austria, June 2005.

“Catholic Teaching on Contraception” an interview for the *Religion and Tolerance* series of Radio Free Europe, April 2005.

“The Meaning of Pilgrimage and the Greatness of Rome” presented at Kartause Maria Thron in Gaming, Austria, November 2004.

“Human Sexuality: A Call to Love and Marriage” a lecture series presented at the *Summer Program* of the *Language and Catechetical Institute* in Gaming, Austria, June 2004.

“Catholic Moral Teaching” presented at the *Prince of Liechtenstein Catholic Leaders Fellowship* in Admont, Austria, June 2004.

“Christian Marriage and Christian Society” a lecture series presented at the *Summer Program* of the *Language and Catechetical Institute* in Gaming, Austria, June 2003.

“The Conjugal Act as a Personal Act” presented at *Human Sexuality: Revisited*, a conference hosted by The Detroit Guild of the Catholic Medical Association in Detroit, Michigan, March 2003.

“Theism and Human Dignity” presented at *Edinburgh 2002*, a conference hosted by *Living Scotland* in Edinburgh, Scotland, March 2002.

### **Related Experience**

January 2001 to May 2012

#### **Registration Administrator**

Franciscan University of Steubenville, Austrian Program  
Gaming, Austria

*The responsibilities of the Registration Administrator include oversight of academic matters such as course scheduling, student registration, academic counseling, and grade reporting. The Registration Administrator also serves as a liaison between the Austrian Campus and the campus in Ohio on such matters as financial aid, graduation, student enrollment, and course offerings.*

January 1999 to August 2000

**Assistant Director/Academic Administrator**

Franciscan University of Steubenville, Austrian Program  
Gaming, Austria

*In addition to advising and assisting the Director of the Austrian Program, the responsibilities of the Assistant Director include academic matters such as course scheduling, student registration, academic counseling, textbook distribution and grade reporting. The Assistant Director also serves as a liaison between the Austrian Campus and the campus in Ohio on such matters as financial aid, graduation, student enrollment, and course offerings. For two semesters I also planned and directed the program's excursion to Rome and Assisi.*

August 1994 to August 1995

**Founding Member and Executive Director**

Aid to the Church in Russia  
McLean, Virginia

*Aid to the Church in Russia (ACR) is a non-profit organization established in the United States in order to provide a secure and authorized instrument for the implementation of initiatives and projects which are devoted to the re-Christianization of Russia and which are ordered to improved relationships between the East and West.*

**Honors and Awards**

2012-2013 Faculty Member of the Year Award, Franciscan University

Grant from the Roman Athenaeum Foundation, New Rochelle, NY, for doctoral studies at the Pontificia Università della Santa Croce in Rome, Italy (1997-98).

The 1997 Michael D. Perry Scholarship.

Grant from the Roman Athenaeum Foundation, New Rochelle, NY, for graduate studies at the Pontificia Università della Santa Croce in Rome, Italy (1995-97).

Michael J. McGiveney Scholarship – Full tuition scholarship awarded by the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for graduate studies (1993-95).

University Academic Scholarship awarded by Franciscan University (1991-93).

## **Foreign Languages**

<i>Italian</i>	Highly competent reading and spoken comprehension and speaking ability
<i>German</i>	Highly competent reading and spoken comprehension and speaking ability (Intermediate level courses at Franciscan University and the Super Intensive Program of the Alpha Sprach Institut, Vienna, Austria)
<i>Spanish</i>	Reading comprehension (Intermediate level courses at Franciscan University)
<i>French</i>	Reading comprehension
<i>Latin</i>	Reading comprehension