

## Overview

- Doctoral-level professional with over 5 years of executive-level expertise and advocacy within the national Catholic Church developing, implementing and consulting on professional ministry formation standards, competencies and structures of implementation and support, especially in health care chaplaincy, pastoral care and prison ministries, campus ministry, parish and diocesan-based leadership roles, catechetical and education-based roles and intercultural engagements
- 30+ years combined consulting and employment in the practice of Catholic and ecumenical liturgy in intercultural contexts and the art of its implementation, faith-based justice and advocacy, and a variety of Catholic ministry and theology projects
- 6+ years as a highly rated theology professor to undergraduates, college-educated adults and graduate students, with specializations in Introduction to Catholicism and the Bible, Catholic Social Teaching, ecclesiology, and Christology
- Multiple peer-reviewed publications ranging from articles to books over the last 15 years
- 10+ years of business and project management experience as a detail-oriented leader in various types of team structures, including oversight and development, managing project and office budgets from \$1,000 to \$200,000+
- Sought-after thinker addressing the complex changes in ministry caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic, simultaneous social traumas and the ongoing related re-alignment of the practice of faith in institutional church structures
- A collaborative disposition oriented towards a vibrant and vital future for churches
- Multi-modal strategic experience in technology, digital communications, online strategic organizing and project management tools

## Work and Professional Experience

### **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. (2018 – Present)**

*Director of Certification for Ecclesial Ministry and Service*

Resourcing dioceses, the national body of bishops, and national organizations seeking to develop or enhance recruitment, formation, credentialing and recognition of lay ecclesial ministry and ministry leadership

### **Perisphere Media, Washington, D.C. (2011 – Present)**

*Strategic website design and development and digital communications for small businesses and nonprofit organizations*

Co-Founding Executive Producer and Partner

### **St. Mary of Mt Carmel – Blessed Sacrament Church, Utica, NY (2005 – Present)**

*Small urban parish identified for its hospitality, enriching liturgical music and engaging liturgies*

Liturgical Planning Consultant

### **Marymount University, Arlington, Va. (2016-2019)**

Adjunct Faculty, School of Arts & Sciences, Department of Theology & Religious Studies

### **Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM), Washington, D.C. (2016 – 2018)**

*Association of the leadership of men in religious and apostolic institutes in the United States*

Digital Media Coordinator

Theological research consultant and editor for ministry-focused white paper

### **Washington Theological Union (WTU), Washington, D.C.**

*Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry*

2003-06: Liturgy Coordinator, Lay Formation for Ministry Program

2010-12: Guest Lecturer; Managing Librarian for Research, Serials & Technology (closed in 2012)

### **St. Camillus Roman Catholic Church, Silver Spring, Md. (2009 – 10)**

*Multicultural Franciscan parish which emphasizes active social justice direct service and advocacy*

Liturgical Planning Consultant

### **Education for Parish Service (EPS), Washington, D.C. (2009-10)**

*Catholic Scriptural, theological and spiritual development program for college educated adults*

Adjunct Faculty Member (closed in 2010)

### **Ecumenical Advocacy Days for Global Peace with Justice (EAD), Washington, D.C.**

*National Christian coalition for social justice advocacy through policy education and training at annual national gathering*

Consultant for Worship Coordination (2018-12); Website Coordinator (2008-12)

### **Franciscan Action Network (FAN), Washington, D.C. (2007-10)**

*National coalition for social justice advocacy and policy resourcing in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.*

Founding staff member, Digital Communications and Outreach Coordinator

### **The Faith & Politics Institute, Washington, D.C. (2004-05)**

*Capitol Hill-based interfaith organization developing integral leadership skills for Members of Congress and their staffs through the promotion of spiritual practices, civil dialogue, and humanitarian service*

Ministry Intern for Faith-Based Programming and Congressional Civil Rights Pilgrimage 2005

### **St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Silver Spring, Md. (2003)**

*Diverse suburban parish*

Theological and Ritual Consultant for RCIA and Liturgy

**Historic Old St. John's Parish – St. Francis de Sales Parish – Saint Mary's Parish, Utica, NY (2003)**

*Three historically urban parishes merged via a carefully prepared pastoral plan*  
Theological Consultant and Pastoral Plan Editor

**LutheranCare Adult Living Facility, Clinton, NY (2003)**

*Ecumenical Christian facility for elderly in upstate New York*  
Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Experience

**St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Parish, Utica, NY (1997-2000)**

*Innovative and socially conscious multicultural urban parish focused on responding to the needs of the urban poor*  
Lay Minister for Liturgy, Outreach, and Pastoral Care

Peer Reviewed and Scholarly Publications (selected)

- "Theological Inquiry and Leadership in a 'Post-Truth' Era: Insights from Blessed Oscar Romero." In Sabrina D., Christopher L. Fici, Gerald S. Vigna (eds.). *Religious Studies Scholars as Public Intellectuals*. Routledge Studies in Religion Series. New York: Routledge. 2018.
- "Communication, Communion and Conflict in the Theologies of Gregory Baum and Patrick Granfield." Doctoral Dissertation. 2015.
- "'There is Something in the Breathing Together of the Pastors and the Faithful Which is Not in the Pastors Alone': The Normative Significance of the *Sensus Fidei*." *Chicago Studies* 48, no. 1 (Spring 2009): 85-109.
- "'Their Message Goes Forth to All the Earth': Towards a Franciscan-Ecumenical Approach to the Ecological Crisis." *Ecumenical Trends* 37, no. 2 (Nov. 2008): 3-9,15.
- "Assembly Required!: Enhancing the Ministry of the Liturgical Assembly." *Ministry & Liturgy* 33, no. 9 (Nov 2006): 12-14.
- "Before God and the Church: Parish Based Preparation of the Wedding Liturgy." *Chicago Studies* 45, no. 3 (Fall/Winter 2006): 310-26.
- "Sunday Worship in the Absence of Discernment: The Challenge of Non-Eucharistic Sunday Services." *New Theology Review* 18, no. 1 (Feb 2005): 46-59.

Past Public Presentations (selected)

- "Co-Responsibility & Conflict Management: Some Resources for Ministers, Building upon National Formation / Certification Standards," Catholic Apostolate Center Virtual Workshop, March 2021.
- "The USCCB Subcommittee on Certification for Ecclesial Ministry and Service: A Resource for Ministry Formation Best Practices & Certification," National Association of Pastoral Musicians 43rd Annual Convention (Virtual), July 2020.
- "God's Own Vintage: Lay Ecclesial Ministry After 15 Years of *Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord*." National Association for Lay Ministry Virtual Conference, June 2020, with Harry J Dudley, D.Min.
- "The Promotion of the Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church of the United States: A Report to the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops," Formation and Promotion of the Laity: Best Practices Conference, Rome, Italy, September 2018
- "'Not Emptied of Its Power': Catholic Liturgical Theology and the Salience of 'Spectacle' – A Pauline-Inspired Consideration," College Theology Society 2016 Convention, Kansas City, Mo. June 4, 2016.
- "Why Are We Here? 'To Unite What Has Fallen Apart': Contemporary Peacemaking in the Tradition of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi," Mid-Atlantic Region American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, New Brunswick, NJ, March 2016.
- "The Seven Pillars of Catholic Social Teaching," Saint John's Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C. as part of their lecture series for ecumenical awareness on issue of justice in various Christian traditions. May 2013.
- "Fifty Years of Being the Church of *Lumen Gentium*: Themes and Applications." Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle, Washington, D.C. as part of their lecture series on the fiftieth anniversary of Vatican II. October 2012
- "Liturgy and Media Culture" National Association for Lay Ministry Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, Pa. June 2010.

Education

- **Ph.D. (Systematic Theology)**. The Catholic University of America.
- **M. Phil. (Systematic Theology)**. The Catholic University of America.
- **M.Div., M.A. (Systematic Theology), with distinction**. Washington Theological Union.
- **B.A., (Theology, Philosophy) summa cum laude, honors**. St. Bonaventure University. Class Rank: 1 of 373.
- **New York State Regents Diploma with Honors**. Notre Dame High School, Utica, NY. Class Valedictorian.