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EDUCATION

Sonoma State University Nonprofit Management Certificate	2024
Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada Candidate for Doctorate in Canon Law	2015 – 2019
Catholic University of America Licentiate in Canon Law	2012
Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley Master of Divinity	2007
University of San Francisco B.A. Philosophy	2004
Instituto San Pablo, Loeches, Spain Theology	2000 – 2001

INTERNSHIPS AND AWARDS

Doctoral Scholarship, Canon Law Society of America	2015 – 2016
Summer Internship, Resource Center for Religious Institutes	2013
Dean’s Scholarship (full), School of Canon Law, Catholic University of America	2008 – 2012
Los Angeles Archdiocese Grant to Women Religious Students	2008
Lily Foundation Making Connections Grant, Jesuit School of Theology	2006 - 2007

CANON LAW SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Presenter – “What do you see? A Glance at Ecclesial Families of Consecrated Life” National Convention, Canon Law Society of America	2016
Presenter – “Ecclesial Movements and New Forms of Consecrated Life” National Pre-Convention Workshop, Canon Law Society of America	2015
CLSA Committee on Consecrated and Apostolic Life Committee Chair	2015 – 2017
Committee Member	2013 – 2015

CHANCERY & ECCLESIASTICAL TRIBUNAL WORK

Diocese of Sacramento	
Judge	2019 – Present
Bishop Jaime Soto’s Delegate [vicar] for Religious Defender of the Bond	2019 – 2022 2016 – 2019
Diocese of Monterey	
Judge	2019 – 2024
Promoter of Justice	2019 – 2024
Diocese of Stockton	2019 – 2024
Mediator, Renovación Carismática Católica	
Canonical Consultant	
Archdiocese of Los Angeles	
Defender of the Bond	2014 – 2017
Second Instance Judge	2014 – 2015

CANONICAL COURSES AND LECTURES

Quarterly Lecturer – Canon Law for Pastoral Ministers Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries, Santa Clara University	2019 – Present
Professor – Canon Law Permanent Deacons Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, Diocese of Sacramento	2016 – Present
Lecturer – Intro/Advanced Parish Advocate Training Ecclesiastical Tribunal, Diocese of Sacramento	2016 – Present
Presenter – Legal Review for Spiritual Directors Institute of Catholic Spirituality and Spiritual Direction Stockton Diocese and Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity	2019
Lecturer – “An Overview of the Annulment Process for Submitting Ministers” Metropolitan Tribunal, Archdiocese of Los Angeles	2014 – 2017
Teaching Assistant – To Professor Rev. Robert McCann, JCL, in “Canon Law” Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley CA.	2012
Lecturer – “New Forms of Consecrated Life – from a Canonical Point of View” San Francisco Archdiocese, “Future of Religious life: Looking into the Kaleidoscope”	2011
Professor – Intro to Canon Law, Marriage Law, Consecrated Life Law Diplomado de Teología VDMF, San Francisco CA, USA	2007 – 2012

SELECTED PASTORAL LECTURES (A SUMMARIZED OVERVIEW)

Facilitator: Formation Weekend Spirituality Sessions (Candidates' Wives) Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, Diocese of Sacramento	2022 – 2025
"Pilgrims of Hope" Region XI Diocesan Directors of Catechetical Ministry, Annual Meeting	2024
"Lord, Have Mercy on Us, We Are Married!" Religious Education Congress, Los Angeles Archdiocese	2020
"Estresado y Agobiado: ¡Ten piedad de mí, Señor!" Religious Education Congress, Los Angeles Archdiocese	2020
"How Youth and Young Adult Ministers Can Cultivate a Culture of Vocations" Northern California Inter-Diocesan "On Fire" Youth and Young Adult Event	2019
"La Espiritualidad del Catequista" Ministry Days, Sacramento Diocese	2019
Curso Avanzado de Ministerios Catequéticos – Sacramentos de Sanción y Servicio Los Angeles Archdiocese	2019, 2020
"¿Entendemos lo que Decimos al Casarnos?" Religious Education Congress, Los Angeles Archdiocese	2018
"¿Entendemos lo que Decimos al Casarnos?" Ministry Days, Sacramento Diocese	2018
"La Teología del Matrimonio – Aspectos que no Deben Faltar en la Catequesis, Preparación, y Vivencia" Religious Education Congress, Los Angeles Archdiocese	2017
"Until Death Do Us Part" & "Hasta que la muerte nos separe" Ministry Days, Sacramento Diocese	2017
"El Divorcio y Nulidad Matrimonial En La Iglesia" Ministry Days, Sacramento Diocese	2016
"La Teología del Matrimonio y Proceso de Nulidad" Religious Education Congress, Los Angeles Archdiocese	2016
"States of Life in the Church and Discerning One's Call" University of California Catholic Conference	2013
Diplomado de Teología VDMF, San Francisco CA, USA Intro to Pastoral Theology Rights and Obligations of Christian Faithful Ecclesiology / Christology / History of the Church I and II	2007 – 2012

“The Inculturation Process for Religious Women Coming to the USA” 2007, 2008
Los Angeles Archdiocese, “Sisters Helping Sisters” Program

SELECTED MINISTRY EXPERIENCE (A SUMMARIZED OVERVIEW)

Mercy Center Auburn, Auburn, CA Programa “La Vida Espiritual” – La Intimidad Espiritual	2025
Abbey of New Clairvaux, Vina, CA Adult Weekend Retreats	2018 – Present
St. Mary’s Parish, Vacaville, CA “Las Etapas del Matrimonio,” Married Couples Retreat	2024, 2025
Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, Diocese of Sacramento Deacons and Wives Retreat, Zephyr Point Center, Lake Tahoe, CA	2023
St. James Parish, Davis, CA Introduction to Mariology, OCIA Spiritual and Leadership Formation, weekly meetings (Spanish) Married Couples, monthly meetings (Spanish)	2016 – 2021 2018 – 2021
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Sacramento, CA Lent Parish Retreat for the Spanish, English and Vietnamese Communities	2019
Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, Elk Grove, CA Weekend Staff Retreat, in Villa del Mar Retreat Center, Santa Cruz, CA	2018
Catholic School Department, Diocese of Sacramento School Presidents & Principals Retreat, Zephyr Point Center, Lake Tahoe, CA	2017
Sacramento Diocese Chancery Diocesan Center Staff Lenten Retreat	2016
St. Marianne of Paredes, Pico Rivera, CA Spiritual and Leadership Formation, weekly meetings Parish Mission	2014 – 2015 2015
St. Anthony Parish, Long Beach, CA Sacramental preparation Sacramental preparation and adult faith formation	2014 – 2015 2007 – 2008
Holy Spirit Parish, Fremont, CA Director of Small Christian Communities Program Social Service Ministry, Member and Advisor Regular preacher in masses	2012 – 2014
San Francisco State University Co-Campus Minister	2010 – 2012

World Youth Days, Co-Leader USA Province, Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity Madrid, Spain	2011
Cologne, Germany	2005
Toronto, Canada	2002

SELECTED LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE IN AN INSTITUTE OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity General Chapter Elected Representative of the USA Province to the General Chapter, Spain	2012
Service in International Committees Appointed to the <i>Ratio Formationis</i> Committee	2008 – 2014
Appointed to the Mission & Charism Committee, to Prepare General Chapter	2007 – 2012
Service to the USA Province Appointed Assistant to the Provincial	2008 – 2014
Appointed Local Superior, Fremont, CA	2012 – 2014
Appointed member on the Provincial Council	2008 – 2014 (reappointed)
Appointed member of the Philosophical/Theological Period Formation Team	2011 – 2013
Appointed member of the Novitiate Formation Team	2007 – 2010 , 2001 – 2002
Appointed Local Superior, Long Beach, CA	2006 – 2007
Appointed to the Vocational Discernment Team	2002 – 2012
Regular administrative support to the USA Provincial Council	2002 – 2007

LANGUAGES

- English** – Speak fluently and read/write with high proficiency
- Spanish** – Speak fluently and read/write with high proficiency
- French / Italian** – Read and write with intermediate proficiency
- Latin** – Read with basic competence

MEMBERSHIPS

Canon Law Society of America	2010 – Present
National Conference for Vicars for Religious	2019 – 2022
Leadership Conference of Women Religious	2008 – 2014