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Education

Doctor of Sacred Theology

2022-2024

Summa cum laude

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy

Dissertation Title: Aquinas and the Biblical Grounds of the Doctrine of Creation: An Analysis of Thomas Aquinas's Creation Theology in the Light of His References to Scripture. | Supervisor: Paul O'Callaghan | Internal Censors: Philip Goyret; Catalina Vial de Amesti | External Censor: Mariusz Tabaczek, O.P.

Licentiate in Dogmatic Theology

2020-2022

Summa cum laude

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy

Baccalaureate in Philosophy

2013-2015 | 2018-2019

Summa cum laude

University of Navarra / Pamplona, Spain

Baccalaureate in Theology

2015-2018

Summa cum laude

University of Navarra / Pamplona, Spain

Piano Performance

2010-2012

Missouri Western State University / St. Joseph, Missouri, USA

Works

Shadows of the Triune God

Feb 20, 2026

Journal Article

Biblica et Patristica Thoruniensia
doi.org

The Father's Power and Will to Generate: Aquinas's Development of Lombard's Doctrine

Nov 14, 2025

Journal Article

Religions
doi.org

Journal Article

Scientia et Fides

[doi.org](#)

A Treatise in Disguise: Eschatological Themes in Aquinas's Commentary on the Parables of Matthew's Gospel

Aug 7, 2025

Journal Article

Religions

[doi.org](#)

Aquinas and the Praise of Wisdom in Sirach 24

Mar 17, 2025

Journal Article

Biblica et Patristica Thoruniensia

[doi.org](#)

Pilgrimage: A Microcosm of Our Lives

Mar 2025

Magazine Article

Tradition Magazine

[tradmag.substack.com](#)

The Goodness of Creatures in Aquinas' Reading of the Wisdom Books

Nov 23, 2024

Journal Article

European Journal for the Study of Thomas Aquinas

[sciendo.com](#)

Aquinas and the Biblical Grounds of the Doctrine of Creation

Jun 2024

Book

Edizioni Santa Croce

[www.researchgate.net](#)

Creation in Christ in Aquinas's Creation Theology in the Light of His References to the Pauline Letters

Mar 29, 2024

Journal Article

Biblica et Patristica Thoruniensia

[doi.org](#)

Review of Faith Challenges Culture: A Reflection of the Dynamics of Modernity, by Paul O'Callaghan

2023

Book Review

Annales Theologici 37, no. 1 (2023): 324–327

[www.academia.edu](#)

Review of God's Gift of the Universe: An Introduction to Creation Theology, by Paul O'Callaghan

2022

Book Review

Annales Theologici 36, no. 2 (2022): 542–546

[www.academia.edu](#)

Forthcoming Works

Christ as Creator in Aquinas's and Bonaventure's Gospel Commentaries: Continuities and Variations 2026

Journal Article

Nova et Vetera (English)

"E il Verbo si fece carne": Studi offerti al Professore Paul O'Callaghan in occasione del suo 70° genetliaco 2026

Edited Book

Marcianum Press

Crowned with Hope: Essays in Honor of Paul O'Callaghan 2026

St. Augustine's Press

Bridging Nature and Grace: Aquinas on the Divine Missions and the Circularity of Exitus and Reditus

Journal Article

Nova et Vetera (English)

Academic Appointments

Research Professor 2024-present

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy

Visting Researcher Jul-Aug, 2026

Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology / Toronto, Canada

Teaching Assistant 2022-2024

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy

Lecturer 2019-2020

University of Ciputra / Surabaya, Indonesia

Taught a semester-long Philosophy of Religion course to junior-level students from diverse academic backgrounds, with one section taught in English (Fall semester) and another in Bahasa Indonesia (Spring semester).

Lecturer 2019-2020

Katolisitas Study Group / Jakarta, Indonesia

Instructed a group of catechists and lay faithful on select questions from Thomas Aquinas's Summa Theologiae.

Lecturer 2018-2020

St. John Vianney Spiritual Year Seminary / Surabaya, Indonesia

Delivered an Introduction to Sacred Scripture course designed for propaedeutic-year seminarians.

Membership

Academy of Catholic Theology 2026-present

academyofcatholictheology.org

International Working Group "Vatican II: Renewal within Tradition Today" 2025-present

The Sacra Doctrina Project 2024-present

Affiliate Member
www.sacradoctrinaproject.org

Courses Taught

The Mystery of the One and Triune God 2024-present

Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology Italian
Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy
Syllabus available here.

Key Issues in Peter Lombard's Trinitarian Doctrine in the First Book of the Sentences: Insights from Thomas Aquinas Spring 2026

Licentiate in Sacred Theology English Forthcoming
Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy

AI: Myths, Morals, Ministry for the Catholic Church 2025-present

Archdiocese of Singapore
AI for Catholic Priests, Religious, Lay Workers and Volunteers
go.catholic.sg

In this series of talks and presentations, you will uncover the applications and reflections of AI through the lens of the Catholic Church. This series comprises a mix of content including presentations, FAQs, supplementary materials, etc, ensuring that you receive a well-rounded exploration of the topic.

Trinity and Creation in Saint Thomas Fall 2024

Licentiate in Sacred Theology Italian
Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy
Syllabus available here.

Invited Appearances

The Trinity in Garrigou-Lagrangé's The Three Ages Nov 4-6, 2027

Speaker
Co-organized by Matthew Levering and Matthew Minerd / Mundelein, IL
Presentation at "Réginald Garrigou-Lagrangé's Three Ages of the Interior Life"

The Creating Trinity in the Catholic Magisterium Sep 2-5, 2026

Speaker
St. Basil Institute for the Study of the Theology of Creation / Rome, Italy
Presentation at the Symposium on the Theology of Creation in the Catholic Magisterium

The Measure of Progress: Dignity in Magnifica Humanitas and Aquinas

Jun 11, 2026

Panelist

Associazione Culturale Vincenzo Gioberti / Rome, Italy

Presentation at "Magnifica Humanitas. Lo sguardo della Chiesa sull'intelligenza artificiale"

www.eventbrite.com

Delivered an invited presentation detailing how Aquinas's account of dignity illuminates Pope Leo XIV's vision in Magnifica Humanitas.

Church Investors and AI: What Are Recent and Future Issues for Investors?

Apr 29, 2026

Panelist

Diocese of Innsbruck / Matrei am Brenner, Austria

Presentation at "Second European Church Investors Conference 2026"

drive.google.com

Addressed Christian investors in an invited lecture that contextualizes the development of artificial intelligence within the Catholic intellectual tradition.

AI & Human Freedom: Jewish, Christian & Muslim Perspectives

Mar 10, 2026

Panelist

Acton Institute / Rome, Italy

youtu.be

Invited to deliver the concluding summary for an interfaith gathering of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim scholars investigating the impact of artificial intelligence on human life.

Artificial Intelligence Day

Feb 10, 2026

Invited Participant

Conference of Rectors of Roman Pontifical Universities and Institutions (CRUIPRO) / Rome, Italy

Invited to represent the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross at a CRUIPRO strategic workshop. Contributed to developing foundational institutional policies and training frameworks on Artificial Intelligence for presentation to the network's Rectors and Deans.

Aquinas's Commentaries on the Old Testament

Nov 25, 2025

Guest Lecturer Italian

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy

The 2025–2026 Joint Diploma of the Società Internazionale Tommaso d'Aquino

www.sitaroma.com

Lectured on St. Thomas Aquinas's Old Testament Commentaries, including a general introduction to his scriptural interpretation and specific analyses of his commentaries on Isaiah and Jeremiah.

The Builders AI Forum

Nov 6–7, 2025

Invited Participant

Pontifical Gregorian University / Rome, Italy

www.baif.ai

The Builders AI Forum, an invitation-only event, brought together Catholic leaders, innovators, and thinkers to discuss and advance the beneficial use of Artificial Intelligence by the Church.

Rethinking Teaching in the Age of AI

Sep 30, 2025

Keynote Speaker

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy

[youtu.be](#)

Lectured to faculty members of the Faculty of Theology on "Rethinking Teaching in the Age of AI." The presentation outlined a strategic vision for integrating artificial intelligence into theological education, focusing on redesigning assessments, fostering artisanal thinking, and realigning institutional values to uphold academic integrity and human formation.

AI & The Church: Possibilities & Pitfalls

Aug 13, 2025

Panelist

Great Catholic Parishes

[youtu.be](#)

Served as a panelist in a webinar attended by 228 participants from around the world.

Pope Leo XIV's Interventions on AI

Jul 19, 2025

Keynote Speaker

Emaus / Jakarta, Indonesia

[www.fatherkenny.com](#)

Presented on Pope Leo XIV's interventions on artificial intelligence to approximately 25 entrepreneurs and executives, followed by a lively discussion.

From Source to Classroom: Theological Uses of Magisterium AI

May 5, 2025

Keynote Speaker

Pontifical Gregorian University / Rome, Italy

Presentation at "Catholic AI"

[youtu.be](#)

Featured as keynote speaker for a presentation on Magisterium AI and the role of technological innovation within the Catholic Church. Examined how artificial intelligence can enrich theological scholarship, education, and evangelization, focusing on the integration of these tools into the Church's mission and the broader treasury of ecclesiastical wisdom.

Conference Presentations

The Trinity in the Gospel of Matthew: A Comparative Study of Aquinas and Albert the Great

Apr 24, 2026

Nicolaus Copernicus University / Toruń, Poland

Presentation at "International Scientific Conference: Reading the Gospel of Matthew with Thomas Aquinas"

[www.torunaquinas.pl](#)

Bridging Nature and Grace: Aquinas on the Divine Missions and the Circularity of Exitus and Reditus

Jun 12, 2025

Catholic University of America / Washington, D.C., USA

Presentation at "A Dialogue Renewed: Scholasticism and the Ressourcement Movement on the Nature of Catholic Theology"

[www.sacradoctrinaproject.org](#)

Conference schedule available [here](#).

The Pulcherrimus Ipse: Boethius's Influence on Aquinas and Medieval Thought

Oct 19, 2024

Fossanova Abbey / Priverno, Italy

Presentation at "The 2024 Annual Conference of La Società Internazionale Tommaso d'Aquino: La via della bellezza: Esse e pulchrum nel pensiero di Tommaso d'Aquino"

[doi.org](#)

Aquinas's Creation Theology in the Light of His References to Genesis 1–2

Feb 4, 2023

Ave Maria University / Ave Maria, Florida, USA

Presentation at "The 2023 Aquinas Conference: The Holiness of God and the Mystery of the Eucharist"

www.avemaria.edu

Creation in Christ in Aquinas's Creation Theology in the Light of His References to the Pauline Letters

Jun 29, 2023

Nicolaus Copernicus University / Toruń, Poland

Presentation at "The 2023 Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Medieval Theology: The Medieval Reception of the Letters of Paul"

medievaltheology.org

Editorial Work

An Enduring Legacy: The Theology of Thomas Aquinas in Dialogue with the Contemporary Age

2025–2026

Guest Editor

Religions (ISSN 2077-1444)

www.mdpi.com

Co-edited a Special Issue with Prof. Piotr Roszak (Nicolaus Copernicus University; Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas) that explores the theology of Thomas Aquinas in dialogue with the contemporary age.

Peer Reviewer

Served as a referee for *Annales Theologici*, *Verbum Vitae* (Q2), *Biblica et Patristica Thoruniensia* (Q2), *Scientia et Fides* (Q1), and *Religions* (Q1).

External Reviews

Review of Aquinas and the Biblical Grounds of the Doctrine of Creation

December 2024

Piotr Roszak, *Studia Gdańskie* 54, no. 1: 148–50

[doi.org](#)

Event Organization

Lumen Gentium 60 Years After: The Church as Mystery, Communion, and Mission

Nov 19–20, 2024

International Congress

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy

en.pusc.it

Served as a program committee member for an international congress, where I was responsible for drafting speaker invitation emails, designing event posters and pamphlets, organizing speaker lunch meetings, and managing breakout sessions.

Media Hits

- What AI Can't Teach: A Catholic Priest on the Future of Education** Nov 20, 2025
Catholic Futurist
youtu.be
- Magisterium AI vs Large Language Models: A Catholic Perspective on AI in Theology and Pedagogy** May 20, 2025
chinachristiandaily.com
- Pope's trip symbolizes a moment of spiritual renewal for Indonesian Catholics** Aug 29, 2024
www.omnesmag.com
- Priests hope pope in Indonesia will walk 'tunnel of fraternity'** Jun 25, 2024
cruxnow.com

Other Academic Experience

- Translator and Proofreader** 2014-2020
University of Navarra / Pamplona, Spain
revistas.unav.edu
Collaborated with professors and editors of Scripta Theologica journal to translate and revise abstracts and articles from Spanish to English.
- Lab Coordinator** 2011
Missouri Western State University / St. Joseph, Missouri, USA
Administered placement tests for incoming freshmen, organized teaching materials for Reading 095 faculty, assisted the director with end-of-semester reports, and composed a Reading 095 Lab Coordinator Manual for future use.
- Piano Instructor** 2008-2010
Concerto Music School / Jakarta, Indonesia
Provided elementary music instruction to children aged 7 and above, alongside giving private piano lessons.

Pastoral Ministry

- Pilgrimage Chaplain** Oct 2023
Europe
Led a pilgrimage for forty-four individuals from Indonesia, visiting Vatican City, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Zaragoza, Lourdes, Pontmain, Mont Saint-Michel, Lisieux, Paris, Beauraing, and Banneux. My responsibilities included daily Mass, leading meditations, and offering doctrinal and historical insights into each site.
- Pilgrimage Chaplain** Aug 2023
Europe
Designed, organized, and led a pilgrimage centered around World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, incorporating extensive travel to key European cities: Vatican City, Rome, Fátima, Lourdes, and Paris. This involved end-to-end management, from strategic destination choices and itinerary creation to meticulous oversight of all logistical arrangements.

<p>Associate Priest Parish of Santo Yakobus / Surabaya, Indonesia santoyakobus.org Administered sacraments, delivered sermons, and provided catechesis to diverse age groups. I also managed the operations and spiritual programming for St. John Paul II's Chapel and led regular discussion groups for young married couples.</p>	<p>2019-2020</p>
<p>Pilgrimage Chaplain Israel Accompanied a group of thirteen people from Indonesia on a pilgrimage to Haifa, Tiberias, Cana, Nazareth, Samaria, Bethlehem, Ein Karem, and Jerusalem. I celebrated Mass daily, gave meditations, and provided doctrinal as well as historical explanations of the places we visited.</p>	<p>Oct 2019</p>
<p>Spiritual Director St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic Hospital's Nursing School / Surabaya, Indonesia Facilitated spiritual development through recollection sessions and catechesis for Catholic students.</p>	<p>Feb-May 2019</p>
<h2>Service & Outreach</h2>	
<p>Organist Clínica Universidad de Navarra / Pamplona, Spain www.cun.es Coordinated the English-speaking Mass choir for the University of Navarra's chaplaincy throughout the academic year.</p>	<p>2016-2018</p>
<p>Pilgrim Guide Shrine of Torreciudad / Huesca, Spain torreciudad.org Guided pilgrims around the Shrine, providing succinct historical explanations of this significant pilgrimage site. I also assisted the staff at the Information Service Center in attending to the needs of the visitors.</p>	<p>Jul 2017</p>
<p>Caretaker Centro de Apoio a Deficientes João Paulo II / Fátima, Portugal www.ump.pt Supported individuals with mental illnesses, including those in a vegetative state, for three weeks by managing their daily living needs such as hygiene and nutrition. I also enhanced their well-being through recreational activities and outdoor excursions.</p>	<p>Jun 2017</p>
<p>Organist Catholic Newman Center / St. Joseph, Missouri, USA www.mowestcatholic.org Facilitated congregational singing during Sunday Masses through hymn selection and musical accompaniment.</p>	<p>2010-2011</p>
<p>Vice President Catholic Newman Center / St. Joseph, Missouri, USA www.mowestcatholic.org Supported program development and implementation, such as summer fundraising initiatives and community dinners.</p>	<p>2010-2011</p>

Languages

English

Reading Speaking Writing

Spanish

Reading Speaking Writing

Italian

Reading Speaking Writing

French

Reading Speaking

Bahasa Indonesia

Reading Speaking Writing

Latin

Reading

Portuguese

Reading