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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

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

Apa yang Menjadikan Sebuah Sekolah Katolik 'Katolik'

Sep 2021

Magazine Article

Hidup

www.hidupkatolik.com

Forthcoming Works

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

Journal Article

Nova et Vetera (English)

Magisterium AI in Theological Inquiry and Religious Education: Challenges and Emerging Horizons

Journal Article

Scientia et Fides

Academic Appointments

Research Professor Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy	2024-present
Teaching Assistant Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy	2022-2024
Lecturer 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).	2019-2020
Lecturer Katolisitas Study Group / Jakarta, Indonesia Instructed a group of catechists and lay faithful on select questions from Thomas Aquinas's Summa Theologiae.	2019-2020
Lecturer St. John Vianney Spiritual Year Seminary / Surabaya, Indonesia Delivered an Introduction to Sacred Scripture course designed for propaedeutic-year seminarians.	2018-2020

Courses Taught

The Mystery of the One and Triune God I Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology Italian Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy Syllabus available here.	2024-2025
Trinity and Creation in Saint Thomas Licentiate in Sacred Theology Italian Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy Syllabus available here.	2024-2025

Invited Appearances

Aquinas's Commentaries on the Old Testament

Nov 25, 2025

Guest Lecturer Italian Forthcoming

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 Forthcoming

Pontifical Gregorian University / Rome, Italy

www.baif.ai

The Builders AI Forum, an invitation-only event, will bring together Catholic leaders, innovators, and thinkers to discuss and advance the beneficial use of Artificial Intelligence by the Church. Its purpose is to enhance the spiritual and temporal well-being of the faithful. The forum will feature interactive workshops focused on developing actionable strategies for integrating AI into Catholic education, healthcare, and media, while also exploring the theological implications of AI. This initiative directly responds to Pope Leo XIV's recent emphasis on AI's societal impact.

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

Oct 2–4, 2025

Panelist Forthcoming

Pontifical University of Salamanca / Salamanca, Spain

Presentation at "International Congress St. Thomas Aquinas: 800 Years of Teaching"

eventos.upsa.es

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.

Keynote Speaker

Pontifical Gregorian University / Rome, Italy

Presentation at "Catholic AI"

youtu.be

In an era where technology is transforming every facet of our existence, the Catholic Church is harnessing innovation to enrich theological scholarship and evangelization. At the vanguard of this movement is Magisterium AI, a groundbreaking tool that unlocks the Church's extensive treasury of wisdom. This event offers a unique opportunity to explore how Magisterium AI can enhance theological inquiry and education, while addressing the challenges and prospects of integrating artificial intelligence into the Church's mission.

Conference Presentations

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"

www.sitaroma.com

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

External Reviews

Review of Aquinas and the Biblical Grounds of the Doctrine of Creation December 2024

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

Membership

The Sacra Doctrina Project

2024–present

Affiliate Member

www.sacradoctrinaproject.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

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.	
Associate Priest	2019-2020
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.	
Pilgrimage Chaplain	Oct 2019
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.	
Spiritual Director	Feb-May 2019
St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic Hospital's Nursing School / Surabaya, Indonesia	
Facilitated spiritual development through recollection sessions and catechesis for Catholic students.	
Transitional Deacon	2018-2019
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart / Surabaya, Indonesia katedralsurabaya.org	

Service & Outreach

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.	2016-2018
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.	Jul 2017
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.	Jun 2017
Organist Catholic Newman Center / St. Joseph, Missouri, USA www.mowestcatholic.org Facilitated congregational singing during Sunday Masses through hymn selection and musical accompaniment.	2010-2011
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.	2010-2011

Languages

English

Reading Speaking Writing

Spanish

Reading Speaking Writing

Italian

Reading Speaking Writing

Bahasa Indonesia

Reading Speaking Writing

Latin

Reading

French

Reading

Portuguese

Reading