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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

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

2010-2012

# Works

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

Nov 14, 2025

Journal Article

Religions

doi.org

### Magisterium AI in Theological Inquiry and Religious Education

Oct 31, 2025

Journal Article

Scientia et Fides

doi.org

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UPDATED MAR 15, 2025

# A Treatise in Disguise: Eschatological Themes in Aquinas's Commentary on the Parables of Aug 7, 2025 Matthew's Gospel

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

**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

2023

**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)

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

Journal Article

Nova et Vetera (English)

# **Academic Appointments**

Research Professor 2024-present

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy

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.

# **Courses Taught**

## The Mystery of the One and Triune God I

2024-2025

Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology Italian

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy

Syllabus available here.

# **Trinity and Creation in Saint Thomas**

2024-2025

Licentiate in Sacred Theology Italian

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross / Rome, Italy

Syllabus available here.

# **Invited Appearances**

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### **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 Al 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.

## Rethinking Teaching in the Age of Al

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 Al." 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 Al

May 5, 2025

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 Jun 12, 2025 Reditus

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" <a href="https://www.avemaria.edu">www.avemaria.edu</a>

# 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" <a href="medievaltheology.org">medievaltheology.org</a>

# **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

# **Editorial Work**

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

**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

2025-2026

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 May 2 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 0ct 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 2016-2018

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.

Pilgrim Guide Jul 2017

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.

Caretaker Jun 2017

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.

Organist 2010-2011

Catholic Newman Center / St. Joseph, Missouri, USA

www.mowestcatholic.org

Facilitated congregational singing during Sunday Masses through hymn selection and musical accompaniment.

Vice President 2010-2011

Catholic Newman Center / St. Joseph, Missouri, USA

www.mowestcatholic.org

Supported program development and implementation, such as summer fundraising initiatives and community dinners.

# Languages

### **English**

Reading Speaking Writing

# Spanish

Reading Speaking Writing

#### Italian

Reading Speaking Writing

## Bahasa Indonesia

Reading Speaking Writing

## Latin

Reading

### **French**

Reading

# Portuguese

Reading