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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

The Father's Power and Will to Generate: Aquinas'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	

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)

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

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.

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

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

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.

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](https://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](https://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"

[doi.org](https://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

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 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

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

Working Group "The Present and Future of Education: Personal Development and Technology" 2025–present

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

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.

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.	

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