

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **Civil/Religious Status:**

Born January 22, 1972, in Cork, Ireland.

Dual Citizenship: Irish (by birth) and United States (by naturalization).

Unmarried (celibate Catholic priest), no dependents.

Ordained Catholic priest for the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, May 27, 2000.

Catholic priest in good standing, incardinated in the Archdiocese of Newark.

*Mandatum* as a professor of Catholic theological disciplines granted by His Grace, John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, December 19, 2007.

## **Educational Background:**

1997 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) with a major in Religious Studies and a minor in Latin from Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ.

2000 Master in Divinity (M.Div.) in Pastoral Ministry from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology in Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. Thesis Title: ***On Fostering a More Active Participation in the Holy Eucharist***. Director: Dr. Zeni Fox.

2003 Masters of Theology (M.Th.) in Liturgy from St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood, NY. Thesis Title: ***Eucharistic Spirituality in Pre-Norman Ireland***. Director: Dr. Paul Meyendorff.

2005 Master of Arts (M.A.) in Theology with a concentration in Liturgical Studies in the University of Notre Dame du Lac, Notre Dame, IN.

2006 Doctorate in Theology (Ph.D.) specializing in Liturgy in St. Patrick's College, Pontifical University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland. Thesis Title: ***The Eucharist in Pre-Norman Ireland: Liturgy, Practice, and Society***. Director: Liam Tracey, OSM Professor of Liturgy, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth; Second Reader: Colmán Etchingham, Lecturer, Department of History, National University of Ireland, Maynooth; Third Reader: Hugh Connolly, President, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth; External Examiner: Paul F. Bradshaw, Professor of Liturgy University of Notre Dame, Indiana.

## **Professional Development:**

Notary Public of the State of New Jersey since January 1995.

September 22–24, 2008: I participated in the study seminar "*Insegnare Teologia Oggi 3: Gesu Cristo Rivelatore di Dio e dell'Uomo*" organized by the Faculty of Sacred Theology of the Pontifical Lateran University.

April 14–16, 2010: I participated in the "Priestly Ministry and the Psychological Sciences Seminar" organized by The Institute for the Psychological Sciences and Sacerdos Institute for Priestly Life and Ministry at Thornwood, NY.

July 4–10, 2010: I participated in the "Fides et Ratio Seminar on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition in the 20th and 21st Centuries" organized by the Faith and Reason Institute at Wyoming Catholic College, Lander, WY.

September 12–14, 2012: I participated in the study seminar "*Insegnare Teologia Oggi 5: Ecclesia Mater et Magistra tra Lex Orandi ed Lex Credenti*" organized by the Faculty of Sacred Theology of the Pontifical Lateran University.

October 4–7, 2017: I participated in the International Conference on the *Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis* organized by the Congregation for the Clergy of the Holy See at Castel Gandolfo.

November 16–18, 2017: I participated in the International Symposium on Models of Priestly Formation: Assessing the Past, Reflecting on the Present and Imagining the Future organized by St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

### **Publications (books/booklets):**

*St. Patrick: His Confession and Other Works*. Totowa, NJ: Catholic Book Publishing, 2009.

Warren, Fredrick Edward, *The Liturgy and Ritual of the Celtic Church*, with a new introduction by Neil Xavier O'Donoghue. Gorgias Liturgical Studies 64. Oxford: The Clarendon Press, 1881; 3<sup>rd</sup> facsimile edn, Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2010.

*The Eucharist in Pre-Norman Ireland*. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2011.

*Liturgical Orientation: The Position of the President at the Eucharist*. Joint Liturgical Studies 83. Norwich: Alcuin Club, 2017.

*A Month's Journey with St. Patrick: Containing an Inspirational Quote, a Reflection, and a Prayer*. Totowa, NJ: Catholic Book Publishing, 2017.

### **Publications (articles/chapters):**

"Schmemmann's Challenge for Contemporary Roman Catholicism." *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 73 (2008): 133–147.

"Chrismals and House-Shaped Shrines in Early Medieval Ireland" in *Insular and Anglo-Saxon: Art and Thought in the Early Medieval Period*, edited by Colum P. Hourihane. Princeton, NJ: Index of Christian Art, Department of Art & Archeology, Princeton University in association with University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2011, pp 79-91.

"The Shape of the History of the Eucharist." *New Blackfriars*, 93 (2012): 71-83.

"The Eucharistic Chrismal in Early Christian Ireland" in *Treasures of Irish Christianity: People and Places, Images and Texts*, edited by Brendan Leahy and Salvador Ryan. Dublin: Veritas, 2012, pp. 67–70.

"Partakers of the Same Sacrifice." *Antiphon* 16:2 (2012): 130-143.

“Sacrifice and Communion in the Eucharist in Pre-Norman Ireland” in *Celebrating the Eucharist: Sacrifice and Communion*. Proceedings of the Fifth Fota International Liturgy Conference, 2012, edited by Gerard Deighan. Wells, Somerset, England: Smenos, 2014, pp 217-230.

“Romany Catholicism.” *The Chesterton Review* 40 (2014): 229-230.

“Plenty Good Room: The Liturgical Need for Altars of Adequate Size.” *San Vitores Theological Review* 1 (2014): 42-51.

“Words of Salvation: the Vernacular in Contemporary Catholic Liturgy” in Thomas R. Whelan and Liam M. Tracey, eds., *Serving Liturgical Renewal: Pastoral and Theological Questions. Essays in Honour of Patrick Jones*. Dublin: Veritas, 2015, pp 55-69.

“The Farnés, and Ratzinger Dialogue on *The Spirit of the Liturgy*,” translated and edited by Neil Xavier O’Donoghue, *Antiphon* 20.2 (2016): 75-95.

“Pope Francis, Gender Theory and *Laudato Si’*” in *Reflections on Pope Francis’s Encyclical, Laudato si’* edited by Mary Mills, John Arthur Orr and Harry Schnitker Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017, pp. 51-60.

“Effectively Communicating the Divine: A Proposed Rehabilitation of the 1998 Sacramentary,” *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 82.4 (2017): 284-302.

“The Use of the Eucharistic Chrismal in Pre-Norman Ireland” in *Music, Liturgy, and the Veneration of Saints of the Medieval Irish Church in a European Context*, edited by Ann Buckley as part of the *Ritus et Artes* Volume 8. Turnhout: Brepols, 2017, pp. 279-289.

*Homilies for January (C), The Furrow*, 69 (2018), 700-703.

“The Word Made Comprehensible,” *The Tablet* 20 July 2019, 12-13.

*Homilies for October (C), The Furrow*, 70 (2019), 489-502.

“Afterword” in David Moloney, ed., *Bible Readings for Advent and Christmas*. London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 2019, pp. 27-30.

Since January 2012 I have published a monthly two-page popular article on some aspect of the thought of Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis in the *Messenger of St. Anthony*, as well as other occasional articles on aspects of Church teaching. Approximately 100 of these articles have been published to date.

### **Publications (translations):**

Jean-Yves Garneau, *Handbook on the Mass*, Neil Xavier O'Donoghue, translator. Totowa, NJ: Catholic Book Publishing, 2008.

### **Publications (book reviews):**

"Book Review: Liturgy: *Reforming the Liturgy: A Response to the Critics*. By John F. Baldovin, SJ. Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, A Pueblo Book, 2008." *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 74 (2009): 362-364.

"Book Review: Liturgy: *The Liturgy in Medieval England: A History*. By Richard W. Pfaff. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009." *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 75 (2010): 332-333.

"Book Review: Liturgy: *Worship in the Early Church: An Anthology of Historical Sources*. Translated and Edited by Lawrence J. Johnson. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2009." *Anaphora*, 4:2 (2010): 84-86.

"Book Review: Liturgy: *What, Then is Liturgy: Musings and Memoir*. By Anscar J. Chupungco. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, A Pueblo Book, 2010." *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 76 (2011): 203-205.

"Book Review: Liturgy: *Eucharist and American Culture: Liturgy, Unity, and Individualism*. Dennis C. Smolarski, SJ. Mahwah, NJ, Paulist Press, 2010." *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 76 (2011): 205-207.

"Book Review: *A Commentary on the Order of Mass of The Roman Missal: A New English Translation*. Edward Foley, General Editor. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, A Pueblo Book, 2011." *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 77 (2012): 322-324.

"Book Review: *True Reform: Liturgy and Ecclesiology in Sacrosanctum Concilium*. Massimo Faggioli. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2012." *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 78 (2013): 203-205.

"Book Review: *Advent to Pentecost: Comparing the Seasons in the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms of the Roman Rite*. Patrick Regan. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2012." *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 78 (2013): 205-207.

"Book Review: *Collects of the Roman Missals: A Comparative Study of the Sundays in Proper Seasons Before and After the Second Vatican Council*. Lauren Pristas. London: T&T Clark Studies in Fundamental Liturgy, 2013." *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 79 (2014): 173-174.

“Book Review: *The Eucharistic Communion and the World*. John Zizioulas. London: T&T Clark, 2013.” *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 81 (2016): 101-103.

“Book Review: *Worship with Gladness: Understanding Worship from the Heart*. Joyce Ann Zimmermann. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2014.” *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 81 (2016): 225-227.

“Book Review: *Gregory the Great: Ascetic, Pastor, and First Man of Rome*. George E. Demacopoulos. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2015.” *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 81 (2016): 318-319.

“Book Review: *The Spirituality of Wine*. Gisela H. Kreglinger. Grand Rapids MI: Eerdmans, 2016.” *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 82.3 (2017): 259-260.

“Book Review: *Authentic Liturgical Renewal in Contemporary Perspective*. Uwe Michael Lang. New York: Bloomsbury, 2017.” *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 83 (2018): 195-196.

“Book Review: *Lost in Translation: The English Language and the Catholic Mass*. Gerard O’Collins with John Wilkins. Collegeville MN: Liturgical Press, 2017.” *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 83 (2018): 282-283.

“Book Review: *Four Offaly Saints: The Lives of Ciarán of Clonmacnoise, Ciarán of Seir, Colmán of Lynally and Fíonán of Kinnitty*. Pádraig Ó Riain. Dublin: Four Courte Press, 2018.” *The Furrow*, 69 (2018): 647-648.

“Book Review: *The Gothic Missal*. Introduction, translation and notes by Els Rose. Turnhout: Brepols, 2017.” *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 84 (2019): 222-223.

“Book Review: *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*. Ludwig Ott. Original English edition translated by Patrick Lynch and James Bastible (1955) new edition revised and updated by Robert Fastiggi. Baronius Press: Oil City, PA, 2018.” *The Furrow*, 70 (2019): 189-190.

“Book Review: *The Catechism of the Council of Trent For Parish Priests. Issued by Order of Pope Pius V*. Translated into English by John A. McHugh and Charles J. Callan Baronius Press: Oil City, PA, 2018.” *The Furrow*, 70 (2019): 255.

“Book Review: *Richard Devane SJ: Social Commentator and Advocate, 1876 – 1951*. Martin Walsh. Dublin: Messenger Publications, 2019.” *The Furrow*, 70 (2019): 444-445.

“Book Review: *The Word Invites: A Spiritual Theology*. Aidan Nichols. Leominster: Gracewing, 2019.” *The Furrow*, 70 (2019): 510-511.

“Book Review: *The Oxford Illustrated History of the Holy Land*. Robert G. Hoyland and H. G. M. Williamson, Eds. Oxford Illustrated History. Oxford: OUP, 2018.” *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 84 (2019): 338-339.

“Book Review: *Alban and Sergius: The Story of a Journal*. Aidan Nichols. Leominster: Gracewing, 2018.” *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 84 (2019): 341-342.

“Book Review: *Vatican I: The Council and the Making of the Ultramontane Church*. John W. O’Malley. Cambridge, Mass: Belknap Press, An Imprint of Harvard University Press, 2018.” *The Furrow*, 70 (2019): 570-571.

**Publications (forthcoming):**

*The Neocatechumenal Way in the Speeches and Writings of Pope Benedict XVI*, edited by Fr. Neil Xavier O’Donoghue. London: Catholic Truth Society, 2017.

“Book Review: *Liturgy and Byzantinization in Jerusalem*. Daniel Galadza. Oxford Early Christian Studies. Oxford: OUP, 2017.” *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 84 (2019):

**Publications (in preparation):**

*Redeemably Awful: An Essay on the Current State of Catholic Liturgy*

**Ecclesiastical Assignments:**

June 2019-June 2020: member of the Advisory Committee for Liturgical Prayers in English for the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference.

September 2018 – September 2021: Lecturer in Systematic Theology at St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

July 2014 – June 2018: Vice Rector, Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk, Co. Louth, Archdiocese of Armagh.

September 2016 – June 2018: Weekend Assistant, St. Patrick’s Parish, Crossmaglen, Co. Armagh.

August 2013 – September 2016: Curate, Holy Redeemer Parish, Ard Easmuinn, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

June 2013 – June 2014: Prefect of Studies, Redemptoris Mater House of Formation, Archdiocese of Armagh.

March 2006 — June 2014: Member of the Liturgical Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark.

June 2004 – October 2006: Further studies at St. Patrick's Royal Catholic College, Pontifical University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

June 2002 – June 2013: Prefect of Studies, Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, 672 Passaic Ave., Kearny, NJ 07032.

June 2000 – June 2002: Parochial Vicar, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 400 Maywood Ave., Maywood, NJ 07607.

### **Teaching Experience:**

Fall 2019, *Christian Anthropology & Spirituality*, St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

Fall 2019, *The Light of Christ: Introduction to Systematic Theology*, St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

Spring 2019, *Christianity & World Religions*, St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

Spring 2019, *Church and Community in Early Christianity*, St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

Spring 2019, *Ecclesiology*, St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

Fall 2018, *Christian Anthropology*, St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

Fall 2018, *The Light of Christ: Introduction to Systematic Theology*, St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

Spring 2016, *Introduction to the Context of the Catholic Church in Ireland*, St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

Fall 2012, *Sanctification of Time* Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ.

Spring 2012, *Reconciliation and Anointing*, Blessed Juan Diego Luis de San Vitores Theological Institute for Oceania (a Pontifical Theological Institute affiliated with Rome's Lateran University), 130 Chalan Seminariu, Yona, GU 96915, Guam – U.S.A.



Spring 2012, *Introduction to Liturgy*, Blessed Juan Diego Luis de San Vitores Theological Institute for Oceania.

Summer 2010, *Sacrament of the Eucharist*, Blessed Juan Diego Luis de San Vitores Theological Institute for Oceania.

Summer 2010, *Baptism and Confirmation*, Blessed Juan Diego Luis de San Vitores Theological Institute for Oceania.

Spring 2008, *Sanctification of Life* Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University.

Fall 2007, *Sacramental Theology*, Blessed Juan Diego Luis de San Vitores Theological Institute for Oceania.

Spring 2006, *Introduction to Liturgy*, Blessed Juan Diego Luis de San Vitores Theological Institute for Oceania.

Spring 2006, *The Theology of Priesthood*, Blessed Juan Diego Luis de San Vitores Theological Institute for Oceania.

Spring 2003, *Liturgical Practicum*, Blessed Juan Diego Luis de San Vitores Theological Institute for Oceania.

Various Independent Studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University, Blessed Juan Diego Luis de San Vitores Theological Institute for Oceania and St. Patrick's College Maynooth.

**Thesis Direction and Academic Administration:**

Various BTh theses directed at Blessed Juan Diego Luis de San Vitores Theological Institute for Oceania.

MA thesis directed at Excelsior College, Albany, NY.

MA thesis reader at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ.

Various Doctoral Degrees supervised as a Research Degree Supervisor at Maryvale Institute, Birmingham, UK.

MTh thesis directed at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland.