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EDUCATION

M.Ed. in English Education, Kutztown University, May 1973

B.S. in Secondary Education, Kutztown University, May 1970

TEACHING and WRITING EXPERIENCE

Script Editor, “Oil of Gladness: An Exploration of the Mystery of Anointing of the Sick,” 2022
Video produced by the Pastoral Ministry Office of the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma and Sisters of St. Basil the Great.

Adjunct Instructor, Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
Fall 2016-Present

- Taught “Introduction to Religious Education” and “Catechetics.”
- Developed lesson plans that included activities for catechists for all age-groups.

Adjunct English Instructor, Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, PA
Fall 1993-Present

- Taught all levels of English composition classes and literature classes.
- Designed and taught a Human Development class called College Success.
- Developed workshops for adjunct faculty.

Writer for God With Us Publications, Eastern Catholic Conference of Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED), Woodland Park, NJ
Fall 2000-2016

- Edited the revised books for Grades K, 1, 2, and 6 for the God With Us textbook series.
- Wrote the revisions for Grades 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 for the God With Us textbook series.

Writer for Generations of Faith for Byzantine Churches, Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox Eparchies of the United States
2008-2013

- Wrote lesson plans for all the sessions in this five-year series.
- Developed activities for all age groups.

Supervisor for Student Teachers, Pennsylvania State University, Middletown Campus
1995-2001

- Observed English and history teachers during their student teaching experience.
- Wrote evaluations and recommendations for student teachers.

Eastern Christian Formation Teacher, St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church, Harrisburg, PA

- 1983-Present
- Taught grades 7-12.
- Volunteered at church summer camp.

English Teacher, St. Clair Area High School, St. Clair, PA
1970-1979

- Taught grades 9-12.
- Advised the National Honor Society and Drama Club.

PRESENTATIONS

Byzantine Catholic Catechist Workshop, (August 2021) “Catechesis: The Plurality of Methods”
Office of Religious Education, Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

Ukrainian Catholic Catechist Workshop, The God With Us series, (January 2018) Basilian
Spirituality Center, Fox Chase

Day of Reflection, “The Great Fast: A Time to Become God-Like,” (March 2017) St. Mary’s
Byzantine Catholic Church, Hillsborough, NJ

Byzantine Catholic Catechist Workshop, *Book 8: We Journey with God and Each Other*,
(August 2016) Office of Religious Education, Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

Regional Family Days of Recollection, (Fall 2015) Eparchy of Passaic

- Developed children’s activities that enhanced discussions about God’s love
- Presented these activities as part of the Days of Recollection

Using the Beatitudes to Lead: A Day of Reflection, (September 2015) Ukrainian Catholic Church,
Sybertsville, PA

Webinar: ECED Catechist Formation for Grade 7, (Spring 2015) Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors
of Religious Education

PUBLICATIONS

Editor of the following God With Us revised textbooks:

- Kindergarten *God Is with Us!* (2000)
- Grade 1 *God Is Love* (2001)
- Grade 2 *God Gives Life!* (2002)
- Grade 6 *We Respond to God* (2007)

Writer of the following God With Us revised textbooks:

- Grade 3 *God Calls Us Together!* (2002)
- Grade 4 *God’s Promise Is Fulfilled* (2003)
- Grade 5 *We Are God’s People* (2004)
- Grade 7 *We Become God-Like* (2011)
- Grade 8 *We Journey with God and Each Other* (2016)

Journey through the Great Fast, (2001) Office of Religious Education, Archeparchy of Pittsburgh
Wrote the following meditation: "Practical Insights on Saint John Climacus"

Christ Is Born, (2005) Office of Religious Education, Archeparchy of Pittsburgh
Wrote the following meditation: "The Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of God"

AWARDS and HONORS

Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award, Harrisburg Area Community College, May 2012

Member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Honorary Teacher Organization, 1975-present