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Education

Pontifical Oriental Institute (Rome, Italy)

Doctorate defended on March 19, 2021

Thesis Title: *Eastern Christian Attentiveness to the Heart of Jesus: Studying the Bible, the Church Fathers, and the Writings of Tomáš Špidlík*

International Theological Institute (Trumau, Austria)

Licentiate Sacrae Theologiae: Byzantine Studies 2014 – 2016

Thesis Title: The Divine Pierced Side of Christ: An Investigation into the Byzantine Tradition and the Topic of the Sacred Heart

Magister Sacrae Theologiae 2012-2014

Thesis Title: Mary's Role in Cana and Calvary in the Gospel of John

Benedictine College (Atchison, KS)

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy 2006-2010

Bachelor of Arts in Theology 2006-2010

Languages

Modern Languages:

Mother Tongue: English

2nd Language: German

3rd Language: Italian

Ancient, Classical, and Biblical Languages:

Latin, Greek, Syriac, Hebrew

Teaching Experience

-Theology Teacher, John Carroll Catholic High School, Birmingham, AL (Current)

Courses: Intro to Theology, Ecclesiology, Scripture

-Adjunct Professor, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio (Spring, 2024 – Current, on-line)

Courses: 618 Fundamental Theology, 722 Theology of Saint Thomas Aquinas

-Teacher, Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School, Anniston, AL (2019 – 2022)

Courses: Sacred Scripture, Lives of the Saints, Introduction to Philosophy, Latin I and II, World Religions

-Adjunct Professor of Theology, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio (Spring 2021)

Courses: 722 Theology of Saint Thomas Aquinas

-Theology Tutor, The Center for the Thought of John Paul II, an Institution of Culture of the City of Warsaw (2017)

Course: Theology of the Body: Man and Woman He Created Them

-Theology Teacher, John Carroll Catholic High School, Birmingham, AL (2010 – 2012)

Courses: Theology, Ecclesiology, Scripture, The Paschal Mystery, Introduction to Philosophy

Publications

Books:

-Untitled Book on Eastern Catholic Spirituality. Sophia Institute Press: Nashua, NH. (Currently being published)

-*Eastern Christian Attentiveness to the Heart of Jesus: Studying the Bible, the Church Fathers, and the Writings of Tomáš Špidlík*. Pontifical Oriental Institute: Rome, Italy, March 6, 2022.

Articles:

-“The Importance of Jesus’ Heart in Byzantine Christianity.” (Currently under Review)

-“Domestic Prayer, Liturgy, and Fasting this Lent”, *Sophia*. Sophia Press: Newton, MA (March, 2024).

Public Lectures, Presentations, and Talks:

“The Heart of Jesus in the Eastern Churches”, St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church, February 10th, 2024.

“What is the Sacred Heart?” Ave Maria University Guest Lecturer, May 2022.

“Lenten Reflections, The Jesus Prayer,” St. George Melkite Catholic Church, March 11, 2022.

Professional Associations:

-*The Sacra Doctrina Project*

Research Interests:

Writings of the Desert and Hesychastic Fathers

The Early Church Councils

The *Philokalia* and its Impact on Eastern Christianity

The Jesus Prayer and the Prayer of the Heart

The History of the Divine Liturgy of John Chrysostom

Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek, and Syriac Studies

The Greek New Testament and its Relationship to the Latin Translations

Virtue Ethics, Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*, and Maximus the Confessor’s *Four Hundred Texts on Love*

The Writings of St. Thomas Aquinas, Particularly the *Summa Theologiae*, esp. His Work on the Trinity