

**Fr. JOSEPH MATLAK**

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**Priestly Ordination:** St. Josaphat Cathedral, Parma, Ohio ~ October 1, 2015 ~ Bishop Bohdan Danylo

**Current Incardination:** Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma ~ Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church

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**PhD – Eastern Christian Theology (Orthodox Studies) | 2024**

Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge, England

**STL – Licentiate in Sacred Theology | 2018**

The Catholic University of America, Washington DC

**MDiv & STB – Master of Divinity & Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology | 2012**

The Catholic University of America, Washington DC | Clinical Pastoral Education, One Unit

**BA (Hons) – Ancient History**

King's College London, England ~ First Class Degree ~ Associate of King's College Award (AKC)

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**Academia**

Honors College Instructor ~ Belmont Abbey College, <i>Belmont, North Carolina</i>	2022-2025
<i>Veterum Sapientia</i> Institute ~ Online	2023-2025
Theology ~ Quigley Catholic High School, <i>Baden, Pennsylvania</i>	2015-2016
English ~ <i>Institut Croix Des Vents, Sées, Normandy, France</i>	2003-2004

**Media**

Good Catholic ~ Trinity Road Publications, <i>Charlotte, North Carolina</i>	2018-2025
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**Parish Ministry**

St. Basil the Great Parish, <i>Charlotte, North Carolina</i>	2016-2025
Holy Cross Mission, <i>Columbia, South Carolina</i>	2017-2024
Dormition of the Mother of God Mission, <i>Greenville, South Carolina</i>	2017-2019
Assistant to the Administrator ~ St. Josaphat Cathedral, <i>Parma, Ohio</i>	2015-2016

**Chaplaincy & School Administration**

Lay Dominicans ~ Our Lady of the Rosary Group, <i>Charlotte, North Carolina</i>	2022-2025
Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School, <i>Charlotte, North Carolina</i>	2016-2024
<i>Legatus</i> ~ Charlotte Chapter, <i>Charlotte, North Carolina</i>	2019-2023
Charlotte Catholic High School, <i>Charlotte, North Carolina</i>	2019-2020
Teams of Our Lady, <i>Charlotte, North Carolina</i>	2016-2020

**Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

Co-Director ~ Eparchy of St. Josaphat	2016-2025
Director ~ St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, <i>Aliquippa, Pennsylvania</i>	2014-2016

**Committees**

**Eparchy of St. Josaphat:** Liturgical Music, English Liturgical Texts, Evangelization & Mission  
**Diocese of Charlotte:** Theology of the Body Curriculum, Catholic Schools Office (2022-2023)

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**Languages: *Fluency* ~ English, French, Portuguese**

*Professional Knowledge* ~ Latin, Ancient Greek, Spanish, Italian

*Basic Knowledge* ~ German, Ukrainian, Russian, Romanian, Slavonic, Hebrew, Coptic

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## **Achievements & Experience**

- ★ Ten years of **teaching** in theology, ancient languages, and an honors curriculum across two continents at the college, high school, and middle school levels, and one year of **online teaching** of ancient languages. Introduced a new language component for college students and online learners. Supervised four senior theses and served as secondary reader to a further three senior theses.
- ★ Twenty-three years of theological and catechetical **further education** to a diverse audience across two continents, including designing and delivering presentations, retreats, and sacramental programs for youth, young adults, engaged couples, families, teachers, catechists, and diocesan personnel.
- ★ Twelve years of **media work**, including recording an audio series to prepare adults for the Sacraments of Initiation, an audio series for vocational discernment, five catechetical film series, other catechetical instructional videos, an audio podcast on spiritual direction, and a daily night prayer video podcast.
- ★ Nine years of **school administration and leadership** at high schools and middle schools with up to twelve hundred students at each level. Established three new departments, introduced a new curriculum for teachers with components for students in the classroom and parents at home, as well as new student groups and initiatives to propagate a robust mission and identity.
- ★ Served on a **board of directors** to establish a new Catholic high school with a classical curriculum for a previously underserved population.
- ★ Seven years of **chaplains** to various groups and ministries including business executives, associations of the faithful, and married couples.
- ★ Twenty-three years as **director and co-director of youth and young adult groups** at the diocesan and parochial levels. Activities include organizing, coordinating, and directing youth and young adult pilgrimages, retreats, and mission trips for dioceses and parishes on local, national, and international levels.
- ★ Established and administered three **new mission communities** over seven years in areas that had previously been underserved by the diocese and was appointed as a member of a diocesan committee for evangelization and mission.
- ★ Seventeen years of **liturgical music** initiatives, including training and directing cantors, organizing an annual international sacred music workshop, recording sacred music, establishing five parochial choirs, and introducing and restoring the sacred music of the Galician tradition for a new generation.
- ★ Seventeen years of **editorial work** in expanding and developing printed and electronic resources for websites, bulletins and newsletters, booklets, and social media pages, and subsequently appointed to eparchial commissions.

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## **Memberships: Oblates of Saint Benedict**

**Priestly Fraternities of Saint Dominic**

**Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George** ~ Chaplain Knight of Merit

**Royal Brotherhood of Saint Michael-Archdiocese for the Military Services** ~ Chaplain