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History in Religious Life and Priesthood: The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer

Priesthood: Esopus, New York (May 24, 1980)
Diaconate: Esopus, New York (April 26, 1980)
Final Profession: Esopus, New York (April 19, 1980)
1st Profession: Suffield, Connecticut (July 30, 1977)
Novitiate: Oconomowoc, Wisconsin (1976-77)
Postulancy: Suffield, Connecticut (1975-76)

Academic Credentials

D. Min. Graduate Theological Foundation, 1999 (Spiritual Direction)
S.T.D. The Pontifical University of Saint Thomas, 1992 (Spirituality;
Summa cum laude)
M.M.R.Sc. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 1988 (Moral Theology;
Magna cum laude)
M.A. The University of Toronto, 1987 (Medieval Studies)
Th.D. Harvard University, Divinity School, 1985 (Church History)
M.Div. Mt. St. Alphonsus Seminary, 1981 (Pastoral Theology;
Summa cum laude)
M.R.E. Mt. St. Alphonsus Seminary, 1979 (Religious Education;
Summa cum laude)
A.B. Dartmouth College, 1975 (English Literature;
Magna cum laude)

Memberships

The Academy of Catholic Theology
The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars
The Catholic Theological Society of America
Spiritual Directors International

Teaching Experience

Present Positions

St. Mary's Seminary & University,
Baltimore, Maryland

Professor (2019-)
The Robert F. Leavitt Distinguished Service
Chair in Theology

The Alphonsian Academy of
The Pontifical Lateran University, Rome

Professor Emeritus (2018-)

Graduate Theological Foundation,
Sarasota, Florida

Foundation Fellow (2016-)
The Karl Rahner Professor of Catholic
Theology (2004-)

Dissertations, Theses, and Projects

- “Under the Starry Night: A Wayfarer’s Guide through an Uncertain World.” D. Min Project, Graduate Theological Foundation, 1999 [External Examiner: Bernard Häring, C.Ss.R.].
- “Toward a Theological Spirituality of the Religious Life.” S.T.D. dissertation, The Pontifical University of Saint Thomas, 1992.
- “Thomas Aquinas on Romans 2:14-16: A Study of His Biblical Commentary and Theological Usage.” M.M.R.Sc. thesis, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 1988.
- “The *Ysengrimus*, Allegory and Meaning: A Historical, Theological, and Literary Study.” Th.D. dissertation, Harvard University, Divinity School, 1985.

Selected Lectures and Conferences

- “The Formation of Conscience in *Veritatis splendor*,” Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, MO, August 22, 2023.
- “Our Lenten Journey,” Religious of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., March 11, 2023.
- “Meeting Jesus on the Road to Emmaus,” St. John the Evangelist Parish, Severna Park, MD, February 11, 2023; St. Anne’s Episcopal Parish, Annapolis, MD, March 5, 2023; Religious of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., March 11, 2023.
- “The Moral Implications of the State of New Jersey’s Laws on Assisted Suicide,” Zoom Conference, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, NJ, February 20, 2023.
- “Friendship with God: The Theological Virtue of Charity,” St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD, January 12, 2023.
- “Mental Prayer,” St Charles Borromeo Seminary Spirituality Year, Conshohocken, PA, October 14, 2022.
- “Mysticism,” St Charles Borromeo Seminary Spirituality Year, Conshohocken, PA, October 14, 2022.
- “The Beatific Vision,” St Charles Borromeo Seminary Spirituality Year, Conshohocken, PA, September 14, 2022.
- “The Levels of Christian Spirituality,” Zoom Conference, St Charles Borromeo Seminary Spirituality Year, Conshohocken, PA, September 14, 2022.
- “The Threefold Way,” Zoom Conference, St Charles Borromeo Seminary Spirituality Year, Conshohocken, PA, September 14, 2022.
- “The Grades of Mysticism,” Zoom Conference, St Charles Borromeo Seminary Spirituality Year, Conshohocken, PA, September 14, 2022.
- “Mary and the Eucharist,” Zoom Conference, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, NJ, October 9, 2022; In Person Conference, St. Mary’s Seminary & University, Baltimore, MD, December 8, 2022.
- “*Praxis confessarii*: The Confessor as Spiritual Father,” Roman Catholic Presbyterate of the Diocese of Scranton, PA, October 4, 2022.
- “Reconciliation Today: Key Moments in the Development of the Sacrament of Reconciliation,” Roman Catholic Presbyterate of the Diocese of Scranton, PA, October 3, 2022.

- “Prayer in the Alphonsian Tradition,” Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, NJ, March 25, 2022.
- “Fully Alive! Living and Dying in Christ—Our Growing Band of Brothers,” Tucson Catholic Men’s Conference, Tucson, AZ, November 2, 2019.
- “The Theology of Spiritual Direction,” St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD, September 10, 2019.
- “Spiritual Direction and the Moral Life,” St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD, October 11, 2018; September 13, 2019.
- “The Contemporary Christian and Daily Life,” Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Newman Club, Troy, NY, April 5, 2017.
- “The Silent Reader: Prayer as the Source of the Moral Life,” St Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, WI, March 30, 2017.
- “St. Alphonsus de Liguori on the Priesthood,” Institute of Priestly Formation, Omaha, NB, September 25, 2016.
- “Conscience in *Amoris Laetitia*,” Priests and Pastoral Staff of the Diocese of Owensboro, KY, September 22, 2016.
- “The Challenge of *Koinonia*,” The 2016 Lord Runcie Convocation Lecture, The Graduate Theological Foundation, South Bend, IN, May, 5, 2016.
- “Honoring Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help,” Arizona Rosary Celebration, October 23-25, 2015, Tucson/Phoenix, AZ.
- “Deadly Dispositions: The Vices that Feed Our Wounded Culture,” National Convention of the Catholic Medical Association, Philadelphia, PA, October 3, 2015.
- “The Healing Role of Friendship in Aelred of Rievaulx’s *De spiritali amicitia*,” Love One Another As I Have Love You: Welcoming and Accompanying Our Brothers and Sisters of Same-Sex Attraction,” Detroit, MI, August 10-12, 2015.
- “Moral Development and Conscience Formation,” Archdiocesan Catechetical Convocation, Archbishop Carroll High School, Radnor, PA, March 7, 2015.
- “The Holiness and Prudential Wisdom of Pope St. John XXIII,” The Edith Stein Lecture, Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA, October 8, 2014.
- “G.E.M. Anscombe and Catholic Moral Thought,” Anscombe Conference, Neumann University, Aston, PA, March 14-15, 2014.
- “The Holy Spirit and the New Law of Freedom,” Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Convention, Philadelphia, PA, September 27-29, 2013.
- “The Call of the Church: Finding Our Place in Christ’s Mystical Body,” Catholic Medical Association Boot Camp, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA, June 19, 2013, June 18, 2014, June 17, 2015.
- “The Call of Jesus: Living the Gospel in ‘3-D,’” Catholic Medical Association Boot Camp, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA, June 19, 2013, June 18, 2014, June 17, 2015.

Recent Books

For a complete list, see <https://www.gtfeducation.org/faculty-staff/Billy.cfm>

No Longer I: Sharing Christ’s Gospel Narrative (En Route, 2022).

His Divine Presence (En Route, 2022).

The Wonder of the Eucharist: More Voices from the Twentieth Century (En Route, 2022).

The Blessings of the Beatitudes (En Route, 2022)

Weed among Wheat: L'Arche and the Tainted Legacy of Jean Vanier (En Route, 2021).
Peter and Wendy: Growing Up in Neverland (En Route, 2021).
Even Today (En Route, 2021)
Led by the Spirit: Into the Consciousness of Christ (En Route 2021).
Returning Home: A Spirituality of the Christian Journey (En Route, 2020).
The Meaning of the Eucharist: Voices from the Twentieth Century (En Route, 2019).
Jesus and the Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell (Wipf and Stock, 2019).
Finding Our Way to God: Spiritual Direction and the Moral Life. (Liguori, 2018).n
Going Beyond the Wound: A Spirituality for Men (New City, 2018).
Jesus, the New Adam: Humanity's Steadfast Hope (Wipf and Stock, 2017).
Meeting Jesus on the Road to Emmaus: An Invitation to Friendship, Eucharist and Christian Community (Twenty-Third, 2017).
Follow Him and Reclaim the World (Liguori, 2016).
Mary in 3-D: Icon of Discipleship, Doctrine, and Devotion (New City, 2015).

Selected Articles and Book Chapters

- “Foreword,” *The Eucharistic Revival Project*, eds. Phillip Hadden and Jonathan Fessenden, *Missio Dei* (St. Louis, MO: En Route Books and Media, 2023), iii-v.
- “Teaching Moral Theology in a Catholic Seminary,” 21/1(Spring, 2023): 90-102.
- “Understanding Difference: A Theological Reflection,” in *Clerical Sexual Misconduct: Vol. II A Foundational Conversation* (St. Louis, MO: En Route Books and Media, 2023), 167-73.
- “February 28, Tuesday of the First Week of Lent,” in *Walking in the Footsteps of the Redeemer: Redemptorist Lenten Reflections* (2023): 14.
- “Consecrated Life and Formation Today in a Secularized World,” in *Redemptorist Formation: Witnesses of the Redeemer: In Solidarity for Mission to a Wounded World* (Rome: General Secretariat of Formation, 2022): 111-28. [Available from the same publisher also in Spanish and Italian].
- “Prayer and the Way of Holiness,” *Studia moralia* 59/2 (July-December 2021): 283-86.
- “Ron Hansen on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* (Final Issue, 2021), <https://emmanuelpublishing.org/article-categories/final-issue/ron-hansen-on-the-eucharist/>.
- “J. F. Powers on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 127/6 (November/December 2021): 364-73.
- “St. Alphonsus: Doctor of Prayer,” in *Captivating Compassion: St. Alphonsus for Our Times* (India: Redemptorist Media Center, 2021), 17-23.
- “Rumer Godden on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 127/5(September/October 2021): 291-300.
- “Walker Percy on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 127/4(July/August 2021): 229-37.
- “Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time,” 53/3 Cycle B, *Breaking the Word* (July-September 2021): 7-10.
- “Graham Greene and the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 127(May/June 2021): 159-68.
- “Pentecost Sunday,” 53/2 Cycle B, *Breaking the Word* (April-June 2021): 36-39.
- “Charles Williams on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 127(March/April 2021): 89-97.
- “February 19, Friday after Ash Wednesday,” *Redemptorist Reflections 2021: Daily Lenten Devotions* (2021): 4.
- “C. S. Lewis on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 127(January/February 2021): 13-21.
- “First Sunday of Lent,” 53/1 Cycle B, *Breaking the Word* (January-March 2021): 42-44.

- “Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day),” 52/4 Cycle A&B, *Breaking the Word* (October-December 2020): 29-32.
- “Thy Will Be Done,” *The Priest* 76/8 (August, 2020): 20-24.
- “Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time,” *Breaking the Word*, Cycle A, 52/3 (July-September 2020): 7-10.
- “Pentecost Sunday” *Breaking the Word*, Cycle A, 52/2 (April-June 2020): 34-37.
- “St. Alphonsus de Liguori on the *Seven Last Words*,” *Reality* (April 2020): 24-27. Reprinted in *Redemptorist International: Scala News*, <https://www.cssr.news/2020/04/st-alphonsus-de-liguori-on-the-seven-last-words-of-jesus/>.
- “March 21,” *Redemptorist Reflections 2020: Daily Lenten Devotions* (2020): 22.
- “Caryll Houselander on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 126(March/April 2020): 83-91.
- “Foreword” to Gene Martens, *At the Mass with Jesus on Calvary: Reflections on the Prayers of the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist* (St. Louis, MO: En Route Books and Media, 2019).
- “Flannery O’Connor on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 126/1(January/February 2020): 11-20.
- “J. R. R. Tolkien on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 125/6(November/December 2019): 370-77.
- “Jean Vanier on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 125/5 (September/October 2019): 289-96.
- “Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time,” 51/3Cycle C, *Breaking the Word* (July-September 2019): 16-18.
- “Catherine de Hueck Doherty on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 125/4 (July/August 2019): 222-30.
- “St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori: “Servant of Our Lady,” *Reality* (June 2019): 20-23.
- “Easter Sunday,” *Breaking the Word* 51/2 Cycle C (April-June 2019): 20-23.
- “Good Friday,” *Breaking the Word* 51/2 Cycle C (April-June 2019): 18-19.
- “Robert Hugh Benson on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 125/3 (May/June 2019): 155-63.
- “Henri Nouwen on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 125/2 (March/April 2019): 87-95.
- “The First Week of Lent,” *Breaking the Word* 51/1 Cycle C (January-March 2019): 45-47.
- “The Epiphany of the Lord,” *Breaking the Word* 51/1 Cycle C (January-March 2019): 7-9.
- “Basil Pennington on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 125/1 (January/February 2019): 21-30.
- “Fulton Sheen on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 124/6 (November/December, 2018): 368-76.
- “The Nativity of the Lord,” *Breaking the Word Breaking the Word* 50/4 Cycle B & C (October-December 2018): 65-68.
- “The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,” *Breaking the Word* 50/4 Cycle B & C (October-December 2018): 69-73.
- “Spiritual Direction in the Redemptorist Tradition,” *Reality* (September 2018): 24-26.
- “Mary’s Assumption into Heaven,” *Breaking the Word* 50/3 Cycle B (July-September 2018): 35-37.
- “The Silent Reader: Prayer as the Source of the Moral Life, *Studia moralia* 56 (2018): 103-21.
- “Frank Sheed on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 124 (no. 3, 2018): 159-66.
- “The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist,” *Breaking the Word* 50/2 Cycle B (April-June 2018): 53-56.
- “G. E. M. Anscombe on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 124 (no. 2, 2018): 78-89.
- “Romano Guardini on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 123 (no. 6, 2017): 370-79.
- “Returning Home: Wayward Prodigals on the Road to Freedom,” *Human Development* 37 (no. 4, 2017): 16-25.
- “M. Eugene Boylan on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 123 (no. 5, 2017): 308-18.

- “St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori on the Priesthood” in *Saints and Priestly Formation*, Seminary Theology (Omaha, NB: The Institute for Priestly Formation, 2017): 1-31.
- “Dorothy Day on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 123 (no. 4, 2017): 227-36.
- “Faith, Conscience, and the Threefold Way” in *Essays in Honor of Brian V. Johnstone, C.Ss.R.*, (Eugene OR: Pickwick, 2017), 1-20.
- “Conscience in Pope Francis’ Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*,” in *Foundation Theology 2017: Essays for Professionals*, ed. John H. Morgan. (Mishawaka, IN: Graduate Theological Foundation, 2017), 17-34.
- “Josef Pieper on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 123 (no. 3, 2017): 155-64.
- “A Twofold Institute: Complementarity in Maria Celeste Crostarosa’s Religious Family,” *Spicilegium Historicum CSSR* 65 (no. 1, 2017): 139-57.
- “Josef A. Jungmann on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 123 (no. 2, 2017): 93-100.
- “Traditional Catholic Prayer,” pp. 25-35 in *Prayer in the Catholic Tradition: A Handbook of Practical Approaches*. Edited by Robert J. Wicks. Cincinnati, OH: Franciscan Media, 2016. Reviewed in *Catholic Herald* (June 23, 2017): 34.
- “Karl Adam on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 122 (no. 6, 2016): 379-88.
- “Deadly Dispositions: The Vices that Feed Our Wounded Culture,” pp. 17-31 in *Foundation Theology 2016: Essays for Professionals*. Edited by John H. Morgan. Mishawaka, IN: Graduate Theological Foundation, 2016.
- “Ronald Knox on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 112 (no. 5, 2016): 305-13.
- “The Challenge of *Koinonia*,” The 2016 Lord Runcie Convocation Lecture, The Graduate Theological Foundation, South Bend, IN, May, 5, 2016. <http://www.gtfeducation.org/images/dynamic/file/about/Runcie-Lecture-20161.pdf?1463076961742>
- “G. E. M. Anscombe and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition,” pp. 25-48 in *G.E.M. Anscombe and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*. Edited by John Mizzoni, Philip Pegan, and Geoffrey Karabin. Aston, PA: Neumann University Press, 2016.
- “Louis Bouyer on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 122 (no. 3, 2016): 158-67.
- “Invoke the Holy Spirit, Fountain of God’s Mercy,” CatholicPhilly.com (March 28, 2016).
- “The Holiness and Prudential Wisdom of Pope St. John XXIII,” *Foundation Theology 2015: Essays for Ministry Professionals*, ed. Bernard J. O’Connor (Mishawaka, IN: Graduate Theological Foundation, 2015), 13-31.
- “Mary’s Contemplative Gaze: Icon of Converging Realities,” *Spicilegium Historicum CSSR* 64 (2016): 91-102. Internet, <http://www.iconoflove.org/assets/omph-essay-en-dennis-billy--mary-s-contemplative-gaze2.pdf>
- “February 22 – Feast of the Chair of Peter,” *Redemptorist Reflections 2016: Daily Lenten Devotions* (2016): 11.

DVDs, CDs, MP3s

- Seeking Wisdom: Spiritual Direction and the Moral Life*. Rockville, MD: Now You Know Media, 2018 (DVDs/CDs/MP3s).
- The Good Life: A Course on Moral Theology*. Rockville, MD: Now You Know Media, 2016 (DVDs/CDs/MP3s).
- Prayer and the Spiritual Life*. Rockville, MD: Now You Know Media, 2013 (DVDs/CDs/MP3s).