

REV. MSGR. STEPHEN J. ROSSETTI, Ph.D., D.Min.

Education

Ph.D. Boston College, Counseling Psychology; May 1994.

M.A. Boston College, Counseling Psychology, 1990

D.Min. (Doctor of Ministry), Catholic University of America, 1985

M.A. Catholic University of America, Theology, 1982

M.A. University of Pittsburgh, Political Science, 1974

B.S. United States Air Force Academy, Political Science and International Affairs,
1973, Distinguished Graduate.

Professional Organizations, Certificates and Licensures

American Psychological Association, member; Division 36, Psychology of Religion

Licensed Psychologist, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1991, (#6122)
State of Maryland, 1995, (#3164)

Maryland Psychological Association
MPA Ethics Committee, 1997-2002; Chair 2000-2002

Ordained, Roman Catholic priest, 1984, Diocese of Syracuse.
Currently, priest in good standing

Honors

John Carroll Society Medal, Washington DC, 2021

CUA Part-time Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence in the Ecclesiastical Schools,
March 2019

Saint Luke Institute Award, 2015.

Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, St. Mary's Seminary and University, May 2013

NCEA Pope John Paul II Seminary Leadership Award for Distinguished Service in
Priestly Formation, April 2013

Touchstone Award, National Federal of Priests' Councils (NFPC), 2010 is a national award for a priest who is a "touchstone for genuine, quality priesthood."

Conferral of *Papal Honor of Monsignor*, rank of Chaplain of His Holiness, November 19, 2006.

Catholic Press Association Book Award. *The Joy of Priesthood*. Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria Press, 2005.

Alumnus Lifetime Service Award, Theological College of the Catholic University of America, 2004.

Distinguished Priest Award, John Carroll Society, Archdiocese of Washington, DC. April 2, 2000. For significant contribution to the healthcare ministry.

Proclaim Award, United States Catholic Conference, 1994, outstanding efforts in media work.

Silver Gryphon Award, Book Publishing Award, for *Slayer of the Soul*, 1991.

USAF Security Service's Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year, 1977.

Professional Experience

2020-present President and CEO, St. Michael Center for Spiritual Renewal

2014- present *Research Associate Professor* of Pastoral Studies at CUA

2012- 2019 *Fellow*, Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies, the Catholic University of America

2012- 2018 *Professore Invitato*, Gregorian University in Rome, Italy

2013- 2014 Returned as *President* of Saint Luke Institute, an international network of mental healthcare and educational programs for clergy and religious with sites in Louisville, St. Louis, Manchester UK, Baltimore, Silver Spring MD, with educational/formational efforts in Rome Italy and a new site in South Africa.

*Expanded *SLIconnect*- an online educational series (www.sliconnect.org).

*Founding and developing SLI sites in South Africa and St. Louis.

*Turned around SLI finances- went from a \$740,000 loss before I arrived to a \$1.2 million surplus.

2010-2014 *Clinical Associate Professor of Pastoral Studies* at Catholic University of America

2011-2012 *Associate Dean for Seminary and Ministerial Programs*, School of Theology and Religious Studies

*Led the integration of WTU students with CUA at the closing of WTU.

2010-2013 *Director of Doctor of Ministry Program and Pastoral Studies Coordinator.*

- *Re-founded and developed a new Doctor of Ministry program at CUA which is a hybrid of face-to-face classes plus online learning.

2009-2013 *Managing Director, Equinox Foundation LLC, Vermont;* directed all business operations of 7,000 acre Carthusian monastery operations including two hydroelectric plants, toll road, gift shop, logging industry, transmission towers and leases, and staff.

- *Built \$2.8 million award-winning high-tech visitor's center

- *Built \$1.3 million hydroelectric plant.

- *Developed a harmonious, effective team that ran the foundation operations

2004-2005 *Adjunct Faculty,* taught Basic Supervised Ministry courses, Catholic University of America

1996-2009 *President, Chief Executive Officer, Saint Luke Institute (SLI) and Chair of the Board and CEO of St. Luke's Centre (SLC) in Manchester, England.*

- *Founded and grew the SLI development program which raised a total of \$16 million for an institute with an annual budget of \$8 million.

- *Conducted a successful \$5 million capital campaign.

- *Started the successful annual SLI benefit at the Apostolic Nunciature.

- *Also started and ran the successful fund-raising efforts for the site in Manchester UK.

1993-96 *Executive Vice-President, Chief Operating Officer, Saint Luke Institute*

- *Conducted a \$2 million building renovation program and led the Institute in moving to a new location.

- *In 1994, guided Saint Luke's through its most successful scores on the JCAHO triennial accreditation process.

1991-1992 V.A. Medical Center, Bedford MA., part-time.

- Psychological testing and clinical assessment, locked acute ward.

1990-1992 *Research Assistant, Boston College*

1988-1990 *Director of Education, House of Affirmation;* a national residential and outpatient center for clergy and laity. Member of Central Administration; interfaced with Board of Directors; planning, policy and marketing implementation for HOA nationwide (2 residential sites, 5 outpatient sites); directed educational programs, Summer Institute and HOA publications. Outpatient psychotherapist, small group facilitator.

1987-1988 *Associate Pastor, St. James Church, Johnson City, N.Y.*

1984-1987 *Associate Pastor, St. Patrick Church, Binghamton, N.Y.*

1983-1984 *Chaplain, University of Maryland Student Center, part-time.*

1977-1979 *US Air Force Security Service Command Representative*, Austin, Texas;
represented USAFSS General to 12AF General's staff.

1976-1977 *Instructor*, University of Maryland, overseas extension, Political Science, Taiwan;
began first college course in Taoyuan prison

1976-1977 *Director of Operations Management*, USAF intelligence Squadron, Taiwan.
Directed intelligence collection effort of squadron, commanded 150 persons.

1975-1976 *Flight Commander*, USAF Intelligence Squadron, Taiwan,
Commanded intelligence operation of 100 persons.

Sample of Lectures

Sept 2018-April 2019 Workshops for Dioceses of Allentown, Scranton, Sacramento, Syracuse,
and St. Vincent's Regional Seminary, FL.

Jan-August 2018 Workshops for Bishops and Priests/Religious: Poland, Norway, Taiwan, India,
and Rome

April 2017 Workshops in China for Chinese Bishops and Priestly and Religious Formators

February 2017 Workshops in Colombia for the Pontifical Commission on Child Protection

April 2016 Workshops in Papua New Guinea to PNG-Solomon Island annual Bishops' meeting

March 15, 2015 Fr. Carl J. Peter lecture at the Pontifical North American
College, Rome, Italy. "Preaching the Word: When the People Stop Listening."

February 27, 2015 Keynote Address, First National Child Protection Conference, Athlone
Ireland. Sponsored by the National Board for Child Protection.

February 2014, Invited Speaker, "Character Overcoming Conflict," 21st Annual Character in
Leadership Symposium, USAF Academy

May 2013, St. Mary's Seminary and University, Commencement Address. Reprinted in *Origins*.

February 2012, Speaker at Gregorian University (Rome, Italy) International Symposium
"Toward Healing and Renewal," Bishops from over 100 episcopal conferences in the
world.

October 2011, Featured Speaker at CUA symposium on *Why Priests Are Happy* (the entire CUA
symposium was focused on my book and its research findings).

January 2011 Led weeklong retreat for 19 Bishops of Region V (Alabama, Mississippi,
Louisiana, Kentucky and Tennessee).

Sept 2010 National Conference of Catholic Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD), Annual Convention, pre-convention workshop, "The Psychological and Spiritual Health of Catholic Priests."

June 2010 U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Spring meeting, St. Petersburg, FL. "The Relationships of Priests and Bishops Today." Reprinted in *Origins*, 2010.

Aug 2009 Bishops and Priests of the Province of Atlanta (all dioceses within this ecclesiastical province), "A Spirituality of Diocesan Priests."

June 2009 Diocese of Plymouth England, "The Joy of Priesthood," a workshop for the clergy of the Diocese.

Jan 2009. Preached Annual Retreat for the Bishops of Regions IV and XIV. Palm Beach, FL.

June 2008. "Becoming Priests for the First Time," Public presentation sponsored by the Vincentians at All Hallows College, Dublin, Ireland.

June 2004. Broken Bay Institute, Australia: "Integrating a Healthy Sexuality." And Diocese of Christchurch, New Zealand, presenter of the annual clergy convocation.

November 2002. "L'itineraire de la Folie a la Joie: Ou de la Psychologie a la Vie Mystique," Sponsored by *Notre Dame de Vie*, Provence, France.

September 2002. "The Priest as Man of Communion," National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD) Convention. Reprinted in *Origins*, 2002.

June 2002. "A Spirituality of Priesthood Today," Diocese of Melbourne, Australia.

February 2001. "A Vision and Perspective for Today's Priests." National Convention of NOCERCC (National Organization for the Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy). Reprinted in *Origins* March 22, 2001.

December 2000. "Contemporary Ethical Issues in the Practice of Psychology," Sponsored by the Maryland Psychological Association.

August 1997. *Invited Symposium Speaker*, APA National Convention, "Effects of Priest Child Sexual Abuse on Trust," Chicago, Illinois.

August 1996. *Invited Forum Speaker* "The Psychological Treatment of Sex Offenders," International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Dublin, Ireland

October, 1995. "Sexuality and Power" to religious leaders, Dublin, Ireland.

May 1995. "Screening and Assessment of Sexual Pathology," Clinical social workers and Psychologists, Catholic Social Services, May 1995, Vancouver, Canada.

Selected Professional Activities

2016 Named consultant to the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors

2012- present Member of Scientific Advisory Board to the Pontifical Gregory University Centre For Child Protection, Germany and Italy

2015-2019, Board of Directors, *The Parish Catalyst* (<https://www.parishcatalyst.org/>)

2011-2014 Consultant to USCCB Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People

2009-2011 Consultant to USCCB ad hoc committee to review the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

2008 NCEA working group on using psychological testing for screening candidates for the priesthood.

April 2-5, 2003 Invited to attend the Vatican Symposium on child abuse sponsored by the Pontifical Academy for Life. (Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church: Scientific and Legal Perspectives,” *Pontificia Academia Pro Vita*, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2004, Citta de Vaticano.)

2000-2002 VIRTUS project, advocacy for victims and prevention of child sexual abuse, National Catholic Risk Retention Group, Inc., consultant.

1993- 1997 *Founding Member, Board of Directors*, Interfaith Sexual Trauma Institute (ISTI), Saint John's University

1989- present Media presentations on psychological, wellness and priesthood issues; selected appearances: *Meet the Press*, *Larry King Live*, CNN, and newspapers such as the *New York Times*, *The LA Times*, *The Irish Times*, BBC, NPR and AP wire stories. Currently regular guest on *EWTN* news.

Publications

BOOKS & SETS OF TAPES

Diary of an American Exorcist, Sophia Institute Press, June 2021

The Priestly Blessing, Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, October, 2018.

Letters to My Brothers. Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Indiana, Oct 2013.

- Why Priests Are Happy: A Study of the Psychological and Spiritual Health of Priests.* Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Indiana, Oct 2011.
- Called to a Deeper Relationship to God.* Alba House Cassettes, Society of St. Paul, Canfield, Ohio, Feb 2011.
- Born of the Eucharist: A Spirituality for Priests.* (edited volume) Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2009 (February 2010, Catholic Book Publishers Association, soft-cover bestseller list)
- Behold Your Mother: Priests Speak About Mary.* (edited volume) Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2007.
- The Joy of Priesthood.* Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2005.
(Also translated into Polish and available in Poland; translated into Vietnamese and available in Vietnam and published in India as well.)
- When the Lion Roars: A Primer for the Unsuspecting Mystic.* Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2003.
- A Spirituality of Christian Leadership.* Alba House Cassettes, Society of St. Paul, Canfield, Ohio, 2001.
- A Priesthood of Joy.* Alba House Cassettes, Society of St. Paul, Canfield, Ohio, 2001.
- Challenges of Contemporary Priesthood.* Alba House Cassettes, Society of St. Paul, Canfield, Ohio, 1997.
- A Tragic Grace: The Catholic Church and Child Sexual Abuse.* ISTI Books, Liturgical Press, 1996.
- Rossetti, S. & Muller, W. eds. *Sexueller Mißbrauch Minderjähriger In der Kirche: Psychologische, seelsorgliche und institutionelle Aspekte.* MATTHIAS-GRÜEWALD-VERLAG GMBH, Mainz, Germany, 1996.
- Slayer of the Soul: Child Sexual Abuse and the Catholic Church.* Ed. Mystic, Ct.: Twenty-Third Pubs, 1990, 3rd printing.
- A Fire On The Earth: Daily Living in the Kingdom of God.* Twenty-Third Publications, Mystic, Conn., Sept, 1989.
- I Am Awake,* Paulist Press, 1987. Paulist Press best-seller.
- D.Min. Dissertation: *The Loyal Rebels: A Ministerial Event for Young Adults Based on the Spirituality of Taizé,* University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, MI., 1985.
- O'Neill, B., Alberts, D. & Rossetti, S. *Political Violence and Insurgency: A Comparative*

Approach. Phoenix Press, Arvado, CO., 1974.

SELECTED ARTICLES and BOOK CHAPTERS

“Priests, Suicide, and Redemption,” in *Responding to Suicide: A Pastoral Handbook for Catholic Leaders*, Ave Maria Press, 2020.

“Sexual Exploitation and A Call to Integrity in the Priesthood,” with Fr. Hans Zollner, *Seminary Journal*, In Press.

“The Clergy Abuse Crisis: Didn’t We Fix This?,” *The Priest*, 2018, pp. 25-31.

“Five Ways to Safeguard Children Everywhere,” *America*, October 29, 2018.

“Asceticism for the Newly Ordained,” *Pastores* (Poland), 2018.

“Why Some Priests Leave,” *The Priest*, 74(1), January 2018, pp. 40-43.

“Seven Steps to Support the Newly Ordained”, *Pastores* (Poland) (77) September 2017

“A Culture of Safeguarding,” *Origins: CNS Documentary Service*, March 19, 2015, 44(41).

“New Priests for the New Evangelization,” *Seminary Journal*, 19(3), published December 2017.

Rossetti, S. and Rhoades, C., “Burnout in Catholic clergy: A predictive model using psychological and spiritual variables,” *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, Vol 5(4), November, 2013, pp. 335-341.

“True Listening: Antidote to Narcissism and Core of Ministry.” St. Mary’s Seminary and University Commencement address. *Origins: CNS Documentary Service*. May 30, 2013, 43(4), 60-62.

“A Recent Study of Celibacy and the Priesthood: What Do The Data Tell Us?” in *The Charism of Priestly Celibacy: Biblical, Theological and Pastoral Reflections*, edited by John C. Cavadini. Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN, 2012, pp. 143-161.

“Learning From Our Mistakes: Responding Effectively to Child Sexual Abusers,” in *Toward Healing and Renewal*, edited by Charles J. Scicluna, Hans Zollner, and David John Ayotte, Paulist Press, Mahwah, N. J., 2012, pp. 29-46.

“The Priesthood Today and Tomorrow.” *Origins: CNS Documentary Service*. April 14, 2011, 40(44), 713-723.

“The Relationship of Priests and Bishops Today.” *Origins: CNS Documentary Service*. July 22, 2010, 40(10), 158-159.

“Trials Will Leave Priesthood, Church Stronger.” *Origins: CNS Documentary Service*. April 29,

2010, 39(46), 752-755.

"The Psychological Health of Priests Today: Myths and Facts," *Seminary Journal*, Vol 15(3), Winter 2009, pp. 69-77.

Our Journey into Joy: Ten Steps to Priestly Holiness. Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2009. (Pamphlet which sold 20,000 copies.)

"Becoming Priests for the First Time." *Origins: CNS Documentary Service*, July 3, 2008, pp. 122-131.

"Priestly Life and Morale Today." *The Priest*, Oct. 2005, pp. 12-21, 47.

"Post-Crisis Morale Among Priests," *America*, September 13, 2004, 191(6), pp. 8-10.

"From Anger to Gratitude: Becoming a Eucharistic People." *Origins: CNS Documentary Service*, April 15, 2004, 33(44), 757-762.

"Renewal of the Priesthood in the Post-Dallas Era," *Origins*, September 18, 2003, 33(15), pp. 241-248.

"The Priest as a Man of Communion," *Origins*, October 3, 2002, 32(17), pp. 283-289.

"Renewed Search for Priestly Identity," *Human Development*, Summer 2002, 23(2), pp. 38-42.

"Priesthood in Transition," *Human Development*, Summer 2000, 21(2), pp. 29-34.

Cimbolc, P., Wise, R., Rossetti, S., and Safer M. "Development of a Combined Objective Ephebophile Scale," *Journal of Sexual Addiction and Compulsivity*, 6, 1999, pp. 253-266.

"Understanding Diocesan Priesthood," *Human Development*, Spring 1999, 20(1), pp. 35-39.

"The Passion of Anger," *Human Development*, Summer 1998, 19(2), pp. 15-20.

"Spirituality of the Priesthood," *Human Development*, Spring 1997, 18(1), pp. 26-32.

"The Effects of Priest-Perpetration of Child Sexual Abuse on the Trust of Catholics in Priesthood, Church and God," *Journal of Psychology & Christianity*, 1997, 16(3), pp. 197-209.

Rossetti, Stephen, et. al., "Development and Preliminary Validation of the MMPI-2 Scale for Same Sex Priest-Child Molesters," *Journal of Sexual Addiction and Compulsivity*, 4(4), 1996, pp. 341-356.

"Spiritual Asphyxiation," *Human Development*, Winter 1996, 17(4), pp. 5-10.

"The Impact of Child Sexual Abuse on Attitudes Toward God and the Catholic Church,"

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal, 19(12), December 1995, pp. 1469-1481.

"Statistical Reflections on Celibacy," *America*, 170(21), June 18, 1994, pp. 22-24.

"Transference and the Priest," *Priest Magazine*, 48(7): July 1992, pp. 11-15.

"The Pure Gold of Silence," in *Spiritual Traditions for the Contemporary Church*. Abingdon Press, 1990.

"The Celibacy Experience," *Review for Religious*, Sept/Oct 1982.

"Psychology and Spirituality: Distinction Without Separation," *Review for Religious*, July/August, 1981.