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## **EDUCATION**

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- Ph.D. in Religious Education** **1999**  
**The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC**  
Dissertation – *The contribution of Jean Cardinal Daniélou to an understanding of biblical and liturgical typology in liturgical catechesis.*
- M.A. in Theology, Catechetics major** **1991**  
**B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies - Theology and Philosophy** **1989**
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## **EXPERIENCE**

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**Visiting Associate Professor - Catechetics** **2019 – present**  
**The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC**  
Instruct doctoral, graduate and undergraduate students of Catechetics in the following courses: History and Theory of Catechetics, Liturgical Catechesis, Foundations in Catechetics, and Liturgical and Catechetical Documents. Instruct required course, Jesus the Teacher, for Education majors and Catechesis course for Certificate in Pastoral Ministry students. Provide academic guidance to doctoral students in the Ph.D. Catechetics program for comprehensive exam preparation, dissertation proposal development, and dissertation research and writing. Instruct online courses in the Master of Catechesis program and directed readings courses. Host of podcast series on the *Directory for Catechesis* to create a forum for dialogue with scholars and pastoral leaders on various contemporary catechetical issues. Publish in academic journals and pastoral publications with a research focus on the arts and catechesis.

**Editorial Board member** **2019 - present**  
Peer-review evaluations of academic essays submitted to *The International Journal of Evangelization and Catechetics*, a twice yearly peer-reviewed journal of The Catholic University of America Press.

**Catechetical Consultant**  
**Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, Rome**  
Invited participant in a catechetical consultation sponsored by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, Rome. Presented a meeting paper, *Catechetical Perspectives and Tendencies from the General Directory for Catechesis*, in Rome, March 2014. Invited speaker at the International Catechetical Congress 2013, Rome, sponsored by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. Presented conference paper, *Toward a Pedagogy of the Act of Faith*, September 2013.

**Catechetical Reviewer - Consultant 2005 - 2008****United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**

Served as consultant reviewer to the Bishops' Subcommittee on the Catechism for review of catechetical publications created for elementary, secondary, and adult religious education programs.

**Coordinator of Assessment 2008-2012****United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**

Lead staff for the Bishops' Subcommittee on the Catechism responsible for coordination of assessment of catechetical materials in light of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Reviewed catechetical materials and prepared assessment reports for review by the Bishops' Subcommittee on the Catechism. Researched and implemented various catechetical initiatives of the Bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis.

**Faculty – Adjunct instructor 1999 - 2018****Pontifical Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC**

Instructed seminarians and lay graduate students in STL and graduate courses. Assisted lay students with thesis and career placement advising.

**Co-Chair Re-accreditation Steering Committee 2009 – 2012****Pontifical Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC**

Lead faculty administrator for the re-accreditation self-study assessment and site visit by ATS and MSCHE. Served as principal editor of re-accreditation self-study reports and co-chair of the re-accreditation Steering Committee. Received reaccreditation till 2022.

**Instructor – part-time 1997 - 1999****The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC**

Instructed undergraduate Foundations of Theology courses. Served as research assistant to Dr. William Dinges.

**Education Consultant 2002 – 2008****Pontifical Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies**

Served as Education Consultant for a collaborative project, supported by a Lilly Endowment grant, to create and implement initiatives for pastoral excellence in the Archdiocese of Washington.

**Secretary for Catholic Education 2016 - 2019****Archdiocese of Washington**

Oversight of the Office for Religious Education and the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Washington for the implementation of archdiocesan parish and school religious education programs.

**APPOINTMENTS**

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Member of the International Council for Catechesis, Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, Rome. 2021 - 2026

Consultant to United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’  
 Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Catholics 2018 - present  
 Theological Advisory Council, Archdiocese of Washington 2013-2016  
 Sacred Arts Commission, Archdiocese of Washington 2010-present  
 Iconography Committee, Basilica of the National Shrine of the  
 Immaculate Conception 2015 - present

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Books/ Catechetical Manuals**

*Believe, Celebrate, Live, Pray: A Weekly Walk with the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2020.

*Leader’s Guide to the Directory for Catechesis, and Participants Manual on the Directory for Catechesis*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, USCCB Publishing, 2020.

*Summary of the Directory for Catechesis*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, USCCB Publishing, 2020

*The Beauty of Faith: Catechesis and the Arts*, Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2009.

(Reviewed by Chris Burgwald, Ph.D., in *Sacred Architecture Journal*, University of Notre Dame, Volume 18, Winter 2010).

*Opening the Door of Faith: A Study Guide for Catechists on the New Evangelization*, Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2012.

“*The Beauty of Holiness: Sacred Art and the New Evangelization*,” in the *New Evangelization Series*, Catholic Information Service, September 2012.

*A Study Guide to the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2006.

*Sacred Art and Catechesis in Catechists Companion to the Compendium of the Catechism*, Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2005.

### **Catechetics Publications:**

*Per Una Pedagogia Dell’Atto di Fede (Toward A Pedagogy of the Act of Faith) in Il Catechista Testimone Della Fede: Far Crescere il desiderio di Dio nel cuore degli uomini*. A Publication of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, Edizioni San Paolo, 2018. Translation of conference paper presented at the International Catechetical Congress 2013, Rome.

“Catechesis and the Arts: Attending to The Way of Beauty,” *The International Journal of Evangelization and Catechetics*, vol. 1, no. 2 (2020): 143 – 167. ([Project MUSE - Catechesis and the Arts: Attending to the “Way of Beauty” \(jhu.edu\)](#))

“The *Directory for Catechesis: An Invitation to a Dynamic Renewal of Catechesis*,” *The Catechetical Review*, vol. 7, no. 1, Fall 2020.

“The Role of the Fine Arts in the Spiritual Life,” Co-authored with Basil Cole, O.P., *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture*, Summer 2006, Volume 9:3: 118 – 131.

“Sacred Architecture and Catechesis,” *Sacred Architecture Journal* University of Notre Dame, Volume 11, Winter 2006:12-14.

“Mystagogy on the Revised Roman Missal: Celebrating the Gift of Faith,” *Catechist*, April/May, 2011.

Book review of Mark Torgerson, *An Architecture of Immanence: Architecture for Worship and Ministry Today*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2007. xiii + 313 pages. (paper) in *Horizons*, volume 35, Issue 1, Spring 2008, pp. 173 – 174. (Published online by Cambridge University Press, 18 March 2013)

Book review of Brian Pedraza, *Catechesis for the New Evangelization: Vatican II, John Paul II, and the Unity of Revelation and Experience*. Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2020. 317 pages. Paperback. \$ 34.95. ISBN: 9780813232737 in *The International Journal of Evangelization and Catechesis* (accepted for publication)

Interview with Bishop Franz Peter Tebartz-van Elst on Antiquum Ministerium in *The International Journal of Evangelization and Catechesis* (accepted for publication).

**Catechetical Programs:**

Archdiocese of Washington 2008  
Designed and authored religious education materials for Pope Benedict XVI’s Apostolic Visit to Washington, DC.

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA 1998 - 2006  
Designed and authored religious education manuals and catechist formation resources for catechetical leaders serving in the military.

Writer - Paulist Media Works 1998 – 2006  
Wrote *Sunday to Sunday*, a weekly video Sunday lectionary based religious education program, with a national subscriber base.

Archdiocese of Washington 1997  
Designed and wrote an adult faith formation program based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* for the Office for Religious Education of the Archdiocese of Washington.

**Invited**

“Pope Francis Renews the Ministry of Catechist for the New

**Publications:**

Evangelization,” *Our Sunday Visitor*, May 10, 2021

“The new *Directory for Catechesis: An Invitation to Catechetical Renewal*,” *Catholic News Service*, June 2020.

Guest columnist for *Catholic News Service*, USCCB.

Guest essays on catechetical themes, *Magnificat*.

Guest columnist for *The Priest*, Our Sunday Visitor Press.

Guest essays on catechetical themes, *The Catechetical Review*.

Contributed articles to *Oblation*, an online journal of the University of Notre Dame Center for Liturgy.

“Spirituality of the Liturgical Year,” *Assembly*, Notre Dame Center for Pastoral Liturgy, University of Notre Dame, May 2007.

“Interpreting Leonardo Da Vinci’s *Last Supper* in light of Pope Benedict’s *Deus Caritas Est*,” *Sacred Architecture Journal*, University of Notre Dame, Volume 12, Fall 2006.

Five-part article series on catechetical themes to mark the fortieth anniversary of Vatican II, *Share the Word*, Fall 2005.

**CONFERENCE PAPERS/  
LECTURES/MEDIA**

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Invited speaker at the International Catechetical Congress 2013, Rome, sponsored by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. Presented conference paper titled, “*Toward a Pedagogy of the Act of Faith*,” September 2013.

Seminary Formation Council Certificate Program, March 2021, St. Vincent Seminary, Boynton Beach, Florida (virtual).  
Presented two lectures and participated in a panel discussion with an international cohort of seminary formators.

Keynote address on the *Directory for Catechesis* for catechetical leaders and catechists of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas, February 2021.

National Conference of Catechetical Leaders (In Word and Witness)  
Presented two online lectures on the *Directory for Catechesis* at national gatherings of catechetical leaders and catechists. (July, November 2020)  
Facilitated series of online dialogues on catechetical themes from the *Directory for Catechesis*, January to February 2021.

Saint Matthew’s Cathedral, Washington, DC., Fall lecture series,  
“Conversations on the *Directory for Catechesis*,” September 2020.

Author webcasts, *Our Sunday Visitor*, November and December 2020.

“Prayer in the *Directory for Catechesis*,” for *Missio Plus: A Missionary Conversation with the American Catholic Experience*, a livestreamed program of the Pontifical Mission Societies, USA, December 2020.

“Engaging the Disaffiliated: Catechetical Challenges and Opportunities,” Lecture presented at Holy Cross Abbey, Virginia, January 2020.

“Saint Joseph: Guide to Lent,” for Lenten reflection series at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, March 2021.

Lecture series presented to religious educators of the Ohio Catholic Conference at the Cleveland Museum of Art (June 2015 and June 2019).

Lecture presented to religious educators on Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*. Archdiocese of Washington, 2018.

Commentator for USCCB’s livestream coverage of the Apostolic Visit of Pope Francis to the United States of America, September 2015. Provided livestreamed audio narration covering three days of papal events.

Lectures on evangelization and the arts presented to seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington, 2014 and 2016.

Guest interview on Vatican Radio program on challenges in religious education and formation of youth and young adults, April 2009.

“The New Evangelization: possibilities and challenges.” Keynote address presented to diocesan catechetical leadership, Archdiocese of Omaha, Nebraska, August 2008.

“The Culture of Images and the New Evangelization: Opportunities and Challenges.” Lecture presented at the Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame, November 2008.

“Theological Education and the Arts.” Lecture presented at the Washington Theological Consortium Faculty Convocation, 2007.

“Mystagogy: Living the Sacramental Mysteries.” Lecture presented to catechetical leaders of the Archdiocese of Washington, 2007.

“Catechesis – Principles and Methodologies.” Course offered in the Diaconate Formation Program of the Archdiocese of Washington, 2007.

Host and writer of two hour-long television documentaries: *Beauty of Faith: Sacred Art and the New Evangelization*, and *The Trinity Dome Mosaic: The Crowning Jewel of the Basilica of the National Shrine*.

**ADDITIONAL  
PUBLICATIONS:**

Editor, *Mission Update*, annual newsletter of the United States Catholic Mission Association (USCMA), 2016 - 2018

“A Catechesis on Advent,” *Catholic News Service, Faith Alive Series*, December 2020.

“Lord of All Nations: Culturally Diverse Depictions of the Holy Family,” *Our Sunday Visitor*, February 7, 2021.

“A Catechesis on Saint Joseph in the Year of Saint Joseph,” *Our Sunday Visitor*, May 2021.

“Rare Della Robbia exhibit at the National Gallery of Art celebrates Renaissance art, family and faith,” *Catholic News Service*, February 2017.

“All Saints and All Souls Day,” *Catechist*, November 2009.

“Eucharist and Adoration: Seeing with Eyes of Faith,” *Faith Alive*, Catholic News Service 2006.

“Angels We Have Seen: Fra Angelico at the Metropolitan Museum of Art,” *The Catholic Standard*, December 2005.

### **Affiliations**

At-large Board Member, National Conference of Catechetical Leadership  
(*In Word and Witness*)  
National Catholic Education Association (NCEA)

### **References**

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