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Objective

To promote the renewal of Catholic education from the heart of the Church by achieving the qualifications necessary in order to obtain a teaching position on a university faculty.

Education

Pontificia Studiorum Universitas a Sancto Thoma Aquinate in Urbe (the "Angelicum"), Rome, Italy
Sacrae Theologiae Licentiatus (S.T.L.), canonical.

2015 - Current.

Anticipated Graduation: June 2017.

Fédération Internationale des Instituts d'Études Médiévales
Diplôme Européen d'Études Médiévales (D.E.E.M.)

2015 - Current.

Anticipated Completion: June 2017.

Internationales Theologisches Institut Hochschule für Katholische Theologie (ITI), Trumau, Austria
Sacrae Theologiae Magister (S.T.M.), canonical.
Magister Theologie (Mag.Theol.), civil.

2011 - 2014.

Graduated: June 2015.

Maryvale Institute, Birmingham, England
Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in Divinity.
Validated by Maynooth Pontifical University, Ireland.

2007 - 2009.

Transferred to ITI after two years study.

Southeast Raleigh High School Center for Accelerated Studies
Diploma awarded. Vocational track in Fine and Performing Arts, specifically multimedia production.

1997 - 2001.

Employment History

St. John's University, New York, NY
Adjunct Instructor, Faculty of Theology. Based at the Rome campus of St. John's University.

December 2015 - Current.

Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church
Director of Catechesis and Youth Ministry. Directed a catechetical program for approximately 180 children and youth, and also developed adult catechesis programs. Additional responsibilities included RCIA, Marriage Preparation, and the altar server program.

February 2009 - August 2011.

Maryvale Institute
Director of IT and Technology Resources. Developed an IT support department for an institute historically dependent upon external contractors. Further developed the use of new technology resources to support distance learning for students around the world.

September 2007 - January 2009.



Living Water Ministry

October 2006 - July 2007.

Retreat ministry team member. Spent a year living in community, traveling through the dioceses in Scotland and England, planning and giving retreats in parishes and Catholic secondary schools.

Event Design and Show Production

June 2001 - October 2006.

Self-employed. Worked full-time in music and entertainment industry. Production for live events and recording studios in the music industry and Broadway touring theatre productions. Corporate and executive work as well.

Professional Memberships and Affiliations

Albertus Magnus Center for Scholastic Studies

Vice-President, Board of Directors. Director, Summer Program. A non-profit organization which is "dedicated to the revival of higher studies in theology undertaken according to the mind and method of the great scholastics." This is realized principally through holding a two-week summer program each year in Norcia, Italy; however, it also works to promote and host conferences that are within the scope of its mission.

<http://www.albertusmagnuscscs.org/>

European Society for Moral Philosophy

Member. The purpose of the ESMP is to promote the discipline and profession of moral philosophy in Europe. Established in 2016, it brings together scholars across the whole continent, as well as collaborators from the rest of the world, to foster collaboration and exchange in the field of moral philosophy.

<http://www.moralphilosophy.eu/>

The American Catholic Philosophical Association

Member. Founded in 1926, the objective of the ACPA is to promote the advancement of philosophy as an intellectual discipline consonant with Catholic tradition. Among the means used to achieve this objective, the organization shall strive to develop philosophical scholarship, to improve the teaching of philosophy, and to communicate with other individuals and groups with similar aims.

<http://www.acpaweb.org/>

The Society for Catholic Liturgy

Member. A multidisciplinary association of Catholic scholars, teachers, pastors, and professionals. Founded in 1995, the non-profit Society is committed to promoting scholarly study and practical renewal of the Church's liturgy.

<http://www.liturgysociety.org/>



Courses Taught

Moral Theology of the Marketplace - THE 3305 (*St. John's University*)

Aquinas' Commentary on Peter Lombard's *Sentences*, Book IV (*Albert the Great Center for Scholastic Studies*)

Thomistic Biblical Commentary Series (*Albert the Great Center for Scholastic Studies*):

“The Transcendent Christ”: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (*Summer Program 2016*)

“Light unto the Mysteries of God”: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (*Summer Program 2015*)

“By Faith in Jesus Christ”: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (*Summer Program 2014*)

Academic Service

Editorial Board, *Philosophical News*.

Official Journal of the European Society for Moral Philosophy.

Program Director, Summer School 2013 - current.

Albertus Magnus Center for Scholastic Studies

High Impact educational Practices (HIP) Interdisciplinary Program Development Committee.

Office of Global Studies, St. John's University

Papers, Conference Presentations, Book Reviews, Translations, and Copy Editing

“The Common Good and the Need for a Care of Religion: An Aristotelian-Thomistic Approach”, Paper delivered at the 1st Conference of the European Society for Moral Philosophy, Verona, Italy
October 2016

Book Review: Olga Weijers, *A Scholar's Paradise: Teaching and Debating in Medieval Paris* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2015)

September 2016

“The Relationship between the Old Law and the New according to St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae*,” Paper delivered at the 5th AMCSS Lecture Series, Norcia, Italy

July 2016

Translation of: “Dominicans in Hungary in Relation to the Sovereign and the State Authority in the 18th Century”, by Fr. Viliam Štefan Dóci OP (from the original German)

October 2015



"Just Worship: The Necessity of Divine Revelation for Perfection in the Virtue of Religion", Paper delivered at the 20th Conference of the Society for Catholic Liturgy, New York, NY

October 2015

Cyrril Riga O.P. (1689–1758): The Life and Work of a European Preacher in the Age of Reason by Jakub Zouhar (Copy Editing Credit)

September 2015

Book Review: Peter Kwasniewski, *Resurgent in the Midst of Crisis* (Kettering: Angelico Press, 2015)

March 2015

Thesis Abstracts

STM THESIS

Title: *Verbum Supernum Prodiens: An Investigation as to Whether the Liturgy is a Theological Source*

Abstract:

This thesis takes as its point of departure an exploration of Prosper of Aquitaine's maxim, "*ut legem credendi lex statuat supplicandi*" (*lex orandi, lex credendi*); that is, in what way does the law of praying establish the law of believing? How can the liturgical rites not only convey theological truths, but also be judged an authority in clarification or development of doctrine. This investigation seeks to establish that the liturgy is in fact a source for theology.

In part one, we establish the definitions for our subject. Here is treated first the question of what theology is. This is done in order that the sources of this science might be established from the nature of the science itself, for it would be impossible to say that the liturgy is a source for theology if the nature of the science did not allow it to be so. Second, the question, "what is liturgy" is then asked, again, in order to see if our term meets the criterion laid down in the first question. Finally, this first part concludes by examining briefly the relationship of the liturgy to the Deposit of Faith.

In part two, we proceed to the heart of our investigation. This consists principally in examining the Great Masters of the tradition in order to see whether they use the liturgy in their theological arguments, and if so, in what way. Our investigation encompasses the work of the Church Fathers, both East and West, and also the work of St. Thomas Aquinas as representative of the Scholastic era. This early period of the Church history could be described as an implicit phase regarding our question, for there was not yet a critical examination of the *loci theologici*, which first occurs in the Tridentine era, in the light of the Protestant reformation.

Part three moves forward to the modern era, in order to examine the renewal of theology in the wake of the Council of Trent, and in particular, we will examine the Magisterium and theological writing of the 19th and 20th century liturgical movement. In this period of theology, there is a critical examination of the tradition which is being done in order to firmly answer questions such as "what is divine revelation?", "how does God reveal himself to us?", and "is there a hierarchy among the authorities?" As will be seen, in light of the ecumenical and ressourcement movements of the 20th century, there is also an attempt to understand the liturgy as a "source" for theology in a different, albeit not incompatible, manner.



STL THESIS

Working Title: Predestination in the Debates surrounding the work of Durandus of St. Pourçain

Abstract:

This thesis is a contribution to the debates surrounding the Early Thomist School. After the Condemnations of 1277 in which a number of fundamental propositions of Thomas Aquinas' doctrine were condemned, the Dominican Order worked hard to defend the work of Aquinas, and within the Order Aquinas' teaching gradually becomes the standard for judging "Dominican orthodoxy". However, not all Dominicans are committed to this theological path.

Around the year 1308, a particular contest to Aquinas' doctrinal authority arises within the Order itself in the work of Durandus of St. Pourçain. While he was ultimately censured by the Dominicans under the Master of the Order, Hervaeus Natalis, nevertheless, this dialectic produced a great amount of literature which advances the conversation on matters of both philosophy and theology toward identifying Aquinas' thought as the standard for Dominican theology.

Specifically, then, this thesis takes up the question of predestination in the writings of Durandus and his interlocutors in order to investigate what the constitutive elements of a Thomistic doctrine of predestination are, and are not.

Other Related Experience (Work and Personal)

Scouting

Eagle Scout. Vigil Honor Member, Order of the Arrow: Scouting's National Honor Society. Merit Badge Councilor. Summer Camp Staff Member, Occoneechee Scout Reservation: 1997- 2003. Venture Crew Advisor.

World Youth Day 2008

Event coordinator for recording and publishing on the web some 70 English-language talks given at event in Sydney, Australia with 400,000 participants. Supervised 10+ employees and volunteers through process.

Sports and Outdoor Education

Men's Lacrosse Official, Women's Lacrosse Assistant Coach. Junior Competition Rock Climbing Coach. Venture Crew Advisor: developed outdoor leadership skills in young people in the areas of Backpacking, Rock Climbing, Whitewater Kayaking, and Skiing/ Snowboarding.

Hobbies

Semi-professional photographer. Website design and hosting. Home Brewer.



References

Available upon request.