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Education

Master of Theological Studies

Institute for Pastoral Theology, Madonna College, Ave Maria University

Master of American Studies

Braniff Graduate School, University of Dallas

Bachelors of Arts, Philosophy – Concentration: Education

Constantine College of Liberal Arts, University of Dallas

Teaching Certificate - Endorsement in Theology

Creighton University

Experience

2013- Present **President and Headmaster, John Paul the Great Academy**

2007- 2013 **Assistant Principal, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School**

- Helped shape a renewed Catholic intellectual culture among faculty and students
- Worked with teachers to integrate Catholic identity across curricular areas
- Fostered vocational discernment to priesthood and religious life through retreats, programs, and personal invitation
- Created a model program of formation in chastity and Theology of the Body
- Implemented a pro-life and service learning program rooted in Catholic social teaching
- Coordinated Advisory Board Committees: Policy, Strategic Planning, and Building & Grounds
- Served as Safe Environment Officer - managed records and developed new training program for faculty on the Diocesan Code of Ethics
- Drafted School Strategic Plan and chaired the Catholic identity goal for School Improvement Plan
- Managed extensive building and maintenance projects and initiated planning process for new multimillion dollar fine arts and multipurpose facility
- Participated as Member of SACS Visitation Team for Holy Cross High School, New Orleans
- Created “MP3” Catholic Youth Rallies that attract nearly 1000 youth each year from across the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

2007- Present **Founding Director, Louisiana Youth Pilgrimage to the March for Life**

- Coordinated budgets, organized large youth events, developed model youth pilgrimage program that is now used by at least nine other dioceses.
- Grew this program from 50 participants to 550 in just 6 years.

- Established the *Pro Vita Benefit Dinner and Auction*, which has helped provide more than \$50,000 in scholarships for students, sisters, and seminarians.
- Began a virtual revolution in vocations within the Diocese of Baton Rouge with many, many young men and women expressing interest in the priesthood and religious life through participation in the March for Life.

2004 - 2007

Founding Director, EQUIP High School Internship Program

- Built this new program from the ground up - developed and implemented a comprehensive career education program
- Established relationships with many dozens of businesses and professional offices
- Managed all aspects of program, including marketing, fund raising, budgeting, and institutional development

1998 – 2007

Theology Teacher, V.J. & Angela Skutt Catholic High School

- Led the writing and implementation of new Archdiocesan theology standards and assessments
- Led the development and implementation of the *Circle of Grace – Circle of Virtue* curriculum for the Archdiocese of Omaha’s *Safe Environment Training* - per the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People
- Served on School Board’s Religious Affairs and Education Committees
- Taught Honors Church History, Honors Moral Theology, Faith & Philosophy, Catholic Social Teaching, Character Skills, and Vocations & Adult Faith
- Helped to create, coordinate, and lead sophomore, junior, and senior retreats
- Founder & coordinator for school Pro-Life Club

2003 - 2006

Producer / On-Air Moderator, *We’re Not Afraid, Straight Talk for Catholic Teens* - Spirit 88.9 FM

- Founded, developed, and hosted this weekly radio talk show - by teens for teens
- Created and managed teen-leadership core team - helped to create and implement a vision for the program which included new programming, Spirit-filled retreats and improved marketing and recruitment strategies
- Directed all aspects of programming, production and recording - doubled the number of the teens participating from 25 to over 50

1999 – Present

Lecturer & Presenter

- Presented seminar on *Teaching the Faith in the Modern World* at the annual Archdiocese of Omaha Teacher’s Conference
- Presented seminar on *Creating a Culture of Service* in high schools at the annual Diocese of Baton Rouge Educator’s Conference
- Presented a series of Lenten reflection talks at St. John the Baptist Church
- Ongoing - present numerous engaging and powerful talks at various events: parish RCIA classes, pro-life groups, youth groups, confirmation retreats, school retreats, and chapters of the Dead Theologians Society

2007 – 2010

Youth Director, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Zachary, LA

- Directed youth program, led mission trips, developed retreats, and created new service learning program for the parish.

1997 – 1998

Youth Director, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Dallas, TX

- Directed youth program at an inner-city Catholic Church - curriculum involved weekly class discussion on Catholic beliefs regarding spirituality, apologetics, morality, and Catholic social teaching.
- Organized regular social activities that helped to put those beliefs into action through works of mercy.

1997-1998 **Program Coordinator, Institute for Religious and Pastoral Studies, University of Dallas**

- Coordinated all aspects of matriculation: advertising, admission, registration, and graduation - also responsible for maintenance and development of the office-networked database computer systems

1997 **Adjunct Professor, Brookhaven Community College**

- Taught developmental writing, focused on essential grammar and communication skills through technology-integrated instructional techniques
- Achieved 100% passing rate of students taking department-graded final exam

1994-1997 **Communication Coordinator, Graduate School of Management, University of Dallas**

- Managed Communication Office - responsible for 3 employees and 6 graduate assistants who provided administrative support to faculty and information to students and applicants
- Directed the design and construction of a new Communication Center

Community Service

1997-Present **Licensed Foster Parents** – States of Texas, Nebraska, Louisiana

2007 – Present **Missionaries of Charity**

2007-2008 **Alumni Advisory Board, University of Dallas**

2004 - 2007 **School Board Member, St. Thomas More Catholic School**

2006 - 2007 **Board Member, NEI Radio, Inc.**

1993 - 1997 **Founding Officer, G.K. Chesterton Society** - an organization of men seeking to study and understand Catholic faith and apologetics

1993 - 1994 **Vice President, Best Buddies** - an organization which pairs college students with mentally disabled persons and coordinates activities involving both

1998 – Present **Various projects** – a few of which include

- Pro Life causes throughout Louisiana
- Retreats with Angola Prisoners
- Service to and with area nursing homes and veterans' homes
- Work with settling and assisting Sudanese refugees in America
- On-going respite care for families with disabled children
- Worked with *Brush Up Nebraska* – to clean up and paint the homes of elderly and infirm citizens
- Nebraskan's United for Life – created pro-life presentations & speakers' bureau for local high schools, youth groups, and parish adult education programs

Other Skills

Personal Skills: Strong leadership, communication, organization, motivation, creativity, and critical thinking skills

Extensive Computer Skills: PC & Mac, Microsoft Word, Excel, Windows XP, PowerPoint, Adobe Audition, Audacity, and many more

And the all important: CDL Bus Driver's License

Personal

Married and the father of seven - enjoy hiking, reading, rock-climbing, and playing with my children, adopted two special needs children with cerebral palsy.

Education Course Work

Master of Theological Studies, Institute for Pastoral Theology, Ave Maria University

Graduate course work focused on mastering the teachings and practices of the Catholic Faith, drawing from reason and revelation, Sacred Scripture, the Early Church Fathers, the documents of the Second Vatican Council, and the writings of Pope John Paul the Great and Pope Benedict XVI.

Courses included:

Historical Theology	Biblical Languages: Greek & Hebrew
Writings of John Paul II	The Old Testament (two semesters)
Second Vatican Council	The New Testament (two semesters)
Fundamental Theology	The Prophets
Spiritual Theology	Canon Law
Liturgy & Sacraments	Social Ethics
Moral Theology	Pastoral Theology

Nebraska Teaching Certificate, Creighton University

Earned endorsement in theology. Required an additional 30 hours of undergraduate and graduate course work in Theology and Education.

Master of American Studies, University of Dallas

Graduate course work focused on American History, Politics, & Literature. This master's program involved a close study of the historical development of American political ideals and institutions.

In addition to specific course work, I participated in seminar "Institutes" on the following topics:

1. Religious Freedom and the Supreme Court
2. Citizenship and Immigration at the Founding
3. U.S. Supreme Court, Judge or Legislator
4. The Progressive Presidency, Leadership vs. Statesmanship
5. The Federalist Papers: Competing Interpretations of the Founding

Credits / Subject Area:

9 Humanities	9 History	6 Politics/Economics	6 English
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Bachelors of Arts, Philosophy, University of Dallas

Undergraduate course work incorporated a broad liberal arts curriculum with an emphasis on Philosophy, Theology, and English. It also included all course work for Texas State Teaching Certification.

Credits / Subject Area:

37 Philosophy	9 Foreign Language	7 Science	12 Politics
17 Education	3 Economics	9 History	6 Art History
12 Theology	3 Mathematics	3 Computer Science	3 Psychology
22 English			

Special Projects:

The Tradition of the Lyric: Gerard Manley Hopkins. This project involved a comprehensive analysis of a major poet's corpus of works and of literary criticism on that poet. It also incorporated an extensive annotated bibliography and an oral defense before a panel of university faculty.

Philosophy Junior Seminar/Thesis: "St. Augustine's Understanding of God." The class focused exclusively on St. Augustine's thought and works. It incorporated several oral presentations and culminated in the Junior Thesis.

Philosophy Senior Thesis: "Freedom and Truth in the Human Conscience: Pope John Paul II and The Acting Person". This thesis project included a 35 page research philosophy paper with a public oral presentation and defense.