

Curriculum Vitae
Rev. Gerard K. Whelan SJ

Gerard Whelan grew up in Dublin, Ireland, attending a Jesuit secondary school and proceeding to Trinity College Dublin where he was awarded an M.A. in Economics in 1982. He then entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus and completed a baccalaureate in philosophy in Dublin. He next worked in Zambia, completed a baccalaureate degree in theology in Hekima College: The Jesuit School of Theology, in Nairobi, and being ordained priest in 1992. He proceeded to graduate studies and was awarded an STL, Summa Cum Laude, by Regis College, Toronto. In 1996 he was awarded a PhD in systematic theology from St. Michael's College, the Toronto School of Theology, for a dissertation: "The Development of Bernard Lonergan's Notion of the Dialectic of History: A Study of his Writings 1938-1953."

In the period 1996-2006 he returned to work in Kenya. He taught practical, systematic, and fundamental theology in Hekima College, and during 2000-2006 was Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in a poor area of Nairobi. During these years he served as a member of the Commission on Ecumenism for the Kenyan Episcopal Conference, and functioned as an advisor to the Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya in representing the Holy See to activities of the United Nations centred at Nairobi.

In 2007 he was assigned to teach in the Faculty of Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. There he taught Pastoral Theology at STB level and Fundamental Theology at STL level until 2010, after which he taught only Fundamental Theology. In 2010 he was appointed Director of the "Lonergan Project" at the Gregorian. In 2013 he published: *Redeeming History: Social Concern in Bernard Lonergan and Robert Doran* (Rome, G&B Press, 2013); and organized an International Congress whose acts he edited for publication: *Lonergan's Anthropology Revisited: The Next Fifty Years of Vatican II* (Rome: G&B Press, 2015). In 2015, he became tenured professor of the university. He also published a book *A Discerning Church: Pope Francis, Lonergan, and a Theological Method for the Future* (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2019). In 2021 he was appointed Director of the Department of Fundamental Theology, of the Theology Faculty and in 2023, he was also appointed Moderator of the Licentiate in Comparative Christian Traditions and Ecumenical Studies. Other commitments include the following. He is a member of the *Laudato Si' Observatory* in the Gregorian University. In 2012 he was appointed Ecclesiastical Assistant to the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations by the Pontifical Council for the Laity, a position he held until 2022.