

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

Name: Rev. Dr. Gabriel Mmassi, SJ

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Education

- **2001** – Doctorate in Sacred Theology (STD), Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, California, USA
 - **1999–2000** – Doctoral Studies in Sacred Theology, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., USA
 - **1994–1998** – Doctoral Studies in Sacred Theology, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., USA
 - **1992–1994** – Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL), Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, California, USA
 - **1989–1992** – Bachelor of Arts in Theology, Hekima College, Jesuit School of Theology, Nairobi, Kenya
 - **1985–1988** – Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Saint Pierre Canisius, Kimwenza–Kinshasa, Zaire (now Democratic Republic of Congo)
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Areas of Specialization

- Systematic Theology (Ecclesiology, with special focus on Vatican II)
 - African Christian Theology
 - Theological Methodology
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Academic Appointments

- **2013–Present** – Associate Professor, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy
 - **2012–2013** – Adjunct Professor, Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University, Berkeley, California, USA
 - **2006–2012** – Lecturer in Theology, Hekima College, Nairobi, Kenya
 - **2003–2005** – Lecturer in Theology, Institut de Théologie de la Compagnie de Jésus, Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire
 - **1998–1999; 2002–2003** – Lecturer in Theology, Hekima College, Nairobi, Kenya
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Administrative Responsibilities

- **2013–2019** – Prefect of Studies, Collegio Internazionale del Gesù, Rome
 - **2009–2012** – Rector, Hekima College, Nairobi
 - **2007–2009** – Registrar, Hekima College, Nairobi
 - **1991–1992** – Editor-in-Chief, *Hekima Review*, Nairobi
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Visiting & External Academic Roles

- **2023–2024** – Jesuit Chair, Loyola University Maryland, USA
 - **July 2008** – Visiting Lecturer, St. Augustine College of South Africa, Johannesburg
 - **December 2014** – External Examiner, Universities of Fribourg (Switzerland) / Strasbourg (France)
 - **External Examiner** – University of Malta (Theology)
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Conference Presentations & Workshops

- *Pratique de l’Oecumenisme en Afrique*, Workshop, Dakar, Senegal (July 2005)
 - *The Role of a Public Intellectual in an African Context*, St. Augustine College, Johannesburg (2007)
 - *Palaver: A Challenge for African Church Leadership*, JST–SCU, California (2009) — published in **AFER**
 - *Scourge of Corruption and the Church*, Hekima College (2010) — book chapter in *Reconciliation, Justice, and Peace* (Orbis Books, 2011)
 - *Secularism and African Traditional Religions*, St. Augustine College, Johannesburg (2011)
 - *Context of Christian Witness in Africa*, BWA–PCPCU, Vatican (2018)
 - *Ecclesia in Africa: 25 Years On*, Pontifical Gregorian University (2019)
 - *Symbolism*, Loyola University Maryland (October 2023)
 - *African Catholic: Decolonization and the Transformation of the Church*, Institute for Human Ecology, Catholic University of America (YouTube lecture, 2 April 2024)
 - *Creativity and Integrity: Theology and Artificial Intelligence*, Loyola University Maryland (April 2024)
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Publications

Journal Articles & Book Chapters

- “Palaver: A Challenge for African Church Leadership,” *AFER* 2–3 (2010): 173–188
- “I Bring You Good News of Great Joy for All the People,” *Hekima Review* (2010)
- “The Role of the Public Intellectual in an African Context: Naming the Present,” in *African Philosophy and the Future of Africa*, ed. Gerard Walmsley, Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change, Series II, Africa, Vol. 14 (Washington, DC: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2011), 47–58
- “The Role of a Public Intellectual in an African Context: Naming the Present?” *Chiedza* 17 (2014): 20–35
- “The African Bishops on the Eve of Vatican II,” *South African Review* (2012)
- “A Centenary of Ecclesiological Itinerary at the Gregorian University (Parts I & II),” *Gregorianum* 101/4 (2020); 102/1 (2021)

Books

- *Inculturating the Church in Africa: Bishops’ Recommendations, 1960 and 1990*, Blessed Hope Publishing, Mauritius, 2018

Book Reviews

- Brancozzi, *Un popolo nella Storia*, *Gregorianum* (2016)
- Langevin, *From Passion to Paschal Mystery*, *Gregorianum* (2017)
- Meszaros, *The Prophetic Church*, *Gregorianum* (2018)
- Sesboüé, *Non abbiate paura*, *Gregorianum* (2020)
- Negre, *Pour qu’il en tout la primauté*, *Gregorianum* (2021)
- Davary, *Ecotheology and Love*, *Gregorianum* (2025)

Languages

- **Fluent:** English, French, Italian, Swahili
- **Reading Knowledge:** Latin, German