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Education

STD	Pontifical Gregorian University (1999)
STL	Pontifical Gregorian University (1984)
STB	Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (1982)
BA	Wake Forest University (1979)

Academic Experience

PROFESSOR	1991-PRESENT
<i>Institute of Spirituality, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome</i>	
Full professor (2016-present)	
Associate professor (2006-2016)	
Adjunct professor (1994-2006)	
Lecturer (1991-1994)	
INVITED PROFESSOR	1990-2018
<i>Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome</i>	
Course: Spirituality of the Laity (taught every other year)	
INVITED PROFESSOR	2005-2018
<i>Pontifical John Paul II Institute</i>	
<i>for Studies on Marriage and the Family, Rome</i>	
Seminar taught annually on various subjects.	
BRENNINKMEIJER-WEHRHAN VISITING PROFESSOR	2005
<i>Rothberg International School, Hebrew University, Jerusalem</i>	
LECTURER	1985-1999
<i>Regina Mundi Institute, Rome</i>	

Administrative Experience

CO-FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR	1986-PRESENT
<i>The Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas, Rome</i>	
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Publications

“Lay Leadership and Cultural Transformation in Light of the Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis gaudium*.” Co-authored with Filipe Domingues, in *Educatio catholica* VII (2021): 69-77.

Full, Conscious, Active. Lay Participation in the Church’s Dialogue with the World. Co-edited with Robert White. Preface by Cardinal Seán O’Malley. Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2020.

Living Christian Joy Daily: Everyone’s Call – Essays from Rome. Co-edited with Michael Canaris. Preface by Gianfranco Cardinal Ravasi. Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2017.

“New Paths of Evangelization in Roman Catholic Theology” in *Sharing Good News. Handbook on Evangelism in Europe*. Geneva: WCC Publications, 2017, 92-102.

“Generativity as ‘symbolic code’” in *Pontificium Consilium de Cultura, Cultura e Fede* 23 (2015): 159-62.

“John Henry Newman: Matrimonio e vita familiare come scuola d’amore” in Aldegonde Brenninkmeijer-Werhahn, *A cuore aperto: riflessioni sul significato del matrimonio*, Rome, Città Nuova, 2014, 223-232.

“San Vincenzo Pallotti e la formazione delle donne laiche,” *Apostolato universale* 16 (2014): 21-35.

“Evoluzione storica del rapporto tra teologia morale e teologia spirituale” in Aristide Fumagalli (ed.), *Teologia morale e teologia spirituale, intersezioni e parallelismi*, Rome, LAS, 2014, 11-32.

“A proposito dello slogan ‘il cristiano del futuro sarà un mistico o non sarà’” in Bruno Moriconi (ed.), *O mistica o nulla: Evangelizzare all’esperienza della fede*, Rome, Edizioni OCD, 2014, 33-50.

“Misericordia e misericordia: una via per la famiglia” in J.J. Perez Soba (ed.), *Famiglia, luce di Dio in una società senza Dio. Nuova evangelizzazione e famiglia*, Siena, Cantagalli, 2014, 155-162.

“What We Have Loved, Others Will Love” in Matthew Lewis Sutton and William L. Portier (eds.), *Handing on the Faith*, Maryknoll, N.Y., Orbis Books, 2014, 195-204.

“Ehe und Familienleben als Schule der Liebe bei John Henry Newman” in Aldegonde Brenninkmeijer-Werhahn and Klaus Demmer (eds.), *Das Herz spricht zum Herzen: Reflexionen über die Ehe*, Freiburg, Herder, 2012, 226-237.

“We are missionaries above all because of what we are (RMs 23) Proclaiming Christ through holiness of life,” *Studia Missionalia* (2012): 87-101.

“‘At Present, Let Us Do What Lies Before Us’: Some Insights From John Henry Newman for Developing a Spirituality of the Laity,” *Louvain Studies* 35 (2011): 384-395.

“Una spiritualità del matrimonio e famiglia oggi, un percorso dalla fede all’accoglienza,” *Periodica* 100 (2011): 673-686.

“Paul VI on the Role of the Laity in the Handing on of the Faith” in Renato Papetti (ed.), *La Trasmissione della fede. L’impegno di Paolo VI. Colloquio internazionale di studio, Brescia 28, 29, 30 settembre 2007*, Brescia, Istituto Paolo VI, 2009, 105-120.

“La cristologia paolina nella spiritualità di San Vincenzo Pallotti,” *Apostolato Universale (Rivista semestrale dell’Istituto S. Vincenzo Pallotti 211/2009)*: 39-49.

“Marriage as Vocation” in *Studies in Spirituality: Companion to Marital Spirituality*, 18, Leuven, Peeters, 2009, 169-184.

Essere santi oggi. Il progetto di Dio per la nostra vita, Roma, PUL, 2009. This is a revised edition and Italian translation of *Holiness*.

“Carmelite Spirituality Today” in *Seeing the Seeker, Explorations in the Discipline of Spirituality*. A Festschrift for Kees Waaijman on the occasion of his 65th birthday, Edited by Hein Blommestijn, et.al., Leuven, Peeters, 2008, 637-658.

Holiness. London: Continuum Press, 2006.

“The Harmony of Love: *Idem velle atque idem nolle*” in Livio Melina and Carl A. Anderson (eds.) *The Way of Love. Reflections on Pope Benedict XVI’s Encyclical Deus Caritas Est.*, San Francisco, Ignatius Press, 2006, 277-286. Also published in Spanish and Italian.

“Dialogue: Optional Activity or Way of Life?” in *The Religious: A Person of Dialogue*, Rome, Union of Superiors General, 2003, 19-42. Also published in Italian, Spanish and French.

“Lay Spirituality,” in *New Catholic Encyclopedia*, second edition, Detroit: Gale; Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2002, vol. 8, 412-419.

“On the Front Line: *Christifideles laici* and Lay Involvement in Interreligious Dialogue” in Chidi Denis Isizoh (ed.), *Milestones in Interreligious Dialogue: A Reading of Selected Catholic Church Documents on Relations with People of Other Religions*, Rome, Lagos, Ceedee Publications, 2002, 183-195.

“Discovering the Extraordinary in the Ordinary, Towards a Christian Marital Spirituality,” *INTAMS* 7 (Spring 2001): 3-12.

Book Review, A. W. Astell, *Lay Sanctity. Medieval and Modern*, *INTAMS* (Spring 2001): 115-116.

“Docility to the Holy Spirit and the Call to Follow Jesus: Catherine of Siena ‘in dialogue’ with Gerald O’Collins” in *The Convergence of Theology*, New York, Paulist Press, 2001, 192-207.

“The Indispensable Role of the Laity in Interreligious Dialogue,” *Studia Missionalia* 49 (2000): 208-224.

“Catholic Spirituality and the Environment. St. Ignatius of Loyola: a Case Study,” *Studies in Spirituality* 9 (1999): 140-157.

“Communion or Chaos,” *Priest and People* 13 (February, 1999): 54-59.

“Book Review of *Mary Ward. A World in Contemplation*,” *Gregorianum* 80 (1999): 198-200.

Spirituality and Morality: Integrating Prayer and Action. Dennis Billy, C.Ss.R. and Donna Orsuto (eds.). Mahwah, Paulist Press, 1995.

“The Mystery of Christ Crucified: The Use of Maternal Imagery in the Trinitarian Reflections of Julian of Norwich and St. Catherine of Siena” in Herbert Alphonso, S.J. (ed.), *Esperienza e spiritualità*, Rome, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, 1995, 125-154.

Conferences, Workshops, Pastoral Activities

Retreats, conferences and workshops for laity, religious women and men, diocesan priests and seminarians in various countries including Australia, Belgium, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Senegal, Sweden, and the United States.

Highlights (This is not a complete list.):

Rome, Italy, UISG Formation Program, “Women in the Church: Doctors, Mystics and Foundresses.” (4-6 April 2022).

Rome, Italy, Teresianum, “Preghiera ed amicizia teresiana.” (16 March 2022).

Rome, Italy, Pontifical Lateran University, International Theological Congress, La Sapienza della Croce in un mondo plurale. “Let us begin with Christ, let us begin with his Cross’. Christ Crucified in a Select Anglican Sermon of St. John Henry Newman.” (22 September 2021).

Rome, Italy, UISG General Assembly, “Sowers of Prophetic Hope. The Call to Interreligious Dialogue.” (6 May 2019).

Dakar, Senegal, WUCWO Assembly, *Gaudete et Exsultate: Pope Francis speaks about Holiness.* (14 October 2018).

Chicago, Illinois, USA, North American Carmelite Symposium (at Loyola University), *Being the House of God in the Midst of the World. Pope Francis and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Speak to Laity.* (20 June 2017).

Rome, Italy, Symposium on the Role of Women in the Church, sponsored by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *The Role of Women in Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue*, (panel). (27 September 2016).

Rome, Italy, *Rahma*. Muslim and Christian Studies in Mercy. Symposium sponsored by the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, “*Mysticism of Mercy*”: *Response to the papers by Prof. Julia Lamm and Prof. Erdal Toprakyan.* (14 October 2016).

Mundelein, Illinois, USA, North American Carmelite Symposium, *Leadership as Exercised by St. Teresa of Avila.* (30 June 2015).

Vatican City. Plenary of the Pontifical Council for Culture on the theme, *Generativity as Symbolic Code.* (5 February 2015).

Dublin, Ireland, Carmelite Forum for Britain and Ireland on the theme, *Practical Wisdom for Tough Times: Revisiting St. Teresa of Avila’s The Book of Her Foundations.* (22 November 2014).

Other Activities

Consultant, Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, 2016 to present.

Member, *Consulta Femminile*. Pontifical Council for Culture, 2015 to 2018.

Recipient, Presidential Award, College Theology Society, June 2013.

Created a Dame of St. Gregory by Benedict XVI, 7 October, 2011.

Recipient of an Honorary Doctorate, St. Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire (May 2011).

Consultant, *Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue*, 2001-2007.

Member, *Commissione Diocesana per l'ecumenismo e il dialogo*, 2000-2009, 2013-2021.

Member of the Board, "*Nostra Aetate*" Foundation, 1999-2021.

Woodstock International Fellow, Georgetown University, Spring 2005.