

CURRICULUM VITAE
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Educational Background:

- B.S. in Elementary Education and Special Education, *Gwynedd Mercy College*, Gwynedd Valley, PA (1978)
- M.Ed. Educational Administration, *Boston College*, Boston, MA (1987)
- M.A. in Religious Studies, specialization in Liturgical Studies, *The Catholic University of America*, Washington, DC (1995)
- S.L.L. License in Sacred Liturgy, *Pontifical Institute of Liturgy*, Sant' Anselmo, Rome, Italy (2001)
- S.L.D. Doctorate in Sacred Liturgy, *Pontifical Institute of Liturgy*, Sant' Anselmo, Rome, Italy (2004)

Current Ministry:

Assistant Professor of Liturgy and Catechesis, The Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. (2008 -)

Previous Ministries:

- Adjunct professor, Beda College, Rome (2003-2008)
- “Docente Incaricata”, Gregorian University, Rome (2004 -2008)
- “Docente Incaricata”, Mater Ecclesiae Institute, Angelicum University, Rome (2006-2008)
- Director of Liturgy, Santa Susanna Parish, Rome (2004-2008)
- Associate professor of liturgy and sacraments, Pontifical Institute of Regina Mundi (1999-2005)
- Adjunct professor of Religious Studies, Gwynedd Mercy College, Chestnut Hill College and Holy Family College in Philadelphia area (1997-1998)
- Coordinator of parish liturgy
- Campus minister and high school religion teacher
- Administrative assistant at Women of Hope Residence for homeless, mentally ill women
- Principal of elementary school
- Teacher of elementary education and special education

Graduate Courses taught at The Catholic University of America

Foundations of Religious Education/Catechesis (TRS 751f)

Catechesis and Evangelization (TRS 751M)

Liturgical Catechesis (TRS 743)

Doctoral Seminar: Mystagogy (TRS 848)

Undergraduate courses taught:

*Pontifical Institute of Regina Mundi, ** Beda College, ***Gregorian University ****Angelicum University ***** The Catholic University of America*

- Seminar: “Catechesis, an Essential Element of Evangelization”
- Sacraments of Christian Initiation
- Eucharist and Christian Community
- Liturgical Year
- Liturgy of the Hours
- Mariology
- **Introduction to the Lectionary
- ** Introduction to Liturgy
- ** RCIA
- *** Propedeutic Seminar (year-long seminar for 1st year theology students treating of all theology areas in first year cycle)
- *** Seminar: “Christ’s Paschal Mystery and Our Participation in It”
- ***Seminar: “Liturgical Movement in the 19th – 20th Centuries”
- **** Sacraments of Marriage and Orders
- ****Seminar: Eucharistic Theology in the High Middle Ages: Through Thomas Aquinas and Catherine of Siena
- **** Liturgy and Time
- **** Contextual Theology in Asia and Africa: ritual and sacraments (this is a segment of an interdisciplinary course in which other professors taught Part I on Evangelization, Part II on Faces of Christology, and my responsibility was Part III)
- ***** Christian Liturgy, Prayer and Sacrament (TRS 240.)

Gwynedd Mercy College:

- Sacraments and Spirituality
- Fundamentals of the Christian Faith

Holy Family College:

- World Religions
- Basics of the Catholic Faith
- Women and Religion

Chestnut Hill College:

- Women in Church and Society

Other professional activities:

- workshops and presentations on topics such as *Evangelization and Catechesis, Principles of Liturgy, Liturgy of the Hours, Communal Celebration, Mystagogy and Faith Formation, Christian Initiation, Languages of the Liturgy*
- Coordinator of ritual prayer for *Union of International Superiors General* Plenary Assembly, 2001, 2004, 2007, and Congress for Consecrated Life 2004 (each with about 800 international participants) in Rome, Italy
- Lecturer for symposium on liturgical formation in Nitra, Slovakia, July 2005

- ❑ Lecturer for “Living Theology”, Durham, England – July, 2007

Publications:

- ❑ “Mystery and Mystagogy,” *Worship* Nov./Dec. 2009.
- ❑ Book Review. Mary E. McGann, *A Precious Fountain: Music in the Worship of an African American Catholic Community* [Virgil Michel Series]. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2004. In *Ecclesia Orans* (2006/2) 269-272.
- ❑ Book Review. Joseph Gelineau, *Liturgical Assembly, Liturgical Song* [Studies in Church Music and Liturgy]. Portland, OR: Pastoral Press, 2002. In *Ecclesia Orans* (2006/1) 136-139.
- ❑ “Baptizing a Child,” *The Furrow* 57/1 (Jan. 2006) 30-38.
- ❑ “Liturgy and Catechesis at the Service of the Church’s Mission of Evangelization,” *Beda Review*, 2005-2006.
- ❑ “Litany” in *The New Catholic Encyclopedia*, Washington D.C.: Gale/Catholic University of America Press, 2002.
- ❑ “Liturgical Catechesis for the Acts of Gathering and Missioning,” *Liturgical Catechesis*, vol.5/4 (Aug.-Sept. 2002) 10-12.
- ❑ “Cultivating Mystery: First Task of Catechesis in the New Millennium,” *Liturgical Catechesis*, vol.5/2 (April-May 2002) 7-9.
- ❑ “Liturgical Catechesis for the Rite of Anointing of the Sick,” *The Living Light*, Summer, 1995: 58-69.

Theses:

- ❑ doctoral thesis: *A Contemporary Mystagogical Catechesis of Sacrament as Gift/gift giving* (Directed by: Keith Pecklers SJ)
- ❑ license thesis: *The Dynamic of Social Symbolic Process in the Baptismal Catechumenate of the Fourth Century – Principles for a Contemporary Model of Liturgical Catechesis as Called for by the 1997 General Directory for Catechesis* (Directed by: Keith Pecklers SJ)

Directed Research Papers at CUA

- ❑ “Towards a Theory of Liturgical Inculturation” - directed by Mary Collins OSB
- ❑ “Liturgical Catechesis for the Rite of Anointing of the Sick” – directed by Catherine Dooley OP
- ❑ “Liturgical Embodiment of the Trinitarian Mystery” – directed by Mary Collins OSB

