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Priesthood: Esopus, New York (May 24, 1980)
Diaconate: Esopus, New York (April 26, 1980)
Final Profession: Esopus, New York (April 19, 1980)
1st Profession: Suffield, Connecticut (July 30, 1977)
Novitiate: Oconomowoc, Wisconsin (1976-77)
Postulancy: Suffield, Connecticut (1975-76)

Academic Credentials

D. Min. Graduate Theological Foundation, 1999 (Spiritual Direction)
S.T.D. The Pontifical University of Saint Thomas, 1992 (Spirituality;
Summa cum laude)
M.M.R.Sc. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 1988 (Moral Theology;
Magna cum laude)
M.A. The University of Toronto, 1987 (Medieval Studies)
Th.D. Harvard University, Divinity School, 1985 (Church History)
M.Div. Mt. St. Alphonsus Seminary, 1981 (Pastoral Theology;
Summa cum laude)
M.R.E. Mt. St. Alphonsus Seminary, 1979 (Religious Education;
Summa cum laude)
A.B. Dartmouth College, 1975 (English Literature;
Magna cum laude)

Memberships

The Academy of Catholic Theology
The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars
The Catholic Theological Society of America
Spiritual Directors International

Teaching Experience

Present Positions

St. Mary's Seminary and University,
Baltimore Maryland

Professor (2019-)
The Robert F. Leavitt Distinguished Service
Chair in Theology

The Alphonsian Academy of
The Pontifical Lateran University, Rome

Professor Emeritus (2018-)

Graduate Theological Foundation,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Foundation Fellow (2016-)
The Karl Rahner Professor of Catholic
Theology (2004-)

Dissertations, Theses, and Projects

- “Under the Starry Night: A Wayfarer’s Guide through an Uncertain World.” D. Min Project, Graduate Theological Foundation, 1999 [External Examiner: Bernard Häring, C.Ss.R.].
- “Toward a Theological Spirituality of the Religious Life.” S.T.D. dissertation, The Pontifical University of Saint Thomas, 1992.
- “Thomas Aquinas on Romans 2:14-16: A Study of His Biblical Commentary and Theological Usage.” M.M.R.Sc. thesis, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 1988.
- “The *Ysengrimus*, Allegory and Meaning: A Historical, Theological, and Literary Study.” Th.D. dissertation, Harvard University, Divinity School, 1985.

Selected Lectures and Conferences

- “Fully Alive! Living and Dying in Christ—Our Growing Band of Brothers,” Tucson Catholic Men’s Conference, Tucson, AZ, November 2, 2019.
- “The Theology of Spiritual Direction,” St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD, September 10, 2019.
- “Spiritual Direction and the Moral Life,” St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD, October 11, 2018; September 13, 2019.
- “The Contemporary Christian and Daily Life,” Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Newman Club, Troy, NY, April 5, 2017.
- “The Silent Reader: Prayer as the Source of the Moral Life,” St Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, WI, March 30, 2017.
- “St. Alphonsus de Liguori on the Priesthood,” Institute of Priestly Formation, Omaha, NB, September 25, 2016.
- “Conscience in *Amoris Laetitia*,” Priests and Pastoral Staff of the Diocese of Owensboro, KY, September 22, 2016.
- “The Challenge of *Koinonia*,” The 2016 Lord Runcie Convocation Lecture, The Graduate Theological Foundation, South Bend, IN, May, 5, 2016.
- “Honoring Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help,” Arizona Rosary Celebration, October 23-25, 2015, Tuscon/Phoenix, AZ.
- “Deadly Dispositions: The Vices that Feed Our Wounded Culture,” National Convention of the Catholic Medical Association, Philadelphia, PA, October 3, 2015.
- “The Healing Role of Friendship in Aelred of Rievaulx’s *De spiritali amicitia*,” Love One Another As I Have Love You: Welcoming and Accompanying Our Brothers and Sisters of Same-Sex Attraction,” Detroit, MI, August 10-12, 2015.
- “Moral Development and Conscience Formation,” Archdiocesan Catechetical Convocation, Archbishop Carroll High School, Radnor, PA, March 7, 2015.
- “The Holiness and Prudential Wisdom of Pope St. John XXIII,” The Edith Stein Lecture, Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA, October 8, 2014.
- “G.E.M. Anscombe and Catholic Moral Thought,” Anscombe Conference, Neumann University, Aston, PA, March 14-15, 2014.

- “The Holy Spirit and the New Law of Freedom,” Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Convention, Philadelphia, PA, September 27-29, 2013.
- “The Call of the Church: Finding Our Place in Christ’s Mystical Body,” Catholic Medical Association Boot Camp, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA, June 19, 2013, June 18, 2014, June 17, 2015.
- “The Call of Jesus: Living the Gospel in ‘3-D,’” Catholic Medical Association Boot Camp, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA, June 19, 2013, June 18, 2014, June 17, 2015.

Recent Books

For a complete list, see <https://www.gtfeducation.org/faculty-staff/Billy.cfm>

- Returning Home: A Spirituality of the Christian Journey* (En Route, 2020).
- The Meaning of the Eucharist: Voices from the Twentieth Century* (En Route, 2019).
- Jesus and the Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell* (Wipf and Stock, 2019).
- Finding Our Way to God: Spiritual Direction and the Moral Life*. (Liguori, 2018).
- Going Beyond the Wound: A Spirituality for Men* (New City, 2018).
- Jesus, the New Adam: Humanity’s Steadfast Hope* (Wipf and Stock, 2017).
- Meeting Jesus on the Road to Emmaus: An Invitation to Friendship, Eucharist and Christian Community* (Twenty-Third, 2017).
- Follow Him and Reclaim the World* (Liguori, 2016).
- Mary in 3-D: Icon of Discipleship, Doctrine, and Devotion* (New City, 2015).

Selected Articles and Book Chapters

- “Jean Vanier on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 125/5 (September/October, 2019): 289-96.
- “Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time,” 51/3 Cycle C, *Breaking the Word* (July-September, 2019): 16-18.
- “Catherine de Hueck Doherty on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 125/4 (July/August, 2019): 222-30.
- “St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori: ‘Servant of Our Lady,’” *Reality* (June, 2019): 20-23.
- “Easter Sunday,” *Breaking the Word* 51/2 Cycle C (April-June, 2019): 20-23.
- “Good Friday,” *Breaking the Word* 51/2 Cycle C (April-June, 2019): 18-19.
- “Robert Hugh Benson on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 125/3 (May/June, 2019): 155-63.
- “Henri Nouwen on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 125/2 (March/April, 2019): 87-95.
- “The First Week of Lent,” *Breaking the Word* 51/1 Cycle C (January-March, 2019): 45-47.
- “The Epiphany of the Lord,” *Breaking the Word* 51/1 Cycle C (January-March, 2019): 7-9.
- “Basil Pennington on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 125/1 (January/February, 2019): 21-30.
- “Fulton Sheen on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 124/6 (November/December, 2018): 368-76.
- “The Nativity of the Lord,” *Breaking the Word* 50/4 Cycle B & C (October-December, 2018): 65-68.
- “The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,” *Breaking the Word* 50/4 Cycle B & C (October-December, 2018): 69-73.
- “Spiritual Direction in the Redemptorist Tradition,” *Reality* (September, 2018): 24-26.
- “Mary’s Assumption into Heaven,” *Breaking the Word* 50/3 Cycle B (July-September, 2018): 35-37.
- “The Silent Reader: Prayer as the Source of the Moral Life,” *Studia moralia* 56 (2018): 103-21.
- “Frank Sheed on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 124 (no. 3, 2018): 159-66.

- “The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist,” *Breaking the Word* 50/2 Cycle B (April-June, 2018): 53-56.
- “G. E. M. Anscombe on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 124 (no. 2, 2018): 78-89.
- “Romano Guardini on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 123 (no. 6, 2017): 370-79.
- “Returning Home: Wayward Prodigals on the Road to Freedom,” *Human Development* 37 (no. 4, 2017): 16-25.
- “M. Eugene Boylan on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 123 (no. 5, 2017): 308-18.
- “St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori on the Priesthood” in *Saints and Priestly Formation*, Seminary Theology (Omaha, NB: The Institute for Priestly Formation, 2017): 1-31.
- “Dorothy Day on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 123 (no. 4, 2017): 227-36.
- “Faith, Conscience, and the Threefold Way” in *Essays in Honor of Brian V. Johnstone, C.Ss.R.*, (Eugene OR, Pickwick, 2017), 1-20.
- “Conscience in Pope Francis’ Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*,” in *Foundation Theology 2017: Essays for Professionals*, ed. John H. Morgan. (Mishawaka, IN: Graduate Theological Foundation, 2017), 17-34.
- “Josef Pieper on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 123 (no. 3, 2017): 155-64.
- “A Twofold Institute: Complementarity in Maria Celeste Crostarosa’s Religious Family,” *Spicilegium Historicum CSSR* 65 (no. 1, 2017): 139-57.
- “Josef A. Jungmann on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 123 (no. 2, 2017): 93-100.
- “Traditional Catholic Prayer,” pp. 25-35 in *Prayer in the Catholic Tradition: A Handbook of Practical Approaches*. Edited by Robert J. Wicks. Cincinnati, OH: Franciscan Media, 2016. Reviewed in *Catholic Herald* (June 23, 2017): 34.
- “Karl Adam on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 122 (no. 6, 2016): 379-88.
- “Deadly Dispositions: The Vices that Feed Our Wounded Culture,” pp. 17-31 in *Foundation Theology 2016: Essays for Professionals*. Edited by John H. Morgan. Mishawaka, IN: Graduate Theological Foundation, 2016.
- “Ronald Knox on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 112 (no. 5, 2016): 305-13.
- “The Challenge of *Koinonia*,” The 2016 Lord Runcie Convocation Lecture, The Graduate Theological Foundation, South Bend, IN, May, 5, 2016. <http://www.gtfeducation.org/images/dynamic/file/about/Runcie-Lecture-20161.pdf?1463076961742>
- “G.E.M. Anscombe and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition,” pp. 25-48 in *G.E.M. Anscombe and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*. Edited by John Mizzoni, Philip Pegan, and Geoffrey Karabin. Aston, PA: Neumann University Press, 2016.
- “Louis Bouyer on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 122 (no. 3, 2016): 158-67.
- “Invoke the Holy Spirit, Fountain of God’s Mercy,” CatholicPhilly.com (March 28, 2016).
- “The Holiness and Prudential Wisdom of Pope St. John XXIII,” *Foundation Theology 2015: Essays for Ministry Professionals*, ed. Bernard J. O’Connor (Mishawaka, IN: Graduate Theological Foundation, 2015), 13-31.
- “Mary’s Contemplative Gaze: Icon of Converging Realities,” *Spicilegium Historicum CSSR* 64 (2016): 91-102. Internet, <http://www.iconoflove.org/assets/omph-essay-en-dennis-billy--mary-s-contemplative-gaze2.pdf>
- “February 22 – Feast of the Chair of Peter,” *Redemptorist Reflections 2016: Daily Lenten Devotions* (2016): 11.
- “Karl Rahner on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 122 (no. 2, 2016): 80-89.
- “Walter Kasper on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 122 (no. 1, 2016): 14-23.

- “Teilhard de Chardin on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 121 (no. 6, 2015): 357-67.
- “Reginald Garrigou-Lagrangé on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 121 (no. 5, 2015): 289-97.
- “Yves Congar on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 121 (no. 4, 2015): 223-30.
- “Alphonsus de Liguori on Prayer,” *Reality* (May, 2015): 31-35.
- “Dom Columba Marmion on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 121 (no. 3, 2015), 157-65.
- “A Profound Form of Prayer,” *Liguorian* 103 (no. 9, 2015): 10-15.
- “Blessed are the Single-Hearted: On Doing the One Thing Necessary,” *Foundation Theology 2014* (Mishawaka, IN: Graduate Theological Foundation, 2014), 41-55.
- “Christ’s Sacrament of the Eucharist,” *Liguorian* 102 (no. 9, 2014): 14-16. Reprinted in *Hope Magazine* (Winter, 2015), <http://www.maryprayforus.org/about-us/hope/winter-2015>
- “Henri de Lubac on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 120 (no. 6, 2014): 425-33.
- “The Holy Spirit and the New Law of Freedom,” in *Freedom and the Moral Law*, Fellowship of Catholic Scholar Proceedings (36th Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA, September 27-29, 2013), 105-28.
- “Avery Dulles on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 120 (no. 5, 2014): 364-73.
- “Bernard Häring on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 120 (no. 4, 2014): 303-10.
- “Spiritual Direction as ‘Faith Seeking Understanding,’” *Seminary Journal* 19 (no. 1, 2013): 27-32.
- “Spiritual Direction and the Art of Active Listening,” *Seminary Journal* 19 (no. 1, 2013): 22-26.
- “Edward Schillebeeckx on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 120 (no. 3, 2014): 144-53.
- “Jean Daniélou on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 120 (no. 2, 2014): 73-81.
- “Forgiving from the Heart---No Strings Attached,” *Living City* 53 (no. 1, 2014): 18-19.
- “Jean Corbon on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 119 (no. 6, 2013): 519-27, 31.
- “F.X. Durrwell on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 119 (no. 5, 2013): 408-17.
- “Preaching in 3-D,” *The Priest* 69 (no. 8, 2013): 22-24.
- “Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 119 (no. 4, 2013): 324-33.
- “Dietrich von Hildebrand on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 119 (no. 3, 2013): 233-39, 245-47.
- “Benedict XVI on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 119 (no. 2, 2013): 127-35.
- “John Paul II on the Eucharist,” *Emmanuel* 119 (no. 1, 2013): 4-14.

DVDs, CDs, MP3s

Seeking Wisdom: Spiritual Direction and the Moral Life. Rockville, MD: Now You Know Media, 2018 (DVDs/CDs/MP3s).

The Good Life: A Course on Moral Theology. Rockville, MD: Now You Know Media, 2016 (DVDs/CDs/MP3s).

Prayer and the Spiritual Life. Rockville, MD: Now You Know Media, 2013 (DVDs/CDs/MP3s).