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**DATE AND PLACE OF PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION OR RELIGIOUS PROFESSION:**

Solemn Religious Profession: 9 May 1987 (into the hands of the Very Reverend Fr. Dismas Bonner, OFM)

St. Anthony of Padua Church (Provincial Curia)  
3140 Meramec Street  
St. Louis, MO 63118-4399

Priesthood Ordination: 3 June 1989 (Bishop James Lyke, OFM)  
St. Jude Church  
241 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
New Lenox, IL (Diocese of Joliet Illinois)

**CURRENT POSITION:**

Professor of Scripture, St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, MD, 2019–

**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND** (degrees received and institutions attended):

BA in Philosophy – Quincy University, Quincy, Illinois  
BA in Theology – Quincy University, Quincy, Illinois  
MDiv – Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois  
MA in Theology – Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois  
Licentiate in Sacred Scripture (SSL) – The Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome  
Doctorate in Sacred Theology (STD) – The Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome  
MEd in Higher Education Administration – Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois

**WORK/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Assistant Professor of Theology at Quincy University, Quincy, Illinois from 1995-2002  
Provincial Counselor from 1999-2002; second term 2017-2020  
Vice President for Academic Affairs, Quincy University, Quincy, Illinois from 2002-2003  
Vice President for Mission and Ministry, Quincy University, Quincy, Illinois from 2003-2004  
Visiting Professor at DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois from 2004-2005  
Member of the Board of Trustees for Catholic Theological Union from 2008-2011  
Professor and Spiritual Director at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, from 2010 to 2018

**PUBLICATIONS/PAPERS:**

“The Murder of the Prophets in Luke/Acts” a dissertation extract, The Pontifical Gregorian University, 1999

“A Hard Saying of Jesus,” *The Bible Today*, July/August, 2006

“Buried Treasure: Why Catholics Should Learn More about Scripture,” *Commonweal*, April 6, 2007

“The Passover,” *The Bible Today*, March/April, 2009

“The Significance of Resurrection in the New Testament,” *The Bible Today*, September/October, 2011

“Baptism in the New Testament,” *The Bible Today*, July/August, 2015

### **Media**

Biblicist DVD Series, Volume I, “An Introduction to the Bible; The WORD in Context,” 3, two-hour DVDs – Released November, 2007 (out of production)

Catholic Radio Interviews, “Catholic Understanding of Scripture,” 8, thirty-minute segments, Diocese of Gaylord, MI, May, 2007

“Demystifying the Book of Revelation,” 6, thirty-minute segments DVD with Study Guide, released February, 2015, published by Paraclete Press

Relevant Radio Interview, “Demystifying the Book of Revelation,” February 19, 2015

“At Table with Jesus; Do this in Remembrance of Me,” CD and DVD series of twelve, 25-minute lectures, 2016, published by *Now You Know Media*.

“The Formation of the Synoptic Gospels,” CDs, published by *Now Your Know Media*, 2018.

“*abba*” *Isn't Daddy and Other Biblical Surprises*. Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN, 2019.

Presented two lectures for the fourth time at the LA Religious Education Congress (REC) in March 2019

### **In the Works**

Book proposal submitted to Ave Maria Press, *New Testament Background for the Eucharist*, (working title). Submission of the proposal for this second book is dependent on success of the first book mentioned above.

### **LANGUAGES:**

Italian and German

Biblical Greek and Hebrew

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

(See “Work/Professional Experience” above)

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

Catholic Biblical Association  
Society of Biblical Literature

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

I frequently offer clergy retreats and ongoing education of clergy presentations as well as presentations on biblical study for parishes, including parish missions. In January of 2016 I offered the annual bishops retreat for the bishops of Region 5. I’ve guided scores of biblical study pilgrimages to the Holy Land, Greece and Turkey for parish groups, clergy and seminarians and graduate students since 2004.

**CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

I continue my research into the historical, theological, and cultural background for understanding the Eucharist in the early church.

I have a mound of research notes for an extensive article on the subject: “The Concept of ‘Glory’ in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures.” I’d like to return to this earlier research and work it into an article worthy of publication in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, or some other peer reviewed journal.