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Ordination

25 August 2001: Ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Colorado Springs.

Education

2012: JCD, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome, Italy

Thesis: “*A Study of the Understanding of the Effects of Lack of Internal Freedom on Matrimonial Consent: An Analysis of Rotal Jurisprudence and American Decisions.*”
(*Summa Cum Laude*).

2010: JCL, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome, Italy.

Thesis: “*The Right to Life of the Unborn Person*” (*Magna Cum Laude*).

1999: Master of Divinity, Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, TX.

Master of Arts in Theology, Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, TX.

1996: Master of Arts in Life-Span Developmental Psychology, California State University, San Bernardino.

Thesis: “*The Effects of Acculturation on the Moral Development of Mexican-Americans.*”

1992: B. A. in Psychology, California State University, San Bernardino.

Ministerial Experience

1 July 2017 – Present: **Pastor**, St. Benedict Catholic Church, Falcon Colorado and St. Michael Catholic Church, Calhan Colorado.

1 July 2014 – 30 June 2017: **Defender of the Bond**, Diocese of Colorado Springs

Duties: Responsible for the analyzing of cases for declaration of nullity and defending the bond.

1 January 2013 – 30 June 2017: **Vice Chancellor**.

Duties: Normal duties of a Vice Chancellor including notarization of documents.

1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017: **Chaplain**, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

1 July 2014 – 30 June 2014: **Diocesan Judge**, Diocese of Colorado Springs

Duties: Responsible for the oversight of petitions seeking a declaration of nullity through the Ordinary process as well as the Pauline and Petrine Privileges. In addition, responsibilities included the analyzing and rendering of decisions on such cases per the norms stipulated by Canon Law and *Dignitas Connubii*.

1 January 2013 – 30 June 2014: **Auditor**.

Duties: Responsible for the oversight of cases for a declaration of nullity in the ordinary process. Additional responsibilities included writing up the decisions for the cases assigned to the Judicial Vicar.

1 July 2014-1 September 2016: **Spiritual Director** for *Cursillo* in the Diocese of Colorado Springs, CO.

1 July 2015 – 1 July 2016: **Priest in Residence**, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Duties: Normal sacramental duties, including preaching, teaching, celebrating the sacraments of baptism, marriage, etc., ministering to the Hispanic population, visiting the sick.

1 July 2013 – 30 June 2015: **Priest in Residence** at St. Mary's Cathedral

Duties: Oversight of the Hispanic ministry; including the celebration of the sacraments for both communities; Preaching; visiting the sick; and teaching in the Religious Education program for Adults. In addition, teaching courses on the Sacred Scriptures and the Sacraments at the "Instituto Guadalupano."

1 July 2004 – 30 June 2007: **Parish Administrator**, Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Cheyenne Wells, Colorado and St. Augustine Catholic Church; Kit Carson Colorado.

Duties: Celebration of the Sacraments. Undertook and completed a total redesign and renovation of the interior of Sacred Heart Church.

1 July 2003 – 30 June 2004: **Parochial Vicar**, Divine Redeemer Catholic Church; Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Duties: In addition to normal sacramental duties, responsibilities included fulfilling the role of chaplain for Memorial and Penrose-St. Francis Hospitals.

25 August 2001 – 30 June 2003: **Parochial Vicar**, St. Peter Catholic Church. Monument, Colorado.

Duties: In addition to normal sacramental duties, assisted in the Religious Education program. As part of the RCIA team, was responsible for teaching classes and organizing and conducting retreats for the RCIA participants.

1 July 2000 – 30 June 2001: **Pastoral Assistant**, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Duties: Preaching, teaching Religious Education classes, RCIA facilitator.

1 July 1999 – 30 June 2000: **Pastoral Assistant**, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Duties: Preaching, teaching Religious Education classes. As a minister to the Hispanic community, started a youth group, conducted retreats of Christian initiation for adults, and identified and formed leaders for the Hispanic community.

Professional Organizations

Canon Law Society of America

Publications

2013: *"Lack of Internal Freedom on Matrimonial Consent: An Analysis of Rotal Jurisprudence and American Sentences."*

Presentations

October 20-21, 2017: Taught a seminar on: *"The Sacrament of Marriage: A canonical perspective."* Spanish-speaking diaconate candidates. Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN.

May 15-20, 2017: Taught a seminar on: *"The Task of the Pastoral Advocate According to Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus."* Training for Advocates and Tribunal Ministers in the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ.

October 21-22, 2016: Taught a seminar on: *"Introduction to Canon Law."* Spanish-speaking diaconate candidates. Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN.

May 16-20, 2016: Taught a seminar on: *"A Pastoral Approach to Mitis Iudex: When Mercy and Justice Meet."* Training for Advocates and Tribunal Ministers in the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ.

October 2015: Annual Convention of the Canon Law Society of America: Gave a presentation on: *"c. 1095, n. 2: Lack of Internal Freedom on Matrimonial Consent: An Analysis of Rotal Jurisprudence and American Decisions."*

Winter 2014: Taught a seminar on: *"The Sacrament of Marriage."* Instituto Guadalupano, Colorado Springs.

Spring 2014: Taught a seminar on: *"The Bible."* Instituto Guadalupano, Colorado Springs.

Fall 2014: Taught a seminar on: *"The Sacraments."* Instituto Guadalupano, Colorado Springs.

Spring 2003: Retreat: *"Embracing the Symbols of Our Faith."* St. Peter, RCIA group, Monument, CO.

Winter 2001: Retreat: *"Symbols of Our Faith."* St. Joseph Parish, Salida, CO.

Spring 2000: Retreat: *"Symbols of Our Faith."* St. Francis, RCIA group, Colorado Springs.

Spring 1999: Retreat: *"Sacramental Symbols."* Our Lady of Guadalupe, Colorado Springs.

Fall 1996: *"Effects of Acculturation on the Moral Development of Mexican-Americans."* Sixth Annual Research Competition. CSU, San Bernardino, CA.

Spring 1992: *"Perceived Hostility Between Genders."* First Research Conference, CSU, San Bernardino, CA.

Fall 1992: *"Moral Development and Acculturation."* Second Annual Research Competition. CSU, San Bernardino, CA.

Continuing Education:

October 2017: Annual Convention of the Canon Law Society of America, Indianapolis, IN.

October 2016: Annual Convention of the Canon Law Society of America, Houston, TX.

October 2015: Annual Convention of the Canon Law Society of America, Pittsburgh, PA.

October 2014: Annual Convention of the Canon Law Society of America, St. Louis, MO.

May 2014: Penal Law Conference, Canon Law Society of America, Florida.

Clinical Pastoral Education

2004: Samaritan Counseling and Education Center, Colorado Springs, 1 Advanced unit.

2004: Samaritan Counseling and Education Center, Colorado Springs, 2 Units.

1996: Austin State Hospital, Austin, Texas. 1 Unit.

Fields of Interest

Medical Ethics

Pastoral Counseling

Spirituality and Human Development

Teaching on different subjects such as: The Sacraments; Theological and Canonical understanding of Marriage; Grounds of Nullity; The Teaching Office of the Church.

Languages

Fluent in English, Spanish, and Italian
Proficient (able to translate) French, Latin

Awards

1993: Recipient of the Graduate Equity Fellowship. California State University, San Bernardino.