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**Member:**

*Society of St. Sulpice (Province of the United States)*

- ⊕ Candidate, January 1, 2004
- ⊕ Temporary Member, December 2, 2005
- ⊕ Definitive Member, March 13, 2008

**Ordained:**

May 30, 1989, Diocese of Bismarck, ND

**Previous  
Positions:**

Rector/President-Theological College  
The Catholic University of America  
(2011-2016)

*Économe Général* (General Treasurer), Société de Saint Sulpice (2008-2016)

Religious Assistant (Apostolic Visitor) *Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity* (ongoing)

*Assistant Professor of Canon Law*  
School of Canon Law--The Catholic University of America  
(2006-2010)

*Arbitrator/Judge* (Three judge panel)  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Division of Assets of Dioceses of Corpus Christi and Laredo, TX

Judge Administrative Penal Process  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee (Vatican appointment)

Religious Assistant  
*Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity* (Vatican appointment)

*The Canon Law Society of America*

- ⊕ President (Vice President-Past President) 2012-2015
- ⊕ Chair: Professional Responsibility Committee
- ⊕ Chair: Conflict of Interest Policy Working Group
- ⊕ Chair: Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts Working Group
- ⊕ Chair: Civil & Canon Law Committee
- ⊕ Drafter of Revised Code of Professional Responsibility
- ⊕ Publications Advisory Board since 2019

*Dean, The School of Theology*  
St. Mary's Seminary & University

*Associate Professor (Canon Law)*  
St. Mary's Seminary & University

## **Education:**

JCD (*Iuris Canonici Doctor*/Doctor of Canon Law)  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome 1999

STB (Bachelor of Sacred Theology)  
The Catholic University of America  
Washington 1989

JD (*Iuris Doctor*/civil law)  
The University of North Dakota  
Grand Forks 1979

BM (Bachelor of Music.)  
The University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor 1975

## **Professional & Church-related Positions:**

- ⊕ Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
- ⊕ St. Thomas More Society of Maryland  
Board of Trustees
- ⊕ Member, Board of Directors, Charlestown Retirement Community, Inc  
Catonsville, MD  
2020-
- ⊕ Pastor, St. Wenceslaus Church  
Superintendent, St. Wenceslaus Elementary School  
Dickinson, ND  
1999-2001
- ⊕ Advisory Board, Clinical Pastoral Education Program  
Trinity Hospital  
Minot, ND  
1992-1995
- ⊕ Board Member, Abused Women's Resource Center  
Minot, ND  
1991-1995

## **Civil Law:**

Bar Admissions:

- ⊕ All Courts-State of North Dakota
- ⊕ North Dakota Supreme Court
- ⊕ United States District Court-District of ND
- ⊕ United States Bankruptcy Court-District of ND
- ⊕ United States Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals
- ⊕ United States Supreme Court

✦ Special Assistant Attorney General, State of ND  
Pardon Board/Parole Department/Probation Department  
1979-1980

## **Publications:**

*Canon 17 CIC 1983 and the Hermeneutical Principles of Bernard Lonergan; #32 Tesi Gregoriana*

*Canon Law and Seminary Formation*  
Sulpician Journal (2002-2003)

*The Interpretation of Canon Law: A Concise History from Gratian to CIC 1983*  
*Appollinaris* (Canon Law Journal of the Lateran University, Rome) (Spring 2004)

“The Non-Sacramental Internal Forum: A Matter of Conscience,”  
*Touchstone* 22, no. 1 (January 2008)

*Diccionario General de Derecho Canónico*, s.v. “Declarative Interpretation;” “Extensive Interpretation;” “Restrictive Interpretation;” “Strict Interpretation, University of Navarre, Pamplona (2008)

“Free Exercise and the Incarnational Nature of the Catholic Faith,”  
Festschrift in Honor of Jack Lynch, *The Jurist* 68:1 (2008) 223-251.

“Canon Law: Faith or Reason?” in *Between Text and Context : Hermeneutics and Scriptural Politics in Religion and Human Rights*, published in Proceedings of 2006 Conference on Hermeneutics, Utrecht.

“Prescription & Statutes of Limitation,” *CLSA Proceedings of the Seventieth Annual Convention*, (Washington: CLSA, 2008) 383-451.

“Due Process in American Civil Law and The Right of Defense in Canon Law,” *CLSA Proceedings of the Seventieth Annual Convention*, (Washington: CLSA, 2008) 355-382.

“Canon 1692 (Legal Separation): A Pastoral Option,” *Studies in Church Law IV* (Bangalore, India: St. Peter’s Institute, 2008) 215-252.

“The Juridic Structure of Catholic Schools in Canon and Civil Law,” Proceedings of the National Catholic Education Association SPICE Conference (2008).

“The 1983 Code and Vatican II Ecclesiology: The Principle of Subsidiarity in Book V,” *The Jurist* 69:2 (2009) 583-614.

“Defining a juridic person: A cautionary note from a canon lawyer.”  
Short article in NCEA Notes, March 2009.

“Board Structures and Canon Law,” in *Design for Success II: Configuring New Governance Models*, NCEA 2009.

“Confidential Communications and the Law,” *Proceedings of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Canon Law Society of America* (2010)

“The Perils of Bankruptcy: Rights and Obligations Regarding Clergy Support,” *Studia Canonica* 45:1 (2011) 27-66.

*Rotal Jurisrudence: Selected Translations*, (contributor; Washington: CLSA, 2011) 191-212; 227-246.

“Lex Iurandi Lex Credendi,” *Bulletin Saint Sulpice*, 2012/01.

“Canonist Client Confidentiality,” (with Sr. Lynn McKenzie) CLSA  
*Proceedings of the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention* (2013).

“Grocholewski for the Defense,” in *Quod iustum est et aequum: scritti in onore del Cardinale Zenone Grocholewski per il cinquantesimo di sacerdozio*, ed. Marek Jędraszewski, Jan Zbigniew Słowiński, Archdiocese of Poznan (2013).

“Diocesan Institutes and Societies of Apostolic Life: Formation of Members for Holy Orders” *The Jurist* 73:2 (2013) 463-492.

“The Right of Defense and Due Process: Fulcrum of Justice-Heart of the Law,” Projected publication date: *Studia Canonica*, spring 2016.

“Prescription and the Usefulness of Time” Festschrift in Honor of Msgr. Thomas Green  
Publication pending: *The Jurist*

“Who Owns the Church”  
Festschrift in Honor of Thomas Green  
The Catholic University of America (publication pending)

## **Professional Memberships & Activities**

- ✦ Canon Law Society of America
- ✦ ND State Bar Association (member since 1979)
- ✦ United States Supreme Court Historical Society
- ✦ *Phi Alpha Delta International*  
Law Fraternity (1976-1981; alumnus thereafter):  
Justice (Presiding Officer)  
Guy Corliss Chapter  
1977-1979  
President Ross Tisdale Alumni Chapter (1979-81)  
Associate International Justice
  
- ✦ Baltimore St. Thomas More Society
  
- ✦ Knights of Columbus