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### EDUCATION

<b>St. Mary's Seminary and University</b> STL in Systematic Theology	Baltimore, MD 2021
<b>The Catholic University of America</b> PhD in Moral Theology / Ethics Minor in Philosophy	Washington, DC 2019
<b>St. Joseph's Seminary Institute of Religious Studies</b> MA in Religious Studies Concentration in Sacred Scripture	Yonkers, NY 2013
<b>Concordia University</b> BSc in Biology Graduated with Distinction	Montréal, QC 2010

### WORK EXPERIENCE

<b>St. Mary's Seminary and University</b> Academic Dean and Praeses Associate Professor of Moral Theology Chair of Moral & Spiritual Theology Department Assistant Professor of Moral Theology	Baltimore, MD 2022 – present 2022 – present 2019 – present 2019 – 2022
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Courses: Foundations of Moral Theology, Social Ethics,  
Ethics of St. Thomas Aquinas, Theological Anthropology,  
Medical Ethics, Philosophical Ethics, Metaphysics for  
Theology, Latin I, II, & III

<b>Archdiocese of Baltimore</b> Baltimore, MD Coordinator of Intellectual Formation for Permanent Deacon Formation Program	2023 – present
<b>USCCB Institute on the Catechism</b> Catechetical Consultant	2024 – Present

### PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### Dissertation

“A Thomistic Account of the Habituation of the Passions,” 2019. Director: John S. Grabowski, PhD.

#### Contributions to Academic Journals and Edited Volumes

Megan Levis, Matthew Dugandzic, and Walter Schrierier, “Organoids are Multi-Cellular Engineered Living Systems: What is the Path Forward for Their Use in the Laboratory and Beyond?” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* (forthcoming).

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“Moral Conversion and the Passions in Aquinas.” In *Moral Conversion in Scripture, Self, and Society*, edited by Krijn Pansters and Anton ten Klooster, 139-56. De Gruyter, 2024.

“Reason, Passion, and Metaphysics in Bonaventure: A Response to Hylomorphic Enthusiasm.” *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, 22.1 (2024): 95-106.

“The *Passio Corporalis* and the *Passio Animalis* in Aquinas.” *European Journal for the Study of Thomas Aquinas* 38 (2020): 1-14.

“Contenance, Character, and the Morality of Masturbation.” In *Venus and Virtue*. Edited by Jerry L. Walls, Jeremy S. Neill, and David Baggett. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2018.

“The First Movements of the Sensitive Appetite: Aquinas in Context.” *New Blackfriars* 99 (2018): 638-52.

“Human Nature and the Therapy-Enhancement Distinction.” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 17.2 (2017): 193-4.

### Book Translation

Christophe J. Kruijen. *Can We Hope for Universal Salvation?* Translated by Matthew Dugandzic. Steubenville, OH: Emmaus Academic. (Forthcoming.)

### Book Reviews

Review of Dominic M. Prümmer, O.P., *Handbook of Moral Theology: Centenary Edition*, in *Antiphon* 27, n. 2 (2023): 273-76.

Review of David Fagerberg’s *Liturgical Dogmatics: How Catholic Beliefs Flow from Liturgical Prayer* in *Antiphon* 26, no. 1 (2022): 90-92.

Review of Steven J. Jensen’s *Sin: A Thomistic Psychology* in *European Journal for the Study of Thomas Aquinas* 37 (2019).

Review of *Suffering and Bioethics*. Ed. Ronald M. Green and Nathan J. Palpant in *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 16, no. 4 (2016).

Review of Michael S. Shermer’s *The Moral Arc: How Science and Reason Lead Humanity toward Truth, Justice, and Freedom* in *First Things* 249, (April 2015).

Review of Al Kresta’s *Dangers to the Faith: Recognizing Catholicism’s 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Opponents* in *First Things* 239, (January 2014).

### Popular Publications

“Veritatis Splendor’: A Guidebook to Living a Moral Life,” *Our Sunday Visitor*, vol. 112, no. 14 (August 6-12, 2023): 8.

“Why Fast?” *Our Sunday Visitor*, vol. 111, no. 47 (March 5-11, 2023): 9-12.

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**Electronic Publications**

Writing has appeared on:

www.osv.com  
www.focusquip.org  
www.thomistica.net  
www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives  
www.farefwd.com  
www.ethikapolitika.org

**Academic Presentations**

“On Light Matter in the Sin of Lying.” Catholic Theological Society of America. Baltimore, MD. June 15, 2024.

“Aquinas on Usury.” Thomistic Institute Lecture. The Catholic University of America. April 15, 2024.

“On the Origins of Evil.” Thomistic Institute Lecture. Queen’s University. March 18, 2024.

“Fasting and the Spiritual Life.” Thomistic Institute Lecture. Baylor University. February 15, 2024.

“Fasting and the Spiritual Life.” Thomistic Institute Lecture. Baylor University. February 15, 2024.

“A Thomistic Account of the Ethics of Assisted Reproductive Technologies.” Thomistic Institute Lecture. North Carolina State University. October 26, 2023.

“The Case for Free Will.” Thomistic Institute Lecture. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. April 19, 2023.

“What Constitutes Grave Matter?” Catholic Moral Theology in the Seminary. Mundelein Seminary. April 14, 2023.

“Treatise on the Passions.” Summa Reading Group for the Thomistic Institute. Eight Zoom sessions in March, 2023.

“The Ethics of Reproductive Technologies.” Lecture for the Thomistic Institute chapter at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Baltimore, MD. February 22, 2023.

“The Theory and Praxis of Moral Theology: Casuistry and Its Rejection in Context.” American Catholic Philosophical Association. New Orleans, LA. November 19, 2022.

“Aquinas on the Existence of God: A Deep Dive into the First Way.” Lecture for the Thomistic Institute Chapter at Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. October 3, 2022.

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“Moral Conversion and the Passions in Aquinas.” Agents of Change: Moral Conversion and Social Transformation. International Virtual Conference in Utrecht, The Netherlands. July 1, 2022.

“Man as Knowing Animal” and “Man as Believing Animal.” Two talks given at an intellectual retreat at the Dominican House of Studies. Washington, DC. April 8-10, 2022.

“The Necessity of Love in Aquinas’s Understanding of the Passions.” American Catholic Philosophical Association. St. Louis, MO. November 14, 2021.

“The Thomistic Understanding of the Soul.” Lecture for the Thomistic Institute chapter at Rutgers University. New Brunswick, NJ. October 14, 2021.

“Aquinas on the Morality of the Passions.” Lecture series for the clergy of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. Great Falls, MT. September 22-23, 2021.

“Usury and the Student Loan Crisis: Insights from Aquinas.” Catholic Theological Society of America. Virtual format, 2021.

“Aquinas and Bonaventure on Metaphysics and Passion: A Response to Marie-Dominique Chenu.” Pinckaers Symposium. University of Notre Dame, 2018.

“Revering Religious Objects: Aquinas and Neuroscience in Conversation.” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference. Villanova University, 2016.

“Aquinas’ Account of Original Sin in Light of Modern Biology.” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference. Villanova University, 2014.

### **Conferences and Panels Organized**

Conference Co-Chair of Sacra Doctrina Project annual conference, “All Things That Were Made: On Creation, Creatures, and Their Creator.” The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas. St. Paul, MN. June 6-8, 2024.

Conference Co-Chair of Sacra Doctrina Project annual conference, “The Primacy of God in a Secular Age: On the Theological Virtue of Faith.” St. Mary’s Seminary & University. Baltimore, MD. June 8-10, 2023.

Panel Chair, “The Cause of Causes: On Divine Causality” at American Catholic Philosophical Association annual conference. New Orleans, LA. November 18, 2022.

Conference Co-Chair of Sacra Doctrina Project annual conference, “Grace and Sanctification.” Thomas Aquinas College. Northfield, MA. June 23-25, 2022.

Panel Organizer for Panel on “Love and the Good in Aquinas” at American Catholic Philosophical Association annual conference. St. Louis, MO. November 19, 2021.

### **Presentations for General Audiences**

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“Social and Sexual Ethics.” Lecture for RCIA students at Sts. Philip and James Church. Baltimore, MD. February 4, 2024.

“The Virtues, Cardinal and Theological.” Lecture for RCIA students at Sts. Philip and James Church. Baltimore, MD. January 28, 2024.

Guest panelist on “The Art of Controversy with Gloria Purvis: The LGBTQ Community and the Church.” The Sheen Center for Thought and Culture. New York, NY. June 15, 2023.

“On the Nature of Marriage.” Presentation for the Newman Center at Johns Hopkins University. Given with Audra Dugandzic. Baltimore, MD. March 1, 2023.

“On the Fourth Commandment through the Tenth.” Lecture series for the RCIA students at Sts. Philip and James Church. Baltimore, MD. January and February, 2023.

“Does God Exist?” [YouTube interview](#) with Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P., for the Thomistic Institute. November 17, 2022.

“The Imago Dei, the Will, and Freedom.” Video recording for the employees of the Diocese of Phoenix. September 15, 2022.

“Contra Contraception.” Presentation for FOCUS student campus leaders. Newry, ME. July 24, 2022.

“The Saints of Baltimore.” Lecture for Best Year’s Society at Sacred Heart Parish. Reisterstown, MD. March 2, 2022.

“Contra Contraception.” Presentation for FOCUS missionaries. Delivered via Zoom. June 9, 2021.

“Vatican II: Rupture or Continuity?” Lecture series for Mount Calvary Catholic Church. Baltimore, MD. January and February, 2021. Given with Audra Dugandzic.

“The Fullness of Life: Witnessing to the Sanctity of Human Life in the Modern Age.” Moderator of livestreamed panel discussion at St. Mary’s Seminary and University. Baltimore, MD. January 29, 2021.

“The Omnipresence of God.” Mini Course for RCIA Instructors at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church. Falls Church, VA. December 2, 2017.

“Who is Jesus? The Christological Councils: A Tale of Discovery.” Mini Course for RCIA Instructors at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA. December 2, 2017.

“The Cardinal Virtues.” Presentation for Students in RCIA at The Catholic University of America. Washington, DC. February 26, 2017.

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**AWARDS, HONORS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Nagot Grant from St. Mary's Seminary & University for help with research project (\$2,500), 2023.

The Catholic and Dominican Institute, scholarship for summer philosophy workshop, 2017.

Virtue, Happiness, & the Meaning of Life, scholarship for summer seminar, 2016.

Summer Institute of Catholic Thought, scholarship for summer seminar, 2016.

The Catholic and Dominican Institute, scholarship for summer philosophy workshop, 2016.

The Catholic and Dominican Institute, scholarship for summer philosophy workshop, 2015.

Virgil Chrisafulli Memorial Scholarship, scholarship for intensive Latin course (\$4,600), 2014.

**MEMBERSHIPS IN ACADEMIC SOCIETIES**

Academy of Catholic Theology  
American Catholic Philosophical Association  
Catholic Theological Society of America  
Sacra Doctrina Project  
Society for Catholic Liturgy

**THESIS DIRECTED**

Fr. Jude Sango, STL. "The Assault on Medical Ethics as Manifestations of Ratzinger's Dictatorship of Relativism: The Case of Sex Reassignment Surgery in Transgenderism." St. Mary's Seminary & University, 2023.

**LANGUAGES**

English – Native.  
French – Fluent.  
Spanish – Reading/Conversational.  
Latin – Reading.