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Academic Preparation

Ph.D.	Theology (Liturgical Studies), University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana	1988
	Dissertation: <i>The Liturgical Lex, A Preliminary Theological Statement Utilizing the Thought of Gregory Bateson.</i> Director: Dr. Mark Searle	
M.A.	Liturgical Studies , University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana	1985
M.A.	Systematic Theology , St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota	1980
M.A.	American Studies , University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota	1977
M.A.	Education , College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota	1970
B.A.	Philosophy , The Saint Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota	1968

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor of Sacramental Theology and Liturgy,

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, 1981 – present.

Regular courses: Eucharist

Christian Marriage

Liturgical Theology

Christian Theology of God

Introduction to Sacraments and Worship

Visiting Professor, St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota,

Summers of 1989, 1992 and 2002; Fall semester 1997.

Courses taught: Rites for the Sick

Liturgical Year

Liturgical Theology

Rites of Marriage

Academic Appointments Cont.

Visiting Instructor, The College of Saint Catherine, St. Paul, Minnesota,
Summers 1985 – 1991.

Courses taught: Marriage
Christology

Administrative Appointments

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity

Chair, Chapel Renovation Committee – 1988 – Present

The renovation received the IFRAA International Design Award in 1991 and the MSAIA Honor Award in 1990.

Acting Director of Worship

Fall semester of 2000 and 1999, and from September, 1991 through January, 1993.

Publications

Primary Readings on the Eucharist. Edited by Thomas J. Fisch (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2004).

With David G. Hunter, “Echoes of the Early Roman Nuptial Blessing: Ambrosiaster, *De peccato Adae et Evae*,” *Ecclesia Orans* 11 (1994) 225-244.

Review of Frank Senn, *The Witness of the Worshipping Community. Liturgy and the Practice of Evangelism* (New York: Paulist, 1993) in *Worship* 68 (1994) 283-4.

Review of James T. Burtchaell, *From Synagogue to Church: Public Services and Offices in the Earliest Christian Communities* (New York: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1992) in The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, “A Bibliographic Service for Alumni,” Spring, 1993.

Review of Hugh Wybrew, *The Orthodox Liturgy* (Crestwood, New York: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 1990) in *Pro Ecclesia* 2 (Winter, 1992) 121-2.

Review of Yves Congar, *Diversity and Communion* (Mystic: Twenty-Third Publications, 1985) and John Zizioulas, *Being as Communion* (New York: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 1985) in The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity “A Bibliographic Service for Alumni,” 1992.

Liturgy and Tradition. Theological Reflections of Alexander Schmemmann. Edited by Thomas J. Fisch (Crestwood, New York: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 1990).

“Schmemmann’s Theological Contribution to the Liturgical Renewal of the Churches,” introduction to the above work.

Review of Luis Alonso-Schoekel, *Celebrating the Eucharist, Biblical Meditations* (New York: Crossroads, 1989) in *Worship* 64 (March, 1990) 179-80.

Conference Papers

“The Historical and Developmental Location of the Eucharistic Prayer in the *Apostolic Tradition*.” North American Academy of Liturgy, Problems in the Early History of the Liturgy Study Group. St. Louis, Jan. 4-7, 2001.

“The Roman Canon. An Analysis of the Seventh Chapter of Mazza, *The Origins of the Eucharistic Prayer*” North American Academy of Liturgy, Problems in the Early History of the Liturgy Study Group. Chicago, Jan. 4-7, 1997.

Selected Presentations

10/30/00 “Liturgical Renewal before Vatican II: Father William Busch” presented with Busch’s Protégé: Fr. Thomas Conroy. The Face of the People of God series [History of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis]. University of St. Thomas.

10/23/00 “The Theological Significance of the Invariable and Canonical Elements of the Christian Liturgy.” Ireland Library Lecture, The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity.

11/11/98 “Sacred Place and Eschatology in Early Christianity.” To a group of scholars from various universities in Jerusalem. At Dr. William Broughton’s residence, University of the Holy Land, Jerusalem, Israel.

9/27/94 “The Historical Development and Classical Commentaries of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy.” Adult education course, six evenings. The Apostles to America Institute; through
11/15/94 St. Mary’s Greek Orthodox Church, Minneapolis. Sponsored by the Minnesota Eastern Orthodox Clergy Association.

Presentations in parishes a number of times annually. Topics include: Eucharist, Marriage, and The Catholic Church.

Professional Societies

The North American Academy of Liturgy

Societas Liturgica