

**REVEREND ANDREW H. COZZENS, S.T.D.**

**EDUCATION:**

- 2008 Doctorate in Sacred Theology, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome. *Summa Cum Laude.*  
*Dissertation: Imago Vivens Iesu Christi Sponsi Ecclesiae: The Priest as a Living Image of Jesus Christ the Bridegroom of the Church through the Evangelical Counsels.*
- 2002 License in Sacred Theology, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome. *Magna Cum Laude.*  
*Thesis: "The Nature and Mission of the Priest as Sacrament of Christ the Bridegroom: Living in the Covenantal Relationship of Christ the Bridegroom with His Church the Bride."*
- 1997 Master of Arts in Theology, Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity.  
*Thesis: "The Foundations of Post Vatican II Communio Ecclesiology in the Eucharistic Ecclesiology of Henri de Lubac."*  
*Comprehensive exams passed with honors.*
- 1997 Master of Divinity, St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity.
- 1991 Bachelor of Arts in English and Philosophy, Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas.

**PRIESTLY SERVICE:**

- 2006 – Present: Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at the Saint Paul Seminary.
- Formation director at the Saint Paul Seminary.
  - Director of Liturgy at the Saint Paul Seminary.
  - Assistant Director of the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.
  - Lecturer diaconate formation program.
  - Weekend assistant Cathedral of St. Paul/St. Vincent de Paul.
- 2002-2006: Assigned to full-time license and doctoral studies in Rome at the Casa Santa Maria.
- 2000-2002: Parochial Vicar, Faribault Catholic Community (2,800 Households).
- Directory of Hispanic Ministry-Bi-lingual ministry including saying mass, preaching, hearing confessions, adult faith formation, marriage preparation and all other priestly duties completely in Spanish. Supervise Hispanic ministry staff
  - Director of marriage preparation.
  - Director of stewardship.
  - Director and primary catechist for adult faith formation.
  - Supervisor of youth ministry and youth faith formation staff.
- 1997-2000: Parochial Vicar, The Cathedral of St. Paul (1,400 Households).
- Director of Marriage preparation.
  - Director of child and youth faith formation and sacramental preparation.

- Teacher and catechist for adult faith formation, RCIA and young adult ministry.

1992-1993: Co-director of Campus Outreach, St Paul's Outreach.

1991-1992: Team Leader, National Evangelization Teams.

Other activities and interests:

- Companions of Christ: Member of a fraternity of diocesan priests dedicated to pursuing priestly holiness through communal life and the evangelical counsels. See: [www.companionsofchrist.org](http://www.companionsofchrist.org)
- Safe Place for Newborns: Co-founded national organization designed to save newborn babies in danger of abandonment. Assist with development and implementation of programs as well as press spokesman for this life-saving project. Helped to write and lobbied to pass a new state law in Minnesota to provide hospital safe havens for newborns in danger of abandonment. See: [www.safeplacefornewborns.com](http://www.safeplacefornewborns.com).
- Youth Speaker: From 2000-2007 annual speaker at the Steubenville North Youth Conference. Regular appearances at the NET Ministries monthly Lifeline youth Mass.

#### *HISTORY:*

I am the youngest of three children. I grew up in Denver Colorado where my two parents still live. I graduated from a large public High School and then attended Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. I was very influenced by the Benedictines and had three close friends who joined the Monastery. I grew up in a strong Catholic family, but experienced a deepening of my faith through the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church in my college years. In pursuing my own vocational discernment I decided to spend a year doing missionary work by traveling with the National Evangelization Teams (NET) and through NET I became acquainted with the Companions of Christ. I then joined the Companions of Christ and spent a year doing formation in the Companions of Christ and working for Saint Paul's Outreach to discern staying in the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis long term. After this year, I applied for and was accepted as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis. After four years, I was ordained and assigned to the Cathedral of St. Paul. After three years, I was transferred to the Catholic Community of Faribault. I spent one month studying Spanish intensively to be able to do ministry and outreach to the growing Spanish community. In Faribault I assisted with the process of bringing the two parishes of Faribault together as one. Then in 2002 I was asked to begin studies in Rome for a doctorate in theology. I lived in Rome at the Casa Santa Maria from 2002-2006 finishing the License in Sacred Theology and completing most of the doctorate. I then returned the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in the summer of 2006 and began teaching full-time, while also finishing the last chapter of my doctoral dissertation. I finished writing the dissertation in 2007 and defended it successfully on January 15, 2008.