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**Academic Background**

- 2010 S.T.D. (Doctor of Sacred Theology) in Liturgical Studies  
The Catholic University of America  
Washington, D.C.
- 2008 S.T.L. (Licentiate in Sacred Theology) in Liturgical Studies  
The Catholic University of America  
Washington, D.C.
- 2004 S.T.B. (Bachelor of Sacred Theology), *summa cum laude*  
Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas  
at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, New York
- 2004 Master of Arts (Theology), *summa cum laude*  
St. Joseph's Seminary  
Yonkers, New York
- 2004 Master of Divinity, *summa cum laude*  
St. Joseph's Seminary  
Yonkers, New York
- 1998 Bachelor of Music (Performance), *magna cum laude*  
Duquesne University  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Fellowships and Professional Internships**

- International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL), Post-Doctoral Internship. 2010.
- Boston Symphony Orchestra, Tanglewood Fellow (Clarinet). 1998.

**Positions**

- 2021-present Academic Dean  
St. Joseph's Seminary  
Yonkers, New York

- 2015-present *Censor librorum*  
Archdiocese of New York
- 2013-present Director, Office of Liturgy  
Archdiocese of New York
- 2012-present Professor of Liturgical/Sacramental Theology  
Director of Liturgical Formation  
Formation Advisor  
St. Joseph's Seminary  
Yonkers, New York  
Classes Taught: Introduction to Liturgy  
Sacramental Theology  
Liturgical Year/Environment of Worship  
Liturgical Practicum for the Diaconate  
Liturgical Practicum for the Priesthood
- 2012, Spring Adjunct Professor of Liturgy  
St. Joseph's Seminary  
Yonkers, New York  
Classes Taught: Liturgical Practicum for the Priesthood  
Liturgical Practicum for the Diaconate
- 2004-2012 Adjunct Professor of Liturgy and Sacraments  
Institute for Religious Studies, Archdiocese of New York  
Yonkers, New York  
Classes Taught: Principles of Liturgical Music  
The Sacrament of Marriage  
The Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick  
The Roman Missal  
The Liturgies of Holy Week

### **Pastoral Experience**

- 2015-present Assisting Clergy  
Parish of St. John Nepomucene/St. Frances Xavier Cabrini  
New York, New York
- 2012-2015 Assisting Clergy  
Church of St. Malachy, "The Actors' Chapel"  
New York, New York
- 2010-2012 Associate Pastor  
Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Scarsdale, New York
- 2008-2010 Assisting Clergy  
Church of the Holy Comforter/St. Cyprian

Washington, D.C.

- 2006-2008     Assisting Clergy  
                 Church of St. Patrick  
                 Washington, D.C.
- 2004-2006     Associate Pastor  
                 Church of St. Joseph  
                 Bronxville, New York
- 2004            Ordained Priest (Archdiocese of New York)  
                 May 15, 2004

### **Professional Activity and Institutional Leadership**

- St. Joseph's Seminary, Member, Academic Committee, Board of Trustees. 2021-present.
- St. Joseph's Seminary, Chair, Faculty Academic Committee. 2021-present.
- St. Cecilia Academy for Pastoral Musicians, Founder and Director. 2014-present.
- St. Joseph's Seminary, Chair, Liturgy and Sacramental Theology Department. 2012-present.
- St. Joseph's Seminary, Chair, Finance and Governance Committee for Assessment. 2015-2021.
- St. Joseph's Seminary, Faculty Consultant, Finance Committee, Board of Trustees. 2013-2021.
- Archdiocese of New York, Member, "Faith Forward" Committee on Returning to Public Worship During the COVID-19 Pandemic. 2020.
- Director of Liturgy, Visit of Pope Francis to New York City. September 24-25, 2015.  
-Solemn Vespers at St. Patrick's Cathedral  
-Multi-religious Service at the 9/11 Museum at Ground Zero  
-Mass at Madison Square Garden
- St. Joseph's Seminary, Chair, Reaccreditation Committee for Mission and Governance. 2012-2015.
- St. Joseph's Seminary, Chair, Committee to Draft Mission Statement. 2012.
- Archdiocese of New York, Roman Missal Resource Committee. 2010-2011.
- Coordinator of Music, Visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Saint Joseph's Seminary. April 19, 2008.
- Cathedral of Saint Patrick Young Singers, Member, Board of Directors. 2005-2007.
- Archdiocese of New York, Commission on Sacred Music. 2004-2010.

## Addresses Given

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC). Online Formation Series on the Liturgical Books: "The Roman Missal." November 4, 2020.

Sacred Heart Institute for the Ongoing Formation of Priests. Video Presentation: "Celebrating the Holy Week Liturgies in Time of Pandemic." <https://cor-jesu.org/celebrating-the-holy-week-liturgies-in-time-of-pandemic/>. March 30, 2020.

St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, New York. "Planning Catholic Funeral Liturgies." February 1, 2020.

NYU Catholic Center. "Unpacking the Mystery [Mystagogy] of Marriage: A Conversation with Newly-Married Couples." November 22, 2019.

Parish of Annunciation/Our Lady of Fatima, Crestwood, New York. Address to Liturgical Ministers: "The Role of Spiritual Silence in Lay Ecclesial Ministry." September 21, 2019.

St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, New York. "Unpacking the Mystery [Mystagogy] of Marriage: A Conversation with Newly-Married Couples." February 8, 2019.

Church of St. John the Evangelist, Pawling, New York. Address to Liturgical Ministers: "Ministry of Reader." February 2, 2019.

Church of St. John the Evangelist, Pawling, New York. Address to Liturgical Ministers: "Ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion." January 26, 2019.

Church of St. John Nepomucene/St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, New York City. Address to Liturgical Ministers: "Ministry of Reader." December 15, 2018.

St. Paul Outside the Walls Conference Center, Madison, New Jersey. Address to NPM Paterson Chapter: "Worship as Evangelization." October 28, 2017.

Church of St. Mary, Obenbergh, New York. Address to Parishioners: "Celebrating the Sacred Triduum." April 5, 2017.

St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, New York. Address of Office of Liturgy: "The Good Friday Liturgy." March 24, 2017.

Church of St. Rita, Staten Island. Address to Parishioners: "Celebrating the Sacred Triduum." March 10, 2017.

St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, New York. Address of Office of Liturgy: "The Liturgies of Advent." November 30, 2016.

Fordham University, Bronx, New York. Address to Archdiocesan RCIA Forum: "The Scrutiny Liturgies: History and Liturgical Theology." November 12, 2016.

Maryknoll Seminary, Ossining, New York. Address to Permanent Deacons: "The Revised Rite of Marriage." November 4, 2016.

St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, New York. Address of Office of Liturgy: "The Revised Rite of Marriage." June 8 and 9, 2016.

Church of St. Benedict, Bronx, New York. Address to Parishioners: "Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer." May 24, 2016.

Church of Our Lady of Victory. Address to Liturgical Ministers: "Serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Bringing Communion to the Sick." April 16, 2016.

St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, New York. Address of Office of Liturgy: "Preparing for the Easter Vigil: An Historical, Theological, and Pastoral Overview." March 4, 2016.

St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, New York. Address of Office of Liturgy: "The Revised Rite of Confirmation." February 5, 2016.

Church of St. John Nepomucene/St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. Address to Liturgical Ministers: "Ministries of Reader and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion." January 30, 2016.

Church of St. Benedict, Bronx, New York. Address to Parishioners: "History and Theology of the Mass." November 17, 2015.

St. Joseph's Seminary. Presentation to Permanent Deacons: "Renewing Diaconal Ministry Within the Liturgy." October 24, 2015.

Archdiocese of New York Catechetical Forum at Cardinal Spellman High School. Presentation to Catechists: "Commonly-asked Liturgical Questions." October 3, 2015.

Church of Corpus Christi, Manhattan, New York. Address to Parishioners: "Eucharistic Prayers I and IV: A Theological Reflection." March 7, 2015.

St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, New York. Address of Office of Liturgy: "Preparing for the Scrutinies: An Historical, Theological, and Pastoral Overview." March 6, 2015.

"The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: A Liturgical Narrative." Training video produced for the Archdiocese of New York. June, 2014.

Church of Corpus Christi, Manhattan, New York. Address to Parishioners: "Eucharistic Prayers II and III: A Theological Reflection." March 29, 2014.

Church of St. Joseph, Yonkers, New York. Address to Parishioners: "The Roman Rite and the Latin Language: An Historical and Pastoral Introduction." February 23, 2014.

Convention for Pastors of the Archdiocese of New York. Address to Pastors: "The Diocesan Liturgical Commission: From Rubrical Watchdog to Promoter of the Liturgical Apostolate." October 24, 2013.

Archdiocese of New York, Yonkers. Address to Campus Ministers: "The Liturgy as Inspiration for Personal Prayer." May 1, 2013.

Syro-Malankara Exarchate, Stony Point, New York. Address to Youth Ministers: "The Syro-Malankara Rite as a Tool for the New Evangelization." February 16, 2013.

St. Joseph's Seminary, Address to Seminarians: "The Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite: Historical, Theological, and Spiritual Considerations." November 15, 2012.

Church of St. Patrick, Yorktown Heights, New York. Address to Liturgical Ministers: "The Liturgy as a School of Prayer: A Reflection on Pope Benedict XVI's Recent Angelus Addresses." October 27, 2012.

Fordham University. Respondent: "Letting Us Pray: A Symposium on Language in Liturgy." April 11, 2012.

Church of St. Martin de Porres, Poughkeepsie, New York. Address to Parishioners: "The Revised Roman Missal." November 9, 2011.

Church of St. Thomas More, Manhattan. Address to Parishioners: "The Revised Roman Missal." October 24, 2011.

Church of the Sacred Heart, Monroe, New York. Address to Deanery: "The Revised Roman Missal." October 5, 2011.

Church of St. Joachim, Beacon, New York. Address to Teachers: "The Revised Roman Missal." October 3, 2011.

Church of St. Malachy, Manhattan. Address to Parishioners: "The Revised Roman Missal." October 1, 2011.

Church of St. Mary, Washingtonville, New York. Address to Parishioners: "The Revised Roman Missal." June 27, 2011.

Church of the Sacred Heart, Dobbs Ferry, New York. Address to Central Westchester Lay Vicariate Council: "The Revised Roman Missal." April 12, 2011.

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Port Jervis, New York. Address to Parishioners: "The Revised Roman Missal." April 9, 2011.

Church of St. Rita, Staten Island. Address to Parishioners: "The Revised Roman Missal." April 1, 2011.

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Address to Parishioners: "The Revised Roman Missal." March 22, 2011.

Archdiocese of New York Ladies of Charity Bruncheon. "The Revised Roman Missal." March 15, 2011.

### **Conferences Attended**

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions National Meeting, Online, October 1, 2020.

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions National Meeting, Chicago, Illinois. October 9-11, 2019.

Society for Catholic Liturgy, Providence, Rhode Island. September 26-28, 2019.

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions National Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. October 2-5, 2018.

Society for Catholic Liturgy, Miami, Florida. September 27-29, 2018.

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions National Meeting, Bloomington, Minneapolis. October 3-5, 2017.

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions National Meeting, Dallas, Texas. October 7-9, 2015.

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions National Meeting, Lombard, Illinois. October 1-3, 2014.

Notre Dame Center for Liturgy. Symposium: "Liturgy as Healing." June 16-19, 2014.

Midwest Association of Theological Schools, Chicago. "Liturgy and the New Evangelization." October 3-5, 2013.

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome. "*Sacra Liturgia: Culmens et Fons Vitae et Missionis Ecclesiae.*" June 25-28, 2013.

### **Scholarly, Peer-Reviewed Publications**

"Thematic Observations on Lazarus Saturday in Early Hagiopolite Practice." *Questions liturgiques/ Studies in Liturgy* 100 (2020): 138-160.

"The Development of the Vigil for the Deceased in the *Order of Christian Funerals*, 1969-1989." *Ecclesia orans* 35 (2018): 275-303.

"Lasting Penitential Consequences in the Late Fifth and Early Sixth Century Gallican Church: Investigations and Current Applications." *Ephemerides liturgicae* 131 (2017): 257-273.

"The Post-Conciliar Reform of the Sign of the Cross and Imposition of Hands Over the Gifts in the Roman Canon." *Ephemerides liturgicae* 127 (2013): 283-306.

### **Other Publications**

Writer and editor. *Liturgy Update: The Quarterly Liturgical Newsletter for the Archdiocese of New York*. 2013-present.

"History and Forms of Eucharistic Adoration," in *The Magnificat Adoration Companion*. Yonkers, New York: Magnificat Publications, 2020.

"When and why do the altar servers ring a bell at Mass?" *Archways Magazine*, Fall 2019.

"Why are there three separate holy days of obligation devoted to Mary, and why is one of them on New Year's Day?" *Archways Magazine*, Winter 2018/2019.

"What is the Significance of Halloween to a Catholic?" *Archways Magazine*, Fall 2018.

"Why is May the Month of Mary?" *Archways Magazine*, Summer 2018.

Liturgical Editor. *Morning Prayer for Schools*. Yonkers, New York: Magnificat Publications, 2017.

Berg, Thomas V. "The Church's Revamped Rite of Marriage Explained: An Interview with Father Matthew Ernest." *Catholic Digest*, April 2017.

Ballou, Mary Jane. "Announcing the St. Cecilia Academy for Pastoral Musicians: An Interview with Father Matthew Ernest." *Sacred Music* 141.4 (2014): 58-61.

Liturgical Editor. *A Preachable Message: The Dynamic of Preaching Natural Family Planning*. Saint Cloud, Minnesota: BOMA Publishing, 2014.

"What is Laetare Sunday?: Featuring Fr. Matthew Ernest." *Fathers for Good*, 2011.  
[http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/big\\_four/laetare\\_sunday.html](http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/big_four/laetare_sunday.html).

"Gregorian Chant and Active Participation: One Hundred Years of Concomitant Mandates." *Dunwoodie Review*, 2005.

"*The Legend of the Grand Inquisitor*. A Vehicle for Cultural and Ecclesial Self-Appraisal." *Dunwoodie Review*, 2004.



## **Membership in Societies**

2016-present Society for Catholic Liturgy

2016-present National Association of Pastoral Musicians

2010-present Church Music Association of America

2010-present Henry Bradshaw Society for the Editing of Rare Liturgical Texts