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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2022-Present **St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry**
Vice President
- 2019-Present **St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry**
Academic Dean
- 2024-Present **St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry**
Associate Professor of Systematic Theology
- 2017-2024 **St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry**
Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology
- 2020-2021 **DeSales University**
Adjunct Professor
- 2018-2019 **St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry**
Interim Academic Dean
- 2016-2020 **Ave Maria University**
Adjunct Professor of Theology

EDUCATION

- 2013-2017 **Ave Maria University**
Ph.D., Systematic Theology
- Dissertation: "We Have Beheld His Glory, Glory as an Only-Begotten of the
Father": Mission and Personhood in Hans Urs von Balthasar
Director: Dr. Michael Maria Waldstein, Th.D.
- 2011-2013 **Pontifical John Paul II Institute (Lateran, Rome)**
Washington, DC Session
M.T.S., Sacred Theology (*magna cum laude*)
- 2006-2010 **DeSales University**
B.A., Theology (*magna cum laude*)
B.A., Philosophy (*magna cum laude*)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Christology
- Theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar
- Marriage and Sexuality (especially John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*)
- Catechesis and Evangelization
- Theology, Beauty, and the Arts

AREAS OF COMPETENCY

- Moral Theology
- 20th Century Catholic Theology
- Theology of Thomas Aquinas
- Gospel of John

COURSES TAUGHT

St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry

- The Gospel of Life: Life Issues and Contemporary Challenges (Summer 2017, Summer 2020, Summer 2024)
- Catechesis and the New Evangelization: Content, Method, and Challenges (Fall 2017, Spring 2021, Spring 2023, Spring 2025)
- Speaking the Truth in Love: Introduction to Apologetics (Spring 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2024)
- Introduction to Research (Summer 2018, Fall 2021)
- Faith, Fiction, and Film: The Drama of Belief (Summer 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2023, Fall 2025)
- Mary, Mother of God (Fall 2018, Summer 2021, Spring 2024, Spring 2026)
- Church and Ministry (Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Fall 2020)
- The Gift of Meaning: The History of the Church (Spring 2019, Spring 2025)
- Theology of the Body: Sexuality and the Sacred (Summer 2019)
- Catholic Spirituality and Culture (Summer 2019)
- Life in Christ: Action, Contemplation, Communion (Catechism Parts 3 and 4) (Fall 2019)
- Marriage and Holy Orders: Sacraments at the Service of Communion (Summer 2020)
- Political Theology, Religious Freedom, and the Second Vatican Council (Summer 2020)
- Christological Themes in the Four Women Doctors of the Church (Spring 2021)
- Catholicism and Political Imagination: Governance, the Good, and the Crisis of Liberalism (Summer 2021)
- Christology (Spring 2022, Spring 2024, Spring 2026)
- Beauty, Liturgy, Glory: Towards a Philosophical and Theological Aesthetics (Summer 2022)
- Divine Providence: The Plan of God and the Meaning of History (Spring 2023)

- The Song of Songs and Mystical Commentary (Summer 2023)
- Co-Worker in the Truth: The Legacy and Thought of Joseph Ratzinger/Benedict XVI (Summer 2023)
- Political Engagement as a Catholic: Principles, Sources, and Historical Engagements (Fall 2024)

Ave Maria University

- Sacred Scripture (Undergraduate) (Fall 2016)
- Christian Marriage: Theology of the Body (Online, Undergraduate and Graduate) (Summer 2016; Summer 2017; Summer 2018, Summer 2020)

DeSales University

- Faith and Reason (Undergraduate) (Spring 2020, Winter 2021)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books

2026 *Matthias J. Scheeben on the Mystery of Predestination and the Action of Divine Love: Magnum Mysterium* (under contract with Lexington Books).

Articles

2026 "Liturgy as the Expressive Form of Faith: Joseph Ratzinger/Benedict XVI's Integral Vision of Liturgy," *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal* 30:1, 158-182.

2025 "Theological Discourse, Analogical Language, and the Impact of the Incarnation: Hans Urs von Balthasar and Thomas Aquinas on Divine Naming," *Communio: International Catholic Review* 52:4, 689-748.

2025 "The Pastoral Conversion of Moral Theology and 'The Perspective of the Acting Person' in *Veritatis Splendor*," *Journal of Moral Theology* 14:1, 85-105.

2024 "Thomas Aquinas as Theological and Philosophical Kairos in Hans Urs von Balthasar," *Lux Veritatis: A Journal of Speculative Theology* 1:1, 61-86.

2024 "'Our Way of Thinking is Attuned to the Eucharist': The Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian and the Eucharistic Pattern of Theological Contemplation," *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 27:1 (Winter), 82-93.

2021 "'The Perspective of the Acting Person' and Moral Action: Reading *Veritatis Splendor* no. 78 with Servais Pinckaers, O.P.," *Journal of Moral Theology* 10:1, 73-101.

2017 "The 'Aspects of Christ' (Epinioiai Christou) in Origen's *Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans*," *Harvard Theological Review* 110:2, 195-216.

- 2017 “Ignatius of Antioch’s Letter to the Ephesians 19:1 and the Hidden Mysteries: A Trajectory of Interpretation from Origen to Thomas Aquinas,” *Journal of Theological Studies* 68:1, 93-120.
- 2016 “The Lesser Light is Not Dimmed: On the Significance of Thomas Aquinas’s Treatise on the Incarnation for the Relationship between Nature and Grace,” *Angelicum* 93:4, 751-783.
- 2016 “A Luminous and Splendid Truth: On the Mystery of Predestination in Matthias Scheeben,” *The Heythrop Journal* 61:2, 267-274.
- 2016 “Catholic Ecclesiology and Hans Urs von Balthasar: The Unity-in-Difference of the Marian and Petrine Principles of the Church,” *Princeton Theological Review* 19:1, 21-37.
- 2010 “Heaven Held Back: On the Reductions of Secularism and the Fulfillment Found in Trinitarian Love.” *On the Wings of Truth: The Online Journal of the Salesian Center for Faith and Culture at DeSales University*. Published on-line: <http://web1.desales.edu/assets/salesian/PDF/HP2010-Kuhner.pdf>. [Senior Thesis for the Faith and Reason Honors Program; advised by Dr. Rodney Howsare]

Book Chapters

- 2026 “The Confidence of St. Thomas: Our Crisis of Truth and the Provocative Safety of Divine Love.” In *What Would Aquinas Do? The Crises of Our Age and the 800th Anniversary of the Birth of Thomas Aquinas*. Ave Maria: Sapientia Press, 2026.
- 2019 “Catechesis at the Service of Encounter: The Christocentric Shape of Postconciliar Catechesis and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.” In *Speaking the Truth in Love: The Catechism and the New Evangelization*. Edited by Petroc Willey and Scott Sollom. Steubenville, OH: Emmaus Press, 2019.

Book Reviews

- 2026 *The Roots of Moral Evil*. Edited by Martin Cajthaml (Steubenville, OH: Hildebrand Press, 2024), forthcoming in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*.
- 2019 *Renewing the Mind: A Reader in the Philosophy of Catholic Education*. Edited by Ryan N. S. Topping (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2015), forthcoming in *Humanum Review: Issues in Family, Culture, & Science* (Issue Two).
- 2018 Lyra Pitstick: *Christ’s Descent into Hell: John Paul II, Joseph Ratzinger, and Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Theology of Holy Saturday* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2016), *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 5:1, 186-189.
- 2017 Matthew Lewis Sutton, *Heaven Opens: The Trinitarian Mysticism of Adrienne von Speyr* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2014), *Nova et Vetera* 15:2, 692-696.

- 2016 Aidan Nichols, O.P., *Figuring Out the Church: Her Marks and Her Masters* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2013), *Pro Ecclesia* 25 (Spring), 243-246.
- 2016 Spencer Cole, *Cicero and the Rise of Deification at Rome* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013), *The Heythrop Journal* 57 (January), 221.
- 2016 Michael Koortbojian, *The Divinization of Caesar and Augustus: Precedents, Consequences, Implications* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013), *The Heythrop Journal* 57 (January), 222.
- 2015 J. Budziszewski, *On the Meaning of Sex* (Wilmington, DE: ISI Books, 2014), published in *Humanum Review: Issues in Family, Culture, & Science* (Issue Three). Co-authored with Michelle Kuhner.
- 2014 *The Ethics of Organ Transplantation*, ed. Steven J. Jensen (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2011), published in *Humanum Review: Issues in Family, Culture, & Science* (Issue One). Co-authored with Michelle Kuhner.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 “The Grace of Adoptive Sonship and the Consent of the Bride: Matthias Scheeben on the Mystery of Predestination.” Conference on Matthias Scheeben’s *Handbook of Catholic Dogmatics*, University of Saint Mary of the Lake, April 10.
- 2025 “Theological Discourse, Analogical Language, and the Impact of the Incarnation: Hans Urs von Balthasar and Thomas Aquinas on Divine Naming.” *Academic Series*, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, October 24.
- 2025 “Liturgy as the Expressive Form of Faith: Joseph Ratzinger/Benedict XVI’s Integral Vision of Liturgy.” *The Spirit of the Liturgy: The Liturgical Legacy of Joseph Ratzinger/Benedict XVI*, Society for Catholic Liturgy Annual Conference. September 25-26.
- 2025 “The Love that Surpasses Knowledge: Love of God as the Source and the Shape of Theology.” *Annual Academic Convocation*, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry. August 23.
- 2025 “Was *Ressourcement* Necessary? The ‘Decomposition’ of Catholicism in the 20th Century and the Search for Authentic Renewal.” *A Dialogue Renewed: Scholasticism and the Ressourcement Movement on the Nature of Catholic Theology*, Sacra Doctrina Project Conference, June 12-14.
- 2025 “Welcome and Opening Remarks,” *A Dialogue Renewed: Scholasticism and the Ressourcement Movement on the Nature of Catholic Theology*, Sacra Doctrina Project Conference, June 12-14.
- 2025 “The Confidence of St. Thomas: Our Crisis of Truth and the Provocative Safety of Divine Love.” *What Would Aquinas Do? The Crises of Our Age & the 800th Anniversary of the Birth of Thomas Aquinas*, Ave Maria University, January 30-February 1.

- 2024 “What is Synodality? Communion, Collegiality, and the Papacy.” *Academic Series*, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, September 27.
- 2024 “The Strength and Sweetness of Omnipotence: On the Movement of the Rational Will,” *All Things That Were Made: On Creation, Creatures, and Their Creator*, Sacra Doctrina Project Conference, June 6-8.
- 2024 “‘La théologie où va-t-elle?’ The Nature of Theology as a Return to the Source.” *A Wider Ressourcement: Remembering What We Have Forgotten*, 2024 Meeting of the Academy of Catholic Theology, Dominican House of Studies, May 21.
- 2024 “Whose Ressourcement? On the Nature of Theology as a Return to the Source.” *Academic Series*, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, April 19.
- 2024 “Theological Pluralism and the Transcendent Mystery of Faith,” *The 47th Annual Meeting of the American Maritain Association: Maritain on Democracy, Promise and Peril; Commemorating the 750th Anniversary of St. Bonaventure and St. Thomas Aquinas*, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, April 11-13.
- 2024 “Are There Too Many Seminaries? On the Structures and Demands of Priestly Formation Today,” *Symposium on Transforming Culture*, Benedictine College, March 15-16. Co-Presented with Stephen J. Loughlin.
- 2023 “‘The Perspective of the Acting Person’ in *Veritatis Splendor* and the Pastoral Conversion of Moral Theology,” *Human Action and the Drama of Accompaniment: The 30th Anniversary of Veritatis Splendor*, Saint Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, September 29-October 1.
- 2023 “Communion, Synodality, and Collegiality: On the Ecclesial Dimension of Faith,” *The Primacy of God in a Secular Age: On the Theological Virtue of Faith*, Sacra Doctrina Project Conference, June 8-10.
- 2023 “‘Our Way of Thinking is Attuned to the Eucharist’: The Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian and the Eucharistic Pattern of Theological Contemplation,” *The Holiness of God and the Mystery of the Eucharist*, Co-Sponsored by The Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal and The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, February 2-4.
- 2022 “Papal Resignation as Theological Event? On Benedict XVI, the Petrine Ministry, and the Nature of Ecclesial Office,” *Catholicity as Gift and Task: The 50th Anniversary of Communio*, Saint Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, September 30-October 2.
- 2022 “Thomas Aquinas as Theological and Philosophical Kairos in Hans Urs von Balthasar,” *Grace and Sanctification: Divine Causality, Human Action, and Supernatural Glory*, Sacra Doctrina Project Conference, June 23-24.
- 2021 “The Sublimity of the Words Themselves: The Consequent Sense as Reconciler,” *Interpretation of Scripture and Ecclesial Exegesis: The Search for an Integrated Theology*, Saint Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, September 17-19.

- 2021 “Toward an Experiential Dogmatics: Recovering the Nature and Role of Experience within the Development of Doctrine,” *Development of Doctrine: Revelation, Magisterium, and Human Reason*, Sacra Doctrina Project Conference, June 11.
- 2021 “Catechesis between Conception and First Holy Communion: An Antidote to Liquid Atheism and Therapeutic Deism,” *10th Annual Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization*, Gregorian Institute at Benedictine College, March 19-21.
- 2020 “Beauty Will Save the World,” Commencement Address, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry Graduation, August 28.
- 2019 “Do this in Memory of Me: The Eucharist as the Perfection of Memory,” Roberts Wesleyan College, sponsored by the Catholic Students Group, October 6.
- 2018 “The Guardian of the Gift: On the Role of Nature in Personal Love,” *7th Annual Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization*, Gregorian Institute at Benedictine College, March 23-24.
- 2017 “Catechesis at the Service of Encounter: The Christocentricity of the Second Vatican Council and the Shape of Postconciliar Catechesis,” *Speaking the Truth in Love: Celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the Catechism*, Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University of Steubenville, October 13-15.
- 2017 “The ‘Theological Existence’ of St. Teresa of Calcutta: On the Significance of Her Life and Work for the Discipline of Theology,” *Mother Teresa and the Mystics: Toward a Renewal of Spiritual Theology*, The Aquinas Center, February 10-11.
- 2016 “A Luminous and Splendid Truth: On the Mystery of Predestination in Matthias Scheeben,” *Thomism and Predestination: A Theological Symposium*, The Aquinas Center and The Thomistic Institute, January 25-27.
- 2015 “The Joy that Burns and Consumes: Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Relationship Between Joy and Suffering in the Life of the Church,” *4th Annual Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization*, Benedictine College Institute for Missionary Activity, March 27-28.
- 2015 “Ignatius of Antioch’s Letter to the Ephesians 19:1 and the Hidden Mysteries: A Trajectory of Interpretation from Origen to Thomas Aquinas,” *Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies, Historical Theology, and History of Christianity in Late Antiquity*, Pappas Patristic Institute, March 5-7.
- 2014 “The ‘Aspects of Christ’ (Epinioiai Christou) in Origen’s *Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans*,” *Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies, Historical Theology, and History of Christianity in Late Antiquity*, Pappas Patristic Institute, March 6-8.
- 2013 “*Ex Corde Ecclesiae* and the Meaning of ‘Proper Autonomy,’” *Graduate Student Seminar, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) Annual Meeting*, February 4. Co-presented with Sara Hulse.

MASTER’S THESES DIRECTED

- 2025 Mr. Evan Collins, MATS: “Toward a Doxological Ethics”
- 2025 Mr. Daniel McAndrew-Greiner, MATS: “The Migrant Question in North Africa and Europe: Dimensions of the Catholic Church’s Response”
- 2025 Ms. Mary Ellen Goergen, MATS: “St. Peter Canisius and the Incomparable Virgin Mary: Recovering the Theological and Historical Significance of St. Peter Canisius’ Classic Contribution to Mariology – A Translation of Selections with Introduction”
- 2024 Mr. Tyler Davis, MATS: “I Was a Stranger: Christian Hospitality as a Source of Parish Renewal”
- 2019 Mrs. Jennifer Lozy-Lester, MATS: “Deification and Relics: Compenetrated Theologies”
- 2018 Mr. Paul Kohlmeier, MATS: “Joshua and Violence: Context, Consequences, and Hermeneutical Considerations.”

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 “Take Heart: The Astonishing Love of the Sacred Heart,” *St. Bernard’s Magazine* (June), vol. 66, no. 2.
- 2024 “Defending Human Rights by Voting No on Proposal 1 (New York State’s ‘Equal Rights Amendment’),” *Catholic Courier*, October 31, 2024.
- 2024 “The Paradox of Christian Citizenship: Political Engagement as a Catholic,” *St. Bernard’s Magazine* (October), vol. 66, no. 1. Co-authored with Taylor Patrick O’Neill.
- 2024 “Service Sacramentalized: Honoring Deacon Jim Cantella,” *St. Bernard’s Magazine* (April), vol. 65, no. 2.
- 2024 “Too Many Seminaries? A Concern for Subsidiarity,” *Our Sunday Visitor*, January 23. Co-authored with Stephen J. Loughlin.
- 2024 “Deafening Silence of the Word: The 40 Hours Before the Resurrection,” *St. Bernard’s Blog*, March 6.
- 2023 “Why Study Theology?” *St. Bernard’s Blog*, January 17.
- 2023 “Twenty-Three Authors: ‘My Favorite Book by Joseph Ratzinger/Pope Benedict XVI,’” *Catholic World Report*, January 6.
- 2022 “Catholicity as Gift and Task: Introducing St. Bernard’s Fall 2022 Academic Conference,” *St. Bernard’s Blog*, May 10.
- 2019 “Mastering the Master’s Degree: Which Theological Master’s Degree is Right for Me?” *St. Bernard’s Blog*, August 20.

2017 “Advent – the Season of the Secret,” *St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry Newsletter* (December), vol. 8, no. 6.

2017 “The Power of Presence,” *St. Patrick’s Parish Magazine* (Fall), 20-22.

SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2026 “Synodality and Co-Responsibility: On the Mission of the Church Today.” Parish of St. Mary, Oneonta, NY, April 21.

2026 “Augustinian Wisdom for the Art of Evangelization.” *Convocation of Deacons*, Diocese of Allentown, Macungie, PA, April 18.

2026 “Catholic Social Teaching, Leo XIII, and the Proclamation of the Gospel.” *Convocation of Deacons*, Diocese of Allentown, Macungie, PA, April 18.

2026 “Casting Fire Upon the Earth: the Radicality of the Gospel and the Mission of the Laity.” ROC Catholics Northwest, St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY, March 23.

2026 “Technology as Gift and Challenge: How to Engage Technology Thoughtfully and Prayerfully.” St. Paul’s Roman Catholic Church, Webster, NY, February 26.

2026 “Confession and Repentance: Our Misery Healed by God’s Mercy.” St. Anthony’s Church, Groton, NY, February 25.

2026 “Evangelization and Catechesis: Proclaiming the Truth of the Gospel with Joy, Humility, and Love.” The Parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy, Interlaken, NY, January 14.

2025 “The Song of Songs: The Heart of Sacred Scripture.” *Advent Retreat: Christ Jesus Our Hope*. St. Paul’s Roman Catholic Church, Webster, NY, December 13.

2025 “Streetlights, Screenlight, and Stars: Seeking What is Most Deeply Important.” *High School Summer Program 2025: Human Flourishing in a Digital Age*, Agathon Institute, July 1.

2025 “Ongoing Formation for Effective Evangelization.” *Certificate in Evangelization Symposium*, Old River Pastoral Center, Portland, OR, June 7.

2025 “Pope Leo XIV – Theological Reflections and Discussion.” St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, May 13. Co-presented with Lisa Lickona.

2025 “Casting Fire Upon the Earth: the Radicality of the Gospel and the Mission of the Laity.” St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church, Cortland, NY, May 8.

2025 “Hans Urs von Balthasar.” Five-Session Pastoral Ministry Online Course, Archdiocese of San Francisco. April 29-May 29.

- 2025 Discussant for Panel, titled: “Historical Context of Assessment and Formation at Saint Mary Seminary,” Association of Theological Schools Student Data and Resources Consultation, Pittsburgh, PA, April 3.
- 2025 “Confession and Repentance: Our Misery Healed by God’s Mercy.” Church of the Assumption, Fairport, NY, March 19.
- 2025 “From Navigating the Job Market as an Applicant and Now as a Dean, to Balancing a Love of Aquinas with a Love of von Balthasar,” Presentation to Ph.D. and MA Students in Theology at Ave Maria University, February 20.
- 2025 “Becoming Fire, Becoming Flame: Lighting Up the World through Catholic Education,” *A Night of Light*, Ave Maria University 14th Annual Chancellor’s Gala, February 19.
- 2024 “The Song of Songs: Biblical Oddity or the Heart of Scripture?” *The Hidden Meanings of Scripture* Summer Lecture Series, Peace of Christ Parish, Rochester, NY, July 22.
- 2024 *Commencement Address*, Tyburn Academy of Mary Immaculate, June 21.
- 2024 “Prepared for Theological Studies? Issues Facing Discipleship Stage (Pre-Theology) Formation: Report of a Nationwide Study Conducted by St. Bernard’s and the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.” *Rooted in Hope, Thriving in Change*, ATS/COA Biennial Meeting. June 19.
- 2024 “Working to Live or Working to Die?” *High School Summer Program 2024: Human Work, Meaning, and the Good Life*, Agathon Institute, June 18.
- 2024 *Commencement Address*, Chesterton Academy of Rochester, June 14.
- 2024 “Synodality and Co-Responsibility: On the Mission of the Church Today.” St. Anthony of Padua Church, Cortland, NY, May 8.
- 2024 “Confession and Repentance: Our Misery Healed by God’s Mercy.” St. Patrick’s Church, Owego, NY, March 21.
- 2023 “Family Life and the Eucharist.” *Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series*, St. Paul’s Roman Catholic Church, Webster, NY, December 7.
- 2023 “The Role of the Laity in the Church.” *Vatican II Lecture Series*, Peace of Christ Parish, Rochester, NY, August 14.
- 2023 “The Fire and the Faith of the Earliest Christians: Discovering the Apostolic Fathers.” *St. Peter’s Parish Study Series*, Shortsville, NY, five sessions, April-August.
- 2023 “What is ‘the Good?’” *Pre-College Summer Program: Seeking Truth & Virtue in Higher Education Today*, Agathon Institute. August 8.

- 2023 “Casting Fire Upon the Earth: the Radicality of the Gospel and the Mission of the Laity.” *Certificate in Evangelization Symposium*, Old River Pastoral Center, Portland, OR, June 24.
- 2023 “*Dignitatis Humanae*: the Second Vatican Council’s Declaration on Religious Freedom,” *Vatican II Lecture Series*, Peace of Christ Parish, Rochester, NY, June 19.
- 2023 “Confession and Repentance: Our Misery Healed by God’s Mercy.” *Lenten Mission*, St. Marianne Cope Parish, Henrietta, NY, March 9.
- 2022 “Mary and the Eucharist.” *Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series*, St. Paul’s Roman Catholic Church, Webster, NY, December 7.
- 2022 “In the Beginning: Genesis 1-3 and the Mystery of Creation.” *St. Peter’s Parish Study Series*, Shortsville, NY, December 4, 11, and 18.
- 2022 “Behold Your Mother: Seeking the Face of Mary in Scripture and Tradition. The Gospels of Luke, John, and the Marian Dogmas.” *St. Peter’s Parish Study Series*, Shortsville, NY, October 16, 23, 29, and November 13.
- 2022 “A Flame Burning in the Night: Mary’s Faith as the Heart of the Church.” Keynote address for the *Convocation of the Order of Deacons of the Diocese of Allentown*, Center Valley, PA, October 8.
- 2022 “An Irresistible Impossibility: Can Beauty Really Save the World?” *Certificate in Evangelization Symposium*, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Portland, OR, June 18.
- 2022 “True Love: Conversations on Chastity.” St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport, NY. February 6. Co-presented with Michelle Kuhner.
- 2021 “Grounded in Love: The Trinity, the Family, and the Flourishing of Human Communities.” *Abide Summer Series: Catholic Social Teaching – Lessons for the Modern Moment*. St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Portland, OR. August 25.
- 2021 “What is ‘the Good?’” *Pre-College Summer Program*, Agathon Institute. August 9.
- 2021 “Authentic Masculinity” and “Exploring Married Life.” *From Love, For Love: Discerning God’s Will. A Young Adult Discernment Retreat*. St. Hyacinth Church, Auburn, NY. May 22.
- 2021 “The Pope’s Poetry: Pope St. John Paul II’s *Roman Triptych*.” *Words with Wine*, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry. April 22.
- 2020 “Flannery O’Connor – ‘A Good Man is Hard to Find.’” *Words with Wine*, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry. May 14.
- 2020 “Masterpiece.” Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, NY, *Lifeteen Retreat for Holy Family Church*, Syracuse, NY. February 22.

- 2020 “Speaking to Your Children about Morality.” *St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church*, Spencerport, NY, February 9. Co-presented with Michelle Kuhner.
- 2020 “Christian Marriage and the Sacrament of Matrimony.” *St. Paul’s Roman Catholic Church*, Webster, NY, February 9. Co-presented with Michelle Kuhner.
- 2020 “Sexuality and the Sacred: What does the Gospel Say about Love and Sexuality?” *St. Louis Church*, Pittsford, NY, January 23.
- 2019 “Sexuality and the Sacred: What does the Gospel Say about Love and Sexuality?” *Exult Rochester* and St. Benedict Parish Men’s Group, Canandaigua, NY, November 16.
- 2019 “The Anthropology of the Gospel,” Guest Lecturer for *Catholic Bioethics: A Matter of Life and Death* (St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry), September 11.
- 2019 “End of Life Issues,” St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Clyde, NY, April 14.
- 2019 “Moral Theology and the Search for Joy,” Church of the Holy Spirit, Webster, *Confirmation Retreat for Confirmandis and Sponsors*, February 24.
- 2018 “Mary as Figure, Archetype, and Eschatological Fulfillment of the Church: Towards a Marian Ecclesiology,” Abbey of the Genesee, *Genesee Conferences*, Five Lecture Series, October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9.
- 2018 “Hold Fast Hope: Mary and the Mystery of Mercy,” The Church of St. Jerome, *Confirmation Speaker Session for Parents and Confirmandis*, October 30
- 2018 “We Remember, We Celebrate: The Eucharist as the Perfection of Memory,” Saint Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church, Ontario, *Saint Bernard’s On the Road Series: The Year of the Eucharist*, October 21
- 2018 “Teaching Religion and Theology in a Time of Increasing Disaffiliation from the Catholic Church: Challenges and Opportunities for Educators,” Diocese of Rochester Department of Catholic Schools, *Fall Conference Day*, October 5.
- 2018 “So Your Child is Making Their Confirmation. What is Confirmation Anyway?” St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Clyde, NY, September 9.
- 2018 “The Bread of Life: Foundations of a Eucharistic Spirituality,” Eight Session Series, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Auburn, NY, May 9, 16, 23, 30.
- 2018 “We Remember, We Celebrate: The Eucharist as the Perfection of Memory,” Saint Paul Catholic Church, Webster, *Saint Bernard’s On the Road Series: The Year of the Eucharist*, April 11
- 2018 “We Remember, We Celebrate: The Eucharist as the Perfection of Memory,” Saint Pius X Catholic Church, Rochester, *Saint Bernard’s On the Road Series: The Year of the Eucharist*, March 21

- 2018 “The Weight of the Mass: Young People and the (Re-)Engagement of the Liturgy,” St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Auburn, NY, *Parents, Grandparents, and Teachers Dinner Gathering and Talk*, March 14.
- 2018 “What is Confirmation?” St. John of Rochester Catholic Church, Fairport, NY, *Confirmation Retreat for Confirmandis and Parents*, March 10.
- 2018 “We Remember, We Celebrate: The Eucharist as the Perfection of Memory,” Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Painted Post, *Saint Bernard’s On the Road Series: The Year of the Eucharist*, March 6
- 2018 “Catechesis and the Catechetical Documents,” St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, *Professional Development Day for Catechetical Leaders*, February 28.
- 2018 “We Remember, We Celebrate: the Eucharist as the Perfection of Memory,” St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Diocese of Rochester, *St. Bernard’s On the Road: Year of the Eucharist Series*, February 5.
- 2018 “We Remember, We Celebrate: The Eucharist as the Perfection of Memory,” Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Mendon, *Saint Bernard’s On the Road Series: The Year of the Eucharist*, February 5
- 2018 “Encountering God in Prayer,” Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Joseph the Worker Linked Faith Communities, Diocese of Syracuse, *Confirmation Retreat*, February 3.
- 2018 “What Does it Mean to be a Faithful Catholic Man?” (keynote), The Parish of the Holy Family, Rochester, NY, *Father and Son Retreat*, January 27.
- 2018 “Moral Theology and the Search for Joy,” St. Marianne Cope Catholic Church, Henrietta, NY, *Confirmation Speaker Session for Confirmandis and Sponsors*, January 14.
- 2017 “Catholic Bioethics: A Witness to Love,” *Diocese of Rochester Diaconate Formation, Saturday Session*, December 2. Co-presented with Dr. Jean Baric-Parker and Jann Armantrout.
- 2017 “Sacred Scripture: Life, Love, and the Word of God,” St. John of Rochester Catholic Church, Fairport, NY, *Confirmation Speaker Session for Confirmandis, Sponsors, and Parents*, November 5.
- 2017 “Teachers of the Faith: Helping Our Children Become All They Were Created To Be,” St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Victor, NY, *Day of Enrichment for Parents and Children*, October 7.
- 2017 “The Paradox of Missionary Discipleship” (keynote), *Fall Days: Annual Gathering of Catechetical Leaders*, Diocese of Rochester, September 14.
- 2017 “Renewing our Minds in Christ: Reflections on the Importance of Intellectual Formation” (keynote), *St. Stephen’s Diaconal Community Association Gathering*, Diocese of Rochester, September 9.

- 2017 “Beyond Left and Right: The Appalling Strangeness of Catholic Moral Teaching,” *Theology on Tap*, Diocese of Rochester, August 7.
- 2017 “Catechesis at the Service of Encounter,” *Gathering of the Ministerium*, Diocese of Rochester, April 18.
- 2012 “‘Taking Every Thought Captive to Christ’ – On the Importance of Renewing our Minds in Christ Jesus,” *Fraternal Dinner Address*, Knights of Columbus Council #13242 at George Washington University, September 20.

HONORS, AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS

- McGivney Scholarship at the John Paul II Institute (2011-2012 and 2012-2013).
- Recipient of the “Award for Excellence in Philosophical Studies,” presented annually by the Philosophy and Theology Department of DeSales University (2010).
- Papal Medal awarded by Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli (President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications) for “best student essay” of the Heritage Essay Contest hosted by the Salesian Center for Faith and Culture at DeSales University (2009). Found on-line: “Communicating Love: Friendship in the Technological Age,” <http://www.desales.edu/assets/salesian/PDF/AnnualEssayKuhner2009.pdf>.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Member of the Editorial Board, *Communio: International Catholic Review*.
- Visiting Team Member, ATS reaccreditation process for Wycliffe College, Toronto, ON; Chair of Visiting Team, ATS reaccreditation process for St. Joseph’s Seminary and College (Dunwoodie), Yonkers, NY and Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO.
- Reviewer/Referee for *Communio*, *Journal of Moral Theology*, *Modern Theology*, *New Ressourcement*, *Heythrop Journal*, *Lux Veritatis*, and *The Thomist*.
- Visiting Team Member, NAPCIS reaccreditation process for St. John Bosco School/Chesterton Academy of Rochester, Rochester, NY.
- Managing Editor for *Thomistica.net*, a website dedicated to the academic study of Thomas Aquinas (2016-2018).
- Conference Assistant for *Thomism and Predestination: A Theological Symposium*, sponsored by *The Aquinas Center* and *The Thomistic Institute* and held at Ave Maria University, January 25-27, 2016.
- Member of the Ad Hoc Committees on *Cultivating Excellence in Student Papers and on Best Pedagogical Practices* at Ave Maria University (Fall 2016).

LANGUAGES

- Reading proficiency in German, Latin, and Greek; beginner's knowledge of Italian.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Academy of Catholic Theology
- Catholic Theological Society of America
- The Finger Lakes Guild (Chartered Guild of the Catholic Medical Association)
- Society for Catholic Liturgy

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