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### FORMAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Theology, Catholic Univ. of America, 1991, GPA 4.0.  
M.A. Theology, Catholic University of America, 1981, GPA 4.0.  
B.A. Humanities, Providence College, 1977, GPA 4.0.

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-present *Professor of Theology, the Catholic Distance University*  
2010-2012 *Adjunct Professor of Theology, the International Catholic University*  
2003-2013 *Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, Ave Maria University*  
1994-2001 *Assistant Professor of Religious and Pastoral Studies, University of Dallas.*  
Taught fundamental theology, Historical Theology, Introduction to Vatican II, Spiritual Theology, Introduction to Spirituality, Liturgy/Sacraments. As adjunct in the Theology Department, taught Western Theological Tradition and Basic Catholic Teachings (General Studies course).  
1993-4 *Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics, Loyola College, Baltimore, MD.*  
Taught Introduction to Theology, Ecclesiology, and Ethics.  
1992-93 *Adjunct Professor of Theology, Loyola College, Baltimore, MD.* Taught Introduction to Theology and Ecclesiology.  
1989-93 *Humanities Director, Lamb of God School, Baltimore.* Developed an integrated curriculum involving history, literature, and Scripture for private middle school with the objective of retrieving the western tradition of classical Christian education. Taught courses in Scripture and the development of western civilization. Administrative responsibilities included hiring, training, and supervising teachers plus directing the formation of a school board.

### PASTORAL, CATECHETICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 1988-present *Director of Crossroads Productions, Dallas, TX.* Developed a pastoral teaching ministry via TV, radio, web, and live events. Made numerous television appearances, participated in planning and execution of video and audio series, raised funds, procured counsel and endorsement from various bishops, and supervised five-person administrative staff.  
1983-88 *Associate Director, Crossroads Productions, Baltimore.* Developed a national retreat program for young adults dealing with such issues as substance abuse, sexual ethics, abortion, and spiritual life. Engaged in preaching, liturgical planning, music ministry, post-abortion counseling, and ACOA counseling as part of the presentation of this program to numerous Catholic high school and college audiences around the nation. Also preached and ministered in Crossroads programs fostering spiritual renewal for adults in numerous parishes, conferences, and prisons around the country.  
1980-83 *Director, University Christian Outreach, Loyola College, Baltimore.* Responsibilities included spiritual direction, pastoral counseling, and teaching a course on the relevance of the Jesuit spiritual ideal for college students today.  
1975-78 *Pastoral Associate, Diocese of Providence Hispanic Outreach.* After two years of weekend and summer training as a college seminarian, lived and

worked among Hispanic immigrants in an inner-city, bilingual parish. Activities included direction of Hispanic music ministry, youth work, home visitation, and advocacy on behalf of Hispanic factory workers.

## HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Bronze 2020 winner of the Telly Award for excellence in video production for Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life series.

Presenter for the World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia, Sept 2015

*40 Days, 40 Ways: A New Look at Lent* #1 Bestseller Amazon in the category of Adult Christian Education Feb 2015

*When the Church Was Young: Voices of the Early Fathers* #1 Bestseller Amazon in the category of Adult Christian Education July 2015

In the interregnum of 2004, appeared twice on Fox News Geraldo Rivera Live and once on Bill O'Reilly's radio show discussing the Legacy of Pope John Paul II

#6 New York Times Best Seller List, *Guide to the Passion*, Spring 2004

Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1996

Full Academic Fellowship, Catholic University of America, 1978-81.

Millers Analogy Test Score of 91, one of the highest in U.S. in 1978.

Valedictorian, *Summa Cum Laude*, Providence College, 1977.

## BOOKS AND VIDEO PRODUCTIONS

*Exploring the Catholic Church: An Introduction to Catholic Faith and Practice*. Servant, 2001.

*When the Church was Young: Voices of the Early Fathers*. Servant, 2014.

*Forty Days, Forty Ways: A New Look at Lent*. Servant, 2014.

*Jesus: The Way, Truth and Life*. Ascension, 2020. Book, study guide, 10-part video series

*What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith*. Ascension, 2022. Book, study guide, 10-part video series.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

### **A. Scholarly Publications**

1. **Ph.D. Dissertation.** "Henri de Lubac and the Recovery of the Traditional Hermeneutic," directed by Avery Dulles, S.J. Defended 1991.
2. **Journal Articles**
  - 1992 "Henri de Lubac and the Critique of Scientific Exegesis," essay in *Communio* 19 (Fall 1992): 364-387.
  - 1991 "Ressourcement, Aggiornamento, and the Hermeneutics of Tradition," essay in *Communio* 18 (Winter 1991): 530-555. This article helped to initiate a new series of books published by Wm. B. Eerdmans and edited by David Schindler, the editor-in-chief of the English edition of *Communio*. The title and description of the series is drawn from my essay (see appended letter from Schindler indicating this).
3. **Encyclopedia Articles**
  - 1999 "Henri de Lubac," in John H. Hayes, ed., *Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation* (Nashville, Abingdon, 1999), 2:90-91.

**B. Popular Publications**

1. Weekly Scripture column for *Our Sunday Visitor* from 2002-2005
2. Occasional writer for Catholic News Service syndicated column “Faith Alive.”
3. Articles appearing in numerous other magazines including *Envoy*, *This Rock*, *Catholic Answers*, *The Catholic Answer of OSV*, *The Catechist* and *the Tablet*.
4. Contributor to Ascension Press Blog

**C. Radio, internet and TV**

1. Host of the Early Church Fathers series, Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) 2001-present.
2. Host of Exploring the Catholic Church miniseries, EWTN.
3. Host of The Virtues: Seven Habits of Champions, miniseries on EWTN
4. Host of I Believe: the Heart of Catholic Faith, miniseries on EWTN
5. Regular guest on a variety of syndicated international Catholic radio shows including Catholic Answers Live, The Sunrise Morning Show, and The Catholic Connection with Teresa Tomeo.
6. Expert guest on EWTN’s documentary series on the Doctors of the Church
7. Director of [www.CrossroadsInitiative.com](http://www.CrossroadsInitiative.com) online library of Catholic resources, with hundreds of posted articles, biographies and introductions written by Marcellino D’Ambrosio