

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **Personalia:**

Born on Aug. 9, 1934 in Seattle, WA  
Member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) since Aug. 14, 1952  
Ordained a Roman Catholic priest on June 12, 1965 in Spokane  
Rector of the Jesuit Community at Seattle University, 1975-78  
Rector and Novice Director of Oregon Province Jesuits, 1983-85

### **Education:**

1958 B.A. (classical languages) Gonzaga University, Spokane (magna cum laude)  
1959 M.A. (philosophy) Gonzaga University (magna cum laude)  
1966 S.T.M. (dogmatic theology) Santa Clara University (summa cum laude)  
1969 S.S.L. (biblical exegesis) Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome (magna cum laude)  
1973 Ph.D. (religious studies) Marquette University, Milwaukee (magna cum laude)

### **Professional Positions Held:**

1959-62 Instructor in Greek and Latin, Bellarmine High School, Tacoma, WA  
1971-76 Director of Master's degree program in religious education (SUMORE),  
Seattle University  
1973-76 Assistant Professor of theology, Seattle University  
1976-83 Associate Professor of theology, Seattle University  
1976-78 Board of Examiners of the Jesuit Council for Theological Reflection  
1976-78 Board of Trustees, Matteo Ricci College, Seattle  
1978 Granted Tenure at Seattle University  
1978 Elected delegate to the international Jesuit Congregation of Procurators, Rome  
1978 CBA Visiting Professor at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome  
1979 Visiting Professor, Sophia University, Tokyo  
1979-81 Board of Trustees, Seattle University  
1981 Visiting Professor at the Pontifical Biblical Institute  
1984-87 Member of the American Assistancy Seminar on Jesuit Spirituality  
1985-89 Vice President of Academic Affairs, Seattle University  
1986-2000 Board of Trustees, Marquette University  
1989-94 Professor of Religious Studies & Assistant to the President for Jesuit Identity,  
Seattle University  
1990-2001 Board of Trustees, Seattle University  
1992 Acting President, Seattle University (spring quarter)  
1996-2001 Stamper Professor of Catholic Intellectual and Cultural Traditions, Seattle U.  
2001-2003 Professor of biblical theology, Seattle University  
2003-2005 Priest Administrator, Immaculate Conception Church, Arlington, WA  
2005-2016 Pastor, St. Mary Star of the Sea, Port Townsend, WA

2016--- Jesuit Assistant to the Law School Dean, Seattle University.

**Learned Societies:**

1965--- Catholic Biblical Association of America  
1972-1998 Society of Biblical Literature  
1974--- Alpha Sigma Nu honorary society  
1998-2003 College Theology Society

**Principal Scholarly Publications:** (the complete bibliography runs to over 100 entries.)

"Rahner and McKenzie on the Social Theory of Inspiration," Scripture 16 (1964), 33-44

"A Note on the Methodology of Structural Analysis in Jn 2:23-3:21," The Catholic Biblical Quarterly [CBQ] 33 (1971), 211-220

"Ways the Church Selected its Bishops," America 127 (1972), 118-121

Acquittal: A Redaction Critical Study of Luke 12:57-59. A Doctoral dissertation at University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, MI 1973 (Order #73, 27,522)

"On the 'Injustice' of the Unjust Steward (Lk 16:1-13)," CBQ 37 (1975), 216-227

"On Being Parabled," The Bible Today 87 (1976), 1010-1017

The Way to Peace: Liberation Through the Bible. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1979, and London: Gill & Macmillan, 1980; viii + 199 pp.)

Italian translation by Anita Sorsaja, La Via alla pace. La Liberazione attraverso la bibbia (Assisi: Citadella editrice, 1984), 256 pp.

Asian edition of the English original (Quezon City, P. I.: Claretian Publications, 1984)

Spanish translation by M. Gonzales Velasco, El Camino hacia la paz: Liberacion a traves de la Biblia (Nuevo Exodo 4; Madrid: Escuela Biblica, 1989), 216 pp.

"The Lukan Version of the Lord's Sermon," Biblical Theology Bulletin 11 (1981), 48-53

The translation from German of A. Haas, "The Foundations of Ignatian Mysticism in Loyola and Manresa," in CIS (Centrum Ignatianum Spiritualitatis, Rome) 13 (1982), 149-196.

"The Christian Ethics of the Lukan Sermon," in R. J. Daly, S.J. (ed.), Christian Biblical Ethics (New York: Paulist, 1984), 49-54, 179-199.

"Lost Sheep, Parable of," in D. Jeffrey (ed.), A Dictionary of Biblical Tradition in English Literature (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992), 461-62

"The Tarnished Golden Rule (Luke 6:31): the Inescapable Radicalness of Christian Ethics," Theological Studies 58 (1998), 475-485

:Children of a Compassionate God A Theological Exegesis of the Lukan Sermon on the Plain

(Luke 6:20-49). (Collegeville, MN: Michael Glazier, 2001; viii + 320 pp.)

“What Does Systematic Theology Say to New Testament Interpretation?” in C. J. Dempsey and W. Loewe (eds.), Theology and Sacred Scripture (CTS Annual volume 47; Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2002). 105-124

“What Kind of a Sign are Vultures?” Biblica 84 (2003) 401-411.

“The Root of our Justice,” Seattle Theology and Ministry Review 3 (2003) 68-76.

“Faith, Exegesis, and Theology,” Irish Theological Quarterly 69 (2004) 337-348.

“What Were the Women Afraid of? (Mark 16:8),” Journal of Theological Interpretation 6.1 (2012) 79-96

Plus over 65 scholarly book reviews in America, Biblica, Catholic Studies On-Line, The Catholic Biblical Quarterly, The Homiletic and Pastoral Review, Missiology, Theological Studies, and Worship.

### **Awards and Honors:**

1974 Grant from the Jesuit Council on Theological Reflection for a book on the biblical foundations of liberation theology

1975 Grant from the JCTR for research on prison reform in Alameda County

1978 Catholic Biblical Association visiting professorship at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome

1982 Named outstanding teacher at Seattle University

2001 Catholic Press Book Award: Third place in Scripture (Children of a Compassionate God)

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