

# CURRICULUM VITAE

**Born:** February 8, 1965, Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania

## EDUCATION

- St. Joseph's Catholic School, Jim Thorpe, PA – Graduated 1979
- Marian Catholic High School, Tamaqua, PA – Graduated 1983 as valedictorian.
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1983-1987) – B.S. Physics
- University of Wisconsin, Madison (1988-1992) – M.S. Materials Science
- St. Louis University (1994-1995) – 3 Semesters Philosophy and Theology
- Diocese of Brooklyn Summer Language Institute (1995) – Spanish
- Fordham University (1998-1999) – Theology
- Weston Jesuit School of Theology (1999-2003) – M.Div., STL in Systematic Theology

## LANGUAGES

- Fluent in Spanish
- Able to read and translate French
- Familiarity with Biblical Hebrew

## RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

- Entered the Company of Mary as a Postulant - 1993
- First Vows – March 25, 1998, Chapel of Incarnate Wisdom, Bay Shore, NY
- Final Vows – September 15, 2004, St. Mary Gate of Heaven Church, Ozone Park, NY

## ORDINATIONS

- Ordained to the Diaconate – January 25, 2006, St. Mary Gate of Heaven Church, Ozone Park, NY
- Ordained to the Presbyterate – June 10, 2006, St. Mary Gate of Heaven Church, Ozone Park, NY

## PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

- **LOURDES IN LITCHFIELD SHRINE AND RETREAT HOUSE, Litchfield, CT** (1993-1994; 1999-2003) – Responsible for receiving and praying with groups arriving on pilgrimage. Prepared adult faith formation programs on the Gospels, the liturgical year, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the spirituality of St. Louis de Montfort. Assisted with retreat ministry and prepared days of recollection for local Catholic grade schools and high schools.
- **ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH, St. Louis, MO** (1994-1996) – Catechist and pastoral assistant in an African-American parish. Responsibilities included catechesis of youth for the sacrament of Confirmation, teaching science in parish afterschool and summer education programs and coordinating monthly parish volunteer service at a local soup kitchen run by the Missionaries of Charity.
- **MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, TECH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY** (1999-2002) – Campus ministry intern. Assisted in the coordination of R.C.I.A. program. Conducted workshops for students on the bible, Catholic spirituality and the relationship between science and religious belief. Worked with students on questions of life direction, vocation and forming healthy relationships.

- **MONTFORTIAN MISSION IN CHONTALES, NICARAGUA** (2003-Present) – Assisted in the formation and training of parish ministers. Offered catechetical and retreat programs for youth of the local parishes. Sacramental ministry to remote rural areas. Regional formation and preaching program on Marian Spirituality in the tradition of St. Louis de Montfort.
- **ST. MARY GATE OF HEAVEN PARISH, Ozone Park, NY** (2004-2012) – Catechist, pastoral associate, deacon and Parochial Vicar. Responsible for adult sacramental formation in both English and Spanish. Pastoral responsibility for a very diverse Spanish speaking community with members from 15 different countries. Principal celebrant of weekly Spanish language Mass. Designed and implemented spiritual and catechetical formation programs for Spanish-speaking community. Formation of parish ministers (English and Spanish). Worked in close collaboration with parish Director of Religious Education in providing retreat, prayer and catechetical programming for children and teens of the parish CCD program and school as well as for their families. Coordinator of Teen Confirmation Program. Responsible for planning and coordinating the celebration of parish feast days and bi-lingual liturgies.
- **DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM OF THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN** (2006-Present) – Retreat Master for two to three retreats per year (Spanish and English) for ordained deacons, candidates for the diaconate and their wives. Instructor (Spanish) for classes in Mariology, The Birth of the Messiah and the Death of the Messiah.
- **INSTITUTE FOR MONTFORTIAN SPIRITUALITY, Rome** (2009) – Presented a week-long course, *Desire, Mortification and the Cross in the Spirituality of St. Louis de Montfort* to an international group priests, brothers and sisters of the three Montfortian religious congregations.

## PRESENT MINISTRY COMMITMENTS

- **PREACHER AND RETREAT MASTER** (2006-Present) – Planning and presentation of weekend, overnight and single day retreats at Montfortian retreat houses in Litchfield, CT, and Bay Shore, NY. Itinerant preaching of parish missions and days of renewal and recollection in English and Spanish. Bi-lingual retreats and missions. Youth retreats. Catechetical programs for youth and adults. This has included preaching commitments in the Dioceses of Brownsville (TX), Tyler (TX), Brooklyn (NY), Rockville Center (NY), Newark (NJ), Metuchen (NJ), Allentown, (PA), Hartford (CT) and Cincinnati (OH).
- **PROMOTION OF THE SPIRITUALITY OF ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH** (2009-Present) - Retreats, days of recollection, parish missions, classes and programs with a special emphasis on *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin* and *Preparation for Total Consecration* for parishes, deaneries, the Legion of Mary and parish groups. Production of materials and programs to aid in the understanding and the living of various aspects of Montfortian Spirituality.
- **INTERNATIONAL FORMATION IN MONTFORTIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR CLERGY AND LAITY** (2010-Present) – Formation course for Montfortian clergy in Bangalore, India. Preaching and retreat ministry for lay leaders in Mexico. Preaching and catechesis on devotion to Our Lady at several locations in the United Arab Emirates.
- **MONTFORT PUBLICATIONS** (2012-Present) – Managing Editor. Responsible for overseeing the selection and preparation of materials for publication.
- **ASSOCIATION OF MARY, QUEEN OF ALL HEARTS** (2012-Present) – National Moderator. Responsible for providing formation resources and opportunities for members.
- **SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND** (2014-Present) – Acting Director. Planning and coordination of programs of spiritual formation and renewal, emphasizing a solid and authentic devotion to the Blessed Virgin, in English and in Spanish. Formation of Shrine personnel in the Montfortian understanding of pilgrimage.

- **REAL MEN PRAY THE ROSARY** (2011-Present) – Advisory Board Member.
- **THE LEGION OF MARY** (2013-Present) – Spiritual Director to the Regina Cordium Praesidium.

## PUBLICATIONS

- **SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS** - *Physical Review Letters* and various Conference Proceedings c. 1993 – The results of my graduate research at the University of Wisconsin which focused on the growth of stable GaAs/Si superlattice structures.
- **THE APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION**
  - DVD – *Commentaries on True Devotion* (2007)
  - DVD – *Catechism of True Devotion* (2007)
  - DVD – *40 Day Preparation for Total Consecration II* (2007)
  - DVD - *Friends of the Cross* (2009)
  - DVD – *The Secret of Mary* (2009)
  - DVD – *El Secreto del Rosario* (2009)
  - DVD – *Consagración a Jesús, a través de María, con José* (2009)
  - DVD – *El Secreto de María* (2009)
- **MONTFORT PUBLICATIONS**
  - DVD – *The Stations of the Cross* (2010).
  - BOOK - *Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary* (2012).
  - DVD – *Presenting Total Consecration* (2012)
  - BOOK - *Preparación para la Consagración Total a Jesús por María* (2013).
- **VIRTUS**
  - DVD - *A Safe Environment Awareness Program for International Priests* (2010).

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

- **DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN** - Appointed by Bishop DiMarzio to Safe Environment Office Advisory Board. Served on the Board for 2 years. Assisted Safe Environment Office with the selection, presentation and implementation of safe environment programs for children and youth.
- **VIRTUS** - Received Safe Environment Training in 2004. Approved Facilitator for Safe Environment Training for the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Diocese of Rockville Center. Conducted training sessions in English and Spanish as well as training sessions for international priests serving the Diocese of Brooklyn. Consultant and presenter on video produced by VIRTUS for the training of international clergy.
- **PRAESIDIUM**- Received Safe Environment Training in 2005. Trained in presenting PRAESIDIUM Safe Boundaries workshop for teens.
- **CHILD LURES** - Assisted with the implementation of Child Lures program in Catholic grade Schools and CCD programs in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Trained teachers and Catechists in the use of the Child Lures Program. Have presented the Child Lures Program to children and parents at the parish level in both English and Spanish.

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

- Eagle Scout
- American Legion Department of Pennsylvania Boy Scout of the Year 1981
- Assistant Scoutmaster 1983-1988