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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

(2023 – present)

Ph.D., Theology, *in progress*

Major Area: Systematic Theology

Minor Area: History of Philosophy

Director: John Betz

Candidacy Exams passed with High Honors

Dissertation: “The Christian Vision of Being and the Human Person in the Mature Work of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)”

Research Visitor, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany

(June 2026 – present)

Martin Grabmann Institute, Faculty of Catholic Theology

Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD

(2017 – 2021)

M.Div., *summa cum laude*

M.A. (Theol.), *summa cum laude*, in Systematic Theology

Thesis: “‘Male and Female He Created Them’: The Genesis Creation Accounts and the Unity of John Paul II’s *Theology of the Body* with Prior Catholic Anthropology.”

Holy Apostles College & Seminary, Cromwell, CT

(2017 – 2021)

M.A., *summa cum laude*, in Philosophy

Thesis: “Nature and Method in the Work of Francis Bacon.”

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

(2012 – 2015)

B.Phil., *summa cum laude*, in Politics-Philosophy & Religious Studies

Degree jointly awarded by University Honors College and Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences

Departmental Honors in Religious Studies

Thesis: “*Cor ad Cor Loquitur*: The Philosophical Personalism of John Henry Newman.”

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

4. "Judaism, Philo, and Hegel's Theology." *Modern Theology*, Early View (2026), <https://doi.org/10.1111/moth.70102>.
3. "Aquinas on Occasional Sins of Weakness and Contemporary Psychology." *Nova et Vetera* (English Edition), 24:3 (2026): 841-872.
2. "Edith Stein's Theological Concept of Vocation as an Alternative to Heidegger's Authenticity." *The New Ressourcement* 2:3 (2025): 632-659.
1. "Personal Incommunicability and Interpersonal Communion." *Quaestiones Disputatae* 9:2 (2019): 19-30.

PUBLIC-FACING SCHOLARSHIP

3. "A Faithful Friend Is a Sturdy Shelter: Suffering, Isolation, and Friendship." *Church Life Journal* (March 2025).
2. "Two Rites and Two Shares in the One Priesthood of Christ." *Church Life Journal* (June 2023).
1. "The 25th Anniversary of *Fides et Ratio*." *The Priest* (September 2023). (Invited by editor and given compensation).

REVIEWS

7. Review of Kevin E. O'Reilly, OP, *In Persona Christi: Priestly Perfection in the Light of St. Thomas's Theology* (Sapientia Press of Ave Maria University, 2026). *The New Ressourcement*, forthcoming.
6. Review of Reinhard Hütter, *Aquinas on Transubstantiation: The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist* (Catholic University of America, 2019). *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal* 24:1 (2020).
5. Review of Owen Cummings, *John Henry Newman and His Age* (Cascade, 2019). *Journal for Newman Studies* 16:2 (Winter 2019).
4. Review of Matthias Scheeben, *Handbook on Catholic Dogmatics, 1.1. Book One: Theological Epistemology, Part One: The Objective Principles of Theological Knowledge* (Emmaus Academic, 2019). *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal* 23:2 (2019).
3. Review of Paul Shrimpton, *Conscience Before Conformity: Hans and Sophie Scholl and the White Rose Resistance in Nazi Germany* (Gracewing, 2018). *Journal for Newman Studies* 16:1 (Summer 2019).
2. Review of Emmanuel Falque, *The Wedding Feast of the Lamb: Eros, the Body, and the Eucharist* (Fordham UP, 2016). *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal* 23:1 (2019).
1. Review of Roderick Strange, *John Henry Newman: A Portrait in Letters* (Oxford, 2015). *Journal for Newman Studies* 14:1 (Spring 2017).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh, Gibsonia, PA (2021 – 2023)

Instructor, Senior Theology

Trinity, Christology, Sacraments at the Service of Communion, and Catholic Social Teaching.

The Pittsburgh Oratory Formation Program, Pittsburgh, PA (2025)

Instructor, “Holy Orders and the Contemporary Magisterium”

10 unit seminar style course with weekly writing assessments.

PRESENTATIONS

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

8. “Erich Przywara’s Influence on Edith Stein’s Christian Vision.”

Conference: Przywara International Symposium

Lake Konstanz, Switzerland (June 2026)

7. “What Can Edith Stein Teach Us About Christian Nationalism?”

Conference: College Theology Society Annual Convention

Villanova University (May 2026)

6. “The Mystical Body of Christ in the Thought of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross and Its Comparison to Recent Magisterial Teaching”

Conference: Edith Stein in Dialogue: Phenomenology, Metaphysics, Theology

The Catholic University of America (July 2025).

5. “Sins of Weakness and Contemporary Psychology.”

Conference: *Aquinas at 800*

University of Notre Dame (September 2024).

4. “The Value of Friendship in the Thought of Cardinal Newman.”

Conference: *American Catholic Historical Association Conference*

Mount St. Mary’s University (April 2018).

3. “John Henry Newman and the Foundation for Interpersonal Relationships.”

Conference: *Personalism and Its Relation to the Christian Intellectual Tradition*

Franciscan University of Steubenville (May 2018)

Winner of the Graduate Student Essay Contest.

2. “Is Faith Reasonable?”

Special Invited Lecture delivered to Members of the Board of Visitors of the University Honors College and Summer Brackenridge Fellows

University of Pittsburgh (July 2015).

1. “Newman & The Personalists.”
Summer Brackenridge Program, University Honors College
University of Pittsburgh (June 2015).

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

14. “A Good Time with Edith Stein.”
The Oratory Lecture Series (May 2025)
Revised Edition Presented to the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration (May 2026).
Revised Edition Presented to St. Dominic’s Catholic Church, Bremen, Indiana (May 2026).
13. “Heaven, Hell, and the Love of God.”
The Oratory Lecture Series (June 2019).
Substantially revised for Aquinas Academy Distinguished Speaker Series (April 2023).
Expanded into a three-part series for St. Dominic’s Adult Education (January – February 2025).
12. “The Spirituality of Eucharistic Adoration.”
Eucharistic Congress for the Diocese of Pittsburgh (October 2022).
Invited by Bishop William J. Walterscheid, Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh.
11. “The Mass: How and Why.”
Newman Night - University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon Newman Clubs (September 2022).
10. “How to Make a Good Confession.”
Newman Night - University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon Newman Clubs (December 2021).
The Oratory Lecture Series (August 2022).
9. “Compassion & Friendship in the Isolation of Suffering.”
St. John’s Men’s Fellowship, Leesburg, Virginia (February 2021).
8. “Faith and Reason: The Catholic Position.”
Catholic Action, Pittsburgh (August 2018).
7. “Some Errors in Contemporary Moral Reasoning.”
Catholic Action, Pittsburgh (March 2017).
6. “*Veritatis Splendor* and Teleological Ethics.”
Catholic Action, Pittsburgh (March 2017).
5. “St. Thomas Aquinas, The Passions, and the Virtue of Chastity.”
Catholic Action, Pittsburgh (February 2017).
Grace Point Average, Carnegie Mellon University (February 2017).
4. “An Introduction to the Conscience.”
3. “The Necessity of a Properly Formed Conscience.”
2. “Natural Law, the Conscience, and the Power of the State.”
Series given at *Catholic Action*, Pittsburgh (October – November 2016).
1. “Renewing Sexual Ethics on Campus”
Sexuality, Integrity & The University
Princeton, hosted by Love and Fidelity Network (November 2014).

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Awards and Grants listed below total \$41,750.

12. Nanovic Institute for European Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame (Summer 2026) - \$2,000.
11. Zahm Professional Development Fund, The Graduate School, University of Notre Dame (Summer 2026) - \$4,000.
10. Sorin Fellows Research Grant, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame (Summer 2026) - \$5,000.
9. Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Professional Development Award (Winter 2026) - \$600.
8. Sorin Fellows Research Grant, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame (Summer 2024) - \$1,650.
7. Summer Language Acquisition Grant, University of Notre Dame (Summer 2024) - \$4,000.
Completed two months of German immersion study at the Internationales Kulturinstitut in Vienna in the summer of 2024.
6. Dubois Scholar, Mount St. Mary's Seminary (2017-2021).
5. Recipient, Bishop Thomas V. Daily Vocations Scholarship, based on academic merit, Knights of Columbus of America (2019, 2020) - \$2,500 per year.
4. Visiting Scholar, National Institute for Newman Studies (Summer 2014) - \$5,000.
3. Fellow, Summer Brackenridge Program, University Honors College, University of Pittsburgh (2015) - \$3,500.
2. Recipient, Berner International Award for Creative Undergraduate Research (2014) - \$1,000.
1. Recipient, Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Regional Scholar Award (2012) - \$10,000.

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH & PASTORAL WORK

The Pittsburgh Oratory, Pittsburgh, PA

Entered in 2016; Ordained a Priest May 29, 2021

Treasurer (2020 – present), Chair of the Budget and Finance Advisory Committee (2021 – present)

St. Dominic's Catholic Church, Bremen, Indiana

Priest in Residence (2023 – 2026)

Volunteer High School Catechism Teacher (2023 – 2025)

Catholic Newman Center, Pittsburgh, PA

University Chaplain for Carnegie Mellon (2021 – 2023)

Instructor for non-credit course for undergraduate and graduate students at Pitt and CMU. Year-long, once per week course in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Regular Sacramental Assistance

Theatinerkirche, Munich, Germany (2026 – present)

Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Mishawaka, IN (2023 – 2026)

Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend, IN (2024 – 2026)

St. Jude Parish, Pittsburgh, PA (2021 – 2023)

Mount St. Mary's Seminary

President of the Class of 2021 (2019 – present)

PROFESSIONAL & SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Sorin Fellows, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame

International Association for the Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein (Edith Stein Circle)

American Catholic Philosophical Association

American Guild of Organists

College Theology Society

Catholic Theological Society of America

LANGUAGES

French, German, and Latin Reading.

Intermediate Speaking and Writing in German.

Goethe-Institut: Certificate of Completion - Level B2.2

Presently enrolled in Individual Intensive Coursework with Goethe-Institut.

REFERENCES

John Betz, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Doctoral Supervisor

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