

Curriculum Vitae
Rebecca Ruvalcaba

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Master of Divinity Program
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Education

2017 Master of Divinity, University of Notre Dame
2005 Bachelor of Arts, *Psychology*, Indiana University - South Bend
2005 Associate of Arts, *Spanish*, Indiana University - South Bend

Teaching

FYS-10102	Spring 2019	Moreau First Year Experience
THEO-60995	Spring 2019 -2026 (Every Spring)	Pastoral Topics I
THEO-60996	Spring 2022 - 2026 (Every Spring)	Pastoral Topics II
THEO-30063	Spring 2020 (Co-Teach)	Oscar Romero and the Salvadoran Martyrs
THEO-65933	Fall 2021 - 2025 (Every Fall)	Field Ed II: Evangelization and Catechesis
THEO-65931	Fall 2021 - 2025 (Every Fall)	Field Ed I: Theological Integration for Ministry
THEO-63002	Spring & Fall 2022-2023 (Co-Teach)	Teología En Español
THEO – 60838	Spring 2023 (Co-Teach)	Orders and Ministry
THEO-66004	Spring 2023	Directed Reading
THEO-63002	Fall 2023	Teología En Español
THEO-66004	Spring 2024	Directed Reading

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Service & Administration

Department

- Africa Initiative
(2025 - current)
- Hacienda Caminos Steering Committee: Lilly Grant-Phase III
(Spring 2023-current)
- Lilly Grant-Phase II Mexico Pilgrimage Administrator
(Summer-Fall 2022 and 2025)
- Lilly Grant-Haciendo Caminos Search Committee and Phase III Committee Member
(Fall 2022-current)
- Lilly Grant – Phase II Committee
(Fall 2021-Current)
- Diversity Committee, Member
(Fall 2021-2024)
- Master of Divinity Committee, Department of Theology
(Fall 2021 – current)
- Master of Divinity Ad Hoc Committee for program review, Member
(2019-2020)

University

- Campus Climate Student Advisory Committee Member
(Fall 2020-current)
- Campus Ministry Cultural Retreats Committee Member
(Fall 2022)
- Synod Facilitator for ND Campus
(Spring 2022)
- Moreau Course Work Group, University of Notre Dame, Advisory Member
(Sp and Fall 2021)
- Student Advisory Committee, Faculty Member Advisor
(2018-2024)
- Black Catholic History Month Committee, Committee Chair
(2018-2020)
- Coro Primavera de Nuestra Señora de Notre Dame, Club Advisor
(2018-current)

National

- AGPIM (Association of Graduate Programs in Ministry), Treasurer
(2022-current)
- NCCMH (National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry), Member
(2022-current)
- Hispanic Summer Program, Inc., University Representative

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(2021 – current)

- **CCMA (Catholic Campus Ministry Association), Member**
(2017-2021)
- **LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens), Member**
(2007-2014)

International

- **World Network of Professional Lay Ministers, Member**
(2024-Current)

Local-South Bend/Fort Wayne

- **St. Adalbert Parish Pastoral Council, Member**
(2017-2023; 2025-Current)
Also do ministry work in RCIA, Adult Formation, Retreats and choir and minister coordination
- **Diocese of Ft. Wayne/South Bend Deacon Board, Member**
(2020-2025)
- **Our Lady of the Road, Board Member**
(2021-2023)
- **La Casa de Amistad, Board Member**
(2023- 2025)
- **La Casa de Amistad, Advisory Board Member**
(2025- current)

Professional Experience

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, In

Director of Pastoral Formation **Masters of Divinity Program** (2021-current)

Develop, direct and assess the program of pastoral formation for lay students and seminarians/religious including ongoing supervision of field placements and individual one-on-one meetings for up to 30 lay ministry candidates and at times 10-12 seminarians/religious. Work collaboratively with a three-member team in overseeing all aspects of the Masters of Divinity Program, especially admissions and first and second-year field education site supervision, includes supervisor training and mid-year placement reviews. Teach courses in field education and pastoral theology. Work collaboratively with the Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend in the pastoral formation of its seminarians (specifically theological reflection in and through case studies).

Assistant Director of Outreach **Campus Ministry** (2016-2021)

Support Director of Campus Ministry planning and monitoring progress in multicultural, interfaith and international ministry. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Versed in performance and operations management
- Competent in assuming delegated duties

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- Providing guidance for victims and witnesses through the criminal justice system – court orientation, referrals and translation/interpretation (Spanish-English)
- Supported with drafting victim impact statements for trials
- Assisted families in seeking counseling, safety planning and financial assistance for costs related to their victimization
- Provided case management support and court accompaniment

Presentations and Interviews

Presenter - Haciendo Caminos Epiphany Retreat on-line, *Journey of the Magi*
(January 2025)

Presenter - Synod Retreat at St. John the Baptist in South Bend Indiana, *Espiritualidad*
(November 2025, Presented in Spanish)

CTK Communal Climb Podcast; “The Journey: Our Lady of Guadalupe”; Spotify
(Recorded June 2025; Episode presented on December 1, 2025)

Voices of Holy Cross Podcast: Stories of Hope; “Preparing Church Ministers and Leaders for Better Times Than These”; <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2452471/episodes/18102187>
(Recorded October 2025; Episode will debut on February 26, 2026)

Participant in Second World Meeting of Lay Ministers of the World Network of Professional Lay Ministers, [Letter to the Synod](#)
(September 2024 online; September 2025 in Rome)

Presenter – Bilingual Leadership Workshop at St. John the Evangelist in Goshen, *Espiritualidad: “...en todo amar y servir”*
(April 2024)

Organizer and MC for Retiro Matrimonial at Lindenwood in Donaldson, IN, *Una Sola Carne*
(February 2024)

Preaching for Día de los Muertos ND at Basilica of the Sacred Heart
(October 2023)

Presenter – Haciendo Caminos Summer Cohort Retreat, *Discernment*
(July 2023)

Presenter- Haciendo Caminos Fellowship Conference, *Mentorship*
(May 2023)

Presenter- Young Adult Ministry Advent Series, *Women in the Bible*, at St. Adalbert/St. Casimir
(November -December 2022)

Facilitator and Organizer for Retiro Familiar at St. Adalbert/St. Casimir Parish
(October 2022)

Presenter, Serie Familiar-Three-part series on Amoris Laetitia at St. Adalbert/St. Casimir
(June-August 2022)

Co-Facilitator and Presenter, Summer Diocese Sem Program, *Theological Integration and Case Study Method* at the University of Notre Dame
(May-June 2022)

Presenter -The 7 Sisters Apostolate day of Reflection, *The Power of Silence: Contemplative Prayer*, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Elkhart
(May 2022)

Presenter for Confirmation Retreat, *The Call Confirmed*, at St. Adalbert/St. Casimir
(March 2022)

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Presenter for Amado Retreat at St. Vincent in Goshen, Indiana
(March 2022)
Presenter for Asian-Pacific Retreat at ND
(February 2022)
Preaching for Grotto Prayer Service for ACE
(February 2022)
Presenter for Campus Ministry Intercultural Retreat at Notre Dame
(February 2022)
Planning Team and Spiritual Coordinator for Our Lady of the Road Retreat
(January 2022)
RCIA presentation at St. Adalbert on Social Justice
(January 2022)
Speaker, “*What is the Communion God calls us to in the Church of North America*” -Journeying
Together Conference, SEPI
(January 2022)
Co-Presenter, *Evangelization and Mission: V Encuentro Ministry Series*, TED Talk for USCCB
(December 2021)
Speaker, *Quinceñera Retreat: Amada, Bella y Bendecida*, Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend
(July 2021)
Co-Facilitator and Presenter, *Called: De Los Sueños a La Acción*, Intercollegiate Retreat
(May 2021)
Panelist, *Chinese Catholics on US University Campus’ Workshop*, USCCA Campus Engagement
(April 2021)
Panelist, “*Faith In the First-Gen Experience*”, Seton Hall University-Unanue Latino Institute
(April 2021)
Panelist, “*Finding A Friend For Life*”, Campus Ministry and GRC: Sex and the Soul Event
(March 2021)
Panelist, *Our Mission...Crossing Borders in Ministry*, University of Notre Dame Campus Ministry
(March 2021)
Co-Moderator, *Formation Panel for Candidates of Deacons Wives*, Diocese Fort Wayne/South Bend
(February 2021)
Panelist, Residential Hall Formation: Conversation on race and role of White Allyship
(September 2020)
Master of Ceremony, *Latino Recognition Ceremony*, University of Notre Dame
(2018, 2019, 2021)
Speaker, MLK Prayer Service, *Jesus: Our Precious Value*, University of Notre Dame
(January 2018)
Speaker, Posada Service, “...*there was no room for them in the inn*”, Holy Cross College
(December 2017)

Articles

(December 2025) El Canto: *The Song of Authentic Inculturated Evangelization*. Cross Is Our
Only Hope Journal, Bangladesh.

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Honors and Awards

Spirit of Holy Cross Award, University of Notre Dame	2024
Hometown Hero Award, South Bend, IN	2015
St. Joseph Valley Project's Community Justice Award, South Bend, IN	2011
Michiana 40 under 40 Award, South Bend, IN	2010
Unsung Latina Heroine Award, South Bend, IN	2004

Professional Trainings and Certifications

Spiritual Direction Training and Workshops

- University of Notre Dame Summer 2015 & 2016
Two Summer Workshops - MDIV and Campus Ministry
Monthly workshops and peer supervision
- Spiritual Formation Society of Arizona February 2021
Conference and Workshops

Leadership-SBM, South Bend, IN 2010

- Developed and presented a community Facebook page for governmental agencies.
- Received certificate of completion
- Developed and honed leadership skills for work and community service work.

Nonprofit Executive Leadership Program, IUSB, 2009

- Received Certificate of Completion
- Enhanced Executive Management Skills
- Developed a stronger financial system for La Casa de Amistad; reinforced programming and enhanced staff formation and development