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EMPLOYMENT

MISSIONARY; PASTOR ; RETREATS ; SPIRITUAL DIRECTION 1975, 1978-1989

Diocese of Chulucanas Chulucanas, Peru, South America

Responsibilities included the implementation of the diocesan program (Better World Movement): lay leadership training, seminary formation, and basic Christian communities. Three hundred basic Christian communities and several hundred lay catechists were formed and organized in one parish. Other responsibilities involved the coordination of the Diocesan Office for Peace and Justice, retreats and spiritual direction. I also received training for Ignatian retreats and spiritual direction from Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. (Summers: 1983-1984).

VICARIATE COORDINATOR FOR HISPANIC MINISTRY 1990-1996

Archdiocese of Chicago Chicago, Illinois

Responsible for laying the initial groundwork of organization of Hispanic Ministry at the parish and vicariate levels. Twenty parishes were organized to insure transition of Hispanic cultural/spiritual values into existing English-speaking parish structures. A manual was written and is currently used in some parts of the country. With the call from the National Plan of Hispanic Ministry, all existing groups participated in the Archdiocesan Hispanic Encuentro and goal-setting for the future of the ministry. Duties also included teaching a course on *Homiletics in Cross-cultural Situations* at St. Mary of the Lake University. From 1996-1999, the same organizational approach to Hispanic ministry was applied to St. Rita of Cascia Parish, a cultural context of Hispanic, African-American, and Palestinian communities. The course *El Discernimiento* was given at Loyola University (Chicago) in June 2005.

RETREATS AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTION 2004-2008

Augustinian Retreat Center (Marylake) King City (Toronto), Canada

Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center 2005-2007

(Diocese of Charlotte) Maggie Valley, NC

Responsible for directing retreats on Augustinian spirituality to lay groups in King City every year. Collaborates with the retreat teams at Living Waters and the Jesuit House of Prayer (*Spiritual Exercises*) in Hot Springs, NC.

HISPANIC and NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRY 2005- 2007

(Diocese of Charlotte) Maggie Valley, NC

Collaborates with the Hispanic Ministry program and lay leadership training/organizing in the Smoky Mountain Vicariate. Serves as diocesan contact person and community organizer to the Cherokee tribe on the Qualla Boundary and surrounding districts.

Initiates and organizes Hispanic ministry as interim- pastor at St. Mary's Parish, Gainesville, Tx., (Diocese of Ft. Worth). 2008

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PROFESSOR OF PATRISTICS 2005- 2007

Teaches a semester of two courses in Patristic Theology every year at the Major Seminary "San Carlos y San Marcelo" in Trujillo, Peru, South America. Specialization: Augustinian theology.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY 2009

Directs the Tepeyac Institute, a school for ministry, theology and lay leadership training (450 participants) for the Diocese of El Paso, Texas.

EDUCATION

BACHELOR DEGREE, MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY 1970-1972; 1974

Villanova University Villanova, Pennsylvania.

Concentration in Christian and German philosophy. Spanish studies in preparation for first-time

experience in the missions (Peru, South America) in 1975.

MASTERS OF DIVINITY DEGREE WITH MISSION SPECIALIZATION 1975-1978

Catholic Theological Union Chicago, Illinois

Intensive theological training for the Peruvian missions. Cross-cultural theological studies.

Diaconate experience and theological reflection were done on-site in Peru. Thesis paper:

“Constructing Local Theology and *El Compadrazgo*.”

PH. D. IN THEOLOGY, CONCENTRATION IN SPIRITUALITY 1999-2004

St. Paul University Ottawa, Ont., Canada

Thesis: “The Augustinian Theme of Harmony: the Contribution of a Spiritual Tradition to a Better Understanding of the Self and Others.” Defended November 30, 2004. (In process for publication at the University of San Agustin, Manila, Philippines.) The thesis is in-process for publication as a retreat manual that combines Augustinian spirituality and the Ignatian *Spiritual Exercises*.

PUBLICATIONS:

“The Challenge of the Common Good,” *The Tagastan. A Review of Augustinian Spirituality and Tradition*, 31/1 (1985), 29-49.

“Celibacy: An Option for Social Justice,” *The Tagastan. A Review of Augustinian Spirituality and Tradition*, 32/2 (1986), 237-245.

El Manual para los Equipos Promotores, [unpublished document], Chicago, Il., 1992. (A second edition for publication is in process by 2008.)

Book review: *Faith and the Intifada: Palestinian Christian Voices*. Naim S. Ateek (ed.), et al. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books. Reviewed in *The New World*, July 31, 1992, p. 14.

“Devotions in ‘the big picture,’” *Celebrate!* 41/6 (2002), 14-18.

“*Pastoral de Conjunto*: Some considerations toward a spirituality,” *Revue de Misiones*, 13/1 July, 2006, 99-112. [A Spanish translation of the article will be published in *Offerings* in 2008.]

“The Notion of Harmony in St. Augustine’s *Totus Christus*” (Publication in process; 2008).

“Renewal and Reform in Augustinian Common Life and Ministry: Province of Cebu, Philippines, Retreat: September 22 - October 3, 2008.” *Ad Deum*. Manila, 2008.

On-going scripture reflections for *Living with Christ* Publications, Novalis, Ottawa, Canada, 2002 to present. (Two reflections per year.)

“Oaths and Conscience” – article in-process.

“La Espiritualidad en la vida diaria.” Article in process for the Mexican publication *Horizontes*.

“Vatican II and the Laity.” *Rio Grande Catholic*. October, 2012.

COURSES, SEMINARS, RETREATS

(Retreats) Series of Augustinian retreats on spirituality at Marylake Retreat Center, King City, Ontario, Canada, 2002-2007.

“Spirituality and History” course to Deacon candidates, Hickory, NC, Diocese of Charlotte, 2007.

(Retreat) "Come away and rest." June 19-23, 2006, at Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center, in Maggie Valley, NC. Focus on the social justice writings of Thomas Merton and Madeleine Delbrel.

(Retreat) "La Meditación Cristiana: Aprendiendo un método sencillo." June 23-25, 2006, in Maggie Valley, NC. Focus on centering prayer.

(Retreat) "Blessed are the peacemakers": the way of meditation. June 8-10, 2007, in Maggie Valley, NC.

(Retreat) "Restless hearts" for the "glory of God." Reflection on themes in Augustine's *Confessions*. June 18-24, 2007, in Maggie Valley, NC.

Since 2004, several weekend retreats are offered on meditation, lectio divina, social justice, and Vatican II spirituality at the Augustinian Retreat Center at Marylake, (King City, Ont.), Canada.

(Seminar) "Dialogue in Love: Rediscovering Scripture." Feb. 15, 2006, in Maggie Valley, NC.

(Seminar) "Chaos, Catechists and Contemplation: Finding the still point in a busy life." Catechist Oasis 2006, March 17-18, 2006, Lake Junaluska, NC.

(Retreat) "Ever Ancient, Ever New: Naming One's Spirituality." June 23-29, 2008, Maggie Valley, NC.

(Semester Courses) "Introduction to Patristic Theology." Seminary for the Archdiocese of Trujillo, Peru. 2005-2007.

(Retreat) "2020 Foresight: Sharpening a Vatican II Vision for the Church and World." June 30 - July 4, 2008, Maggie Valley, NC. and January 21 - 25, 2008, at Marylake Retreat Center, King City, Ont., Canada. (Same retreat is given in Detroit, Michigan, Bryson City, North Carolina, and Chicago, Illinois.)

Retreat to the Augustinian Province of Santo Niño in Cebu, Philippines. September 22 to October 3, 2008. "Moving Forward: Renewal and Spirituality of the Order in the Asia-Pacific Area."

(Seminar) "Augustine's Concept of Harmony in the Asian Context." To professors and catechists at the Colegio San Agustin-Bacolod, October 4, 2008. Bacolod City, Philippines.

(Course) "Sacraments and the RCIA." Tepeyac Institute, El Paso, Tx. September to December, 2009.

(Speech) "Consistent Ethic of Life." Youth rally. Franklin Park, El Paso, Tx. January 17, 2010.

(Classes – 4) "The Gospel of Luke." Tepeyac Institute, El Paso, Tx. January, 2010.

(Retreat) Lenten Misión. St. Pius X Parish. El Paso, Tx. Feb. 28 – March 4, 2010.

(Presentation) "What is Christian Spirituality?" University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). Faculty. April 21, 2010.

(Speech) "Peace in the time of border violence." Chamizal Theatre, El Paso, Tx. May 1, 2010.

(Seminar) "El Cosmos y la Religion." Tepeyac Institute, El Paso, Tx. June 19, 2010.

(Course) Course on Basic Christian Formation for those in ministry. Tepeyac Institute. September – December (2009 and 2010). (English and Spanish).

(Class) "Biblical Hermeneutics." Tepeyac Institute, El Paso, Tx. September 15, 2010.

(Semester classes) Formation of Parish Life Coordinators, Tepeyac Institute, September 2010 to May 2011.

(Class) "Pastoral Implications of Canon Law." Tepeyac Institute, El Paso, Tx. October 11, 2010.

(Classes) "What is Roman Catholicism?" University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). November 22, 2010.

(Workshops) On going formation in spirituality to deacon candidates. El Paso, Tx. January – December 2010.

(Seminar) "Friend or Foe? Evolutionary Science and Religion in Dialogue." University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). Catholic Campus Ministry Newman Center. December 2, 2010.

(Course) "Foundations for Christian Ethics." Tepeyac Institute, El Paso, Tx., January – April 2011.

(Retreat) Lenten Mission, st. Patrick's Cathedral, 2 weeks in March, 2011, English and Spanish. El Paso, Tx.

(Course) "Science, Evolution, and Religion." Tepeyac Institute, June, 2011.

(Online) "Introduction to Christian Spirituality." Tepeyac Institute, El Paso, Tx, August 15-September 25, 2011.

(Seminar) To Catholic School Teachers. Subject 1: "Exploring Evolution, Technology and Spirituality." Subject 2: "The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Hell, Heaven." St. Patrick's Cathedral, El Paso, Tx., October 10, 2011.

(Semester course) "Eschatology: The Four Last Things." Jan. - April, 2012. Tepeyac Institute.

(Online course) "What is Christian Spirituality?" April-May, 2012. Tepeyac Institute.

(Summer course) "Escatologia." June, 2012. Tepeyac Institute.

(Semester course) "Escatologia. Las Ultimas Cuatro Cosas." September- December, 2012. Tepeyac Institute.

(Online Semester course) Christian Formation Program. 12 weeks. September - December, 2012. Tepeyac Institute.

(Talk) "Vatican II and its historical contexts". Theology on Tap. October 2, 2012. El Paso, Tx.

(Seminar) "Que es la Revelacion Divina?" Octubre 6-7, 2012. Diocese of Reno.

(Talk) "Vaticano II y su importancia en la parroquia de hoy." November 6, 2012. Corpus Christi Parish, El Paso, Tx.

(Talk) "Social Media and Ministry". November 9, 2012. Lonergan Institute, Boston College.

(Parish mission) "How to be an evangelizing parish." March 4-6, 2013. Mt. Carmel Parish, Ysleta, El Paso, Tx.

(Online course) "La muerte de Jesus: Los cuatro Evangelios." With Boston College. Feb. 17-March 27, 2013. Tepeyac Institute.

(Seminar). "From Genesis to Evolution. Exploring human origins." June 10-13, 2013. Summer Institute. Tepeyac Institute.

(Keynote Address) "The Corn Dance of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo: Baptism and the New Creation." National St. Kateri Tekakwitha Conference. July 19, 2013. El Paso, Tx.

(Seminar) "La Visión Pastoral del Vaticano II." August 6-9, 2013. Corpus Christi Parish. El Paso, Tx.

(Seminary) "What is Vatican II All About?". October 14, 2013. Catholic School Teachers In-Service Day. Cathedral. El Paso, Tx.

(Workshop) "Gènesis y Evolució." October 25-26, 2013. Hispanic leadership of the Diocese of Reno. Reno, NV.

(Retreat) "Overview of the Four Last Things." November 6, 2013. Pastoral Center Staff. El Paso, Tx.

(Online Course) "St. Augustine's *Confessions*." November - December, 2013. Tepeyac. El Paso, Tx.

(Course) "Introduction to Christian Spirituality." January - April, 2014, Theology Program. Tepeyac. El Paso, Tx.

(Workshop) "Living in the Spirit: Insights from Pope Francis' letter 'The Joy of the Gospel.'" February 22, 2014. Religious Formation Conference 2014. Diocese of El Paso.

(Small groups) Face-to-face and online facilitation of study with Pope Francis' Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (March-May, 2014).

SABBATICALS

-- Studied under the direction of the theologian Casiano Floristan at Instituto Juan XXIII, Universidad de Salamanca, in Madrid, Spain. 1994-1995.

FELLOWSHIP

-- Fellowship to the Lonergan Institute, Boston College. January - June, 2015.

ORGANIZATIONS

• National Board of Directors for the Federation of Returning Overseas Missioners (F.R.O.M.); 1990 - 1996 in Miami, FL.

• Participation with the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry (NCCHM); 1991-1996. Membership continued to the present.

• National Board of Directors for the Mexican-American Cultural Center (MACC) in San Antonio, TX. 2005 - 2007.

• Augustinian International Commission for the Laity, Rome, 1993-1997, 2004 – 2007.

• Delegate of MW Province to the OSA General Chapter, Rome, 2007.

• Coalition for Healing and Wellness. An organization of the Cherokee community on the Qualla Boundary, NC, from 2006 to 2007.

• International Thomas Merton Society. (2005 – 2010).

• The American Teilhard Association (www.teilharddechardin.org). 2010.

- Association of US Catholic Priests. 2011-

- Coordinator for Peace and Justice Commission for the Midwest Province (OSA), 1990 - 2013.

- Augustinian Commission for the Laity (OSA Federation), 2012.

- international Commission in Preparation for General Chapter, (OSA, Rome) 2012-2013.

- Board of Trustees, Loretto Academy, El Paso, Tx. (2014- present)

SKILLS

Fully bi-lingual/cultural: Spanish and English. Passive: French.

Subjects of interest for teaching: Christian spirituality (Teilhard de Chardin and Thomas Merton), discernment and counseling, prayer, Augustinian spirituality, Patristics, Latin American Theology, Vatican II theology and ecclesiology, Science (Cosmic and biological evolution) and religion, Catholic doctrine, liturgy and sacraments, and pastoral planning.

Experience and training in spiritual direction of Augustinian and Ignatian traditions.

Formation and Vocations: Augustinian formation team (2007-2009); Director of Deacon Formation (El Paso, 2009-present).

Retreat work to parishes and groups (Paulist Evangelization Program); meditation and the teachings of John Main.

Ability to teach at a variety of educational levels: popular (Friere Method), lay formation, and some university.

Knowledge of the theory and praxis of the Better World Movement for restructuring the institutions of parishes, religious life, and schools (Educacion Liberadora). Parish planning and organizing that is lay-based.

Experience with creating and educating basic Christian communities.
Involvement and facilitation with parishes in transition with diverse cultural communities, specifically, Hispanic communities.

Social media skills, such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and video composition for events using Live stream. Experience in designing and instructing online courses.

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