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## EDUCATION

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2014 **PhD, Systematic Theology, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC**  
Dissertation: The Contribution of Joseph A. Komonchak to the Theology of the Local Church in Light of *Lumen Gentium*.

2005 **MA, Theology, Barry University, Miami, FL**

2001 **BA, Theology, Saint Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, MD**

## FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

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2019– **Xavier University**, Associate Professor

2013–2019 **Xavier University**, Assistant Professor

2008–2013 **Barry University**, Adjunct Professor (Miami, FL; Department of Theology & Philosophy)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

2023 (with Pavol Hrabovecký, eds.) *Vydajte dôvod vašej nádeje: Vybrané témy z fundamentálnej teológie* [Give an Account of Your Hope: Selected Topics in Fundamental Theology]. CDK, 2023.

2019 *The Church of God and Its Human Face: The Contribution of Joseph A. Komonchak to Ecclesiology*. Pickwick, 2019.

## Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

2025 „Po šesťdesiatich rokoch: môže ešte koncil obohatiť dnešnú cirkev?“ [After Sixty Years: Can the Council Still Enrich Today's Church?]. *Verba Theologica* 24, no. 2 (2025): 31–42.

2024 „Cirkev ako domov: soteriologický rozmer ekleziológie pápeža Františka.“ [The Church as Home: The Soteriological Dimension of Pope Francis's Ecclesiology]. *MKR Communio* 110, no. 1 (2024): 29–36.

2023 „Synodalita oživuje prijatie ekleziológie Božieho ľudu a teológie miestnej cirkvi“. [Synodality Revives the Reception of the People of God Ecclesiology and the Theology of the Local Church]. *Verba Theologica* 22, no. 1 (2023): 20–34.

2022 “How Theological Anthropology Might Inform the Church's Self-Understanding.” In *The Human in a Dehumanizing World: Re-Examining Theological Anthropology and Its Implications*. College Theology Society Annual Volume 67. Edited by Jessica Coblenz and Daniel Horan, 72–81. Orbis.

2020 „Pápež František a prijatie Druhého vatikánskeho koncilu.“ [Pope Francis and the Reception of the Second Vatican Council] *Verbum* 31, no. 1 (2020): 37–57.

2015 “An Alternative Middle Position: The Contribution of Joseph A. Komonchak to the Hermeneutics of Vatican II.” *Cristianesimo nella Storia* 36, no. 3 (2015): 643–69.

2012 “Roger Haight's Contribution to Method in Ecclesiology and Its Implications for Ecumenical Dialogue.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 47, no. 2 (2012): 207–26.

2010 “Apostolic Succession and Christian Unity: Order of Bishop as an Obstacle.” *Eastern Churches Journal* 17, nos. 1, 2, and 3 (2010): 9–34.

## Chapters in Books

2025 “A Word Emerging from the Whole Body of the Faithful.” In *Lay Eucharistic Preaching in a Synodal Catholic Church*, edited by Gregory Heille, OP, 113–117. Liturgical Press.

“The 'Spirit of Vatican II' and the Legacy of the Council Today.” In *The Legacy and Limits of Vatican II in an Age of Crisis*, edited by Catherine Clifford et. al., 21–35. Liturgical Press.

2023 "Metóda v teológii [Method in Theology]." In *Vydajte dôvod vašej nádeje: Vybrané témy z fundamentálnej teológie*. Edited by Pavol Hrabovecký and Martin Madar, 251–298. CDK.

## Book Reviews

2024 *Witnesses to Synodality: Good Practices and Experiences*, by Jos Moons, ed. (2024). *Verba Theologica* 23, no. 2 (2024): 91–93.

*Reforming the Church: A Synodal Way of Proceeding*, by Serena Noceti (2023). *Verba Theologica* 23, no. 1 (2024): 83–84.

2022 *Církev ako komunita jednání*, by Josef Mikulášek (2018). *Verba Theologica* 21, no. 1 (2022): 99–101.

2021 *Global Catholicism: Profiles and Polarities*, by Thomas P. Rausch (2021). *Catholic Books Review* (June 2021). Available at [CatholicBooksReview.org](http://CatholicBooksReview.org).

*The Catholic Church in a Changing World: A Vatican II Inspired Approach*, by Dennis M. Doyle (2019). *Journal of Moral Theology* 10, no. 1 (2021): 221–22.

2020 *Church as Dynamic Life-System: Shared Ministries and Common Responsibilities*, by Joseph A. Bracken (2019). *Journal of Moral Theology* 9, no. 1 (2020): 225–26.

2019 *By What Authority? Foundations for Understanding Authority in the Church*, rev. and exp., by Richard R. Gaillardetz (2018). *Worship* 93 (2019): 182–84.

2016 *A Realist's Church: Essays in Honor of Joseph A. Komonchak*, by Christopher D. Denny, Patrick J. Hayes, and Nicholas Rademacher, eds. (2015). *Theological Studies* 77, no. 3 (2016): 420–21.

*Re-Visioning the Church: An Experiment in Systematic-Historical Ecclesiology*, by Neil Ormerod (2014). *Anglican Theological Review* 98, no. 4 (2016): 796–97.

2013 *All Shall Be Well: Explorations in Universal Salvation and Christian Theology from Origen to Moltmann*, by Gregory MacDonald, ed. *Heythrop Journal* 54, no. 2 (2013): 345–46.

2012 *A Church Fully Engaged: Yves Congar's Vision of Ecclesial Authority*, by Anthony Oelrich (2011). *Catholic Books Review* (July 2012). Available at [CatholicBooksReview.org](http://CatholicBooksReview.org).

## Selected Other Publications

2023 „Interpretácia a realizácia koncilu: Od pápeža Pavla VI. po Františka.“ [Interpretation and Reception of the Council: From Pope Paul VI until Francis] *Postoj*, November 28, 2023.

„Pope Francis Has Revived the ‘Spirit of Vatican II.’” *La Croix International*, June 12, 2023.

2022 „Lumen gentium. Čo je cirkev a kto je vlastne jej členom?” [Lumen gentium: What Is the Church Who Is Its Member?] *Postoj*, July 6, 2022.

2021 „Druhý vatikánsky koncil: Od prekvapivého zvolania cez dramatický priebeh až po protirečivé interpretácie.” [The Second Vatican Council: From a Surprising Convocation, Through a Dramatic History, to Contradictory Interpretations]. *Postoj*, October 14, 2021.

“Pope Francis Should Correct His Predecessor on Another Point.” *La Croix International*, August 9, 2021.

2020 “The Unrealized Opportunity Opened Up by Benedict XVI’s Resignation.” *La Croix International*, February 14, 2020.

## **SELECT SCHOLARLY AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Conference Presentations**

2025 „Koncil, ktorý sa nikdy neskončí” [A Council That Will Never End]. Presentation at an international conference commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. Faculty of Theology, Košice, The Catholic University of Ružomberok, Slovakia, November 20.

College Theology Society Panel Discussion of *Sacrifice Lost: The Dark Legacy of the Cross* by Ashley Theuring (Orbis, 2025)

2023 “Why the Spirit of Vatican II Is Now More Important Than Its Letter.” Paper presented at an international conference at Villanova University: The Legacy and Limits of Vatican II in an Age of Crisis: Gender, Race, Abuse, and the Living Catholic Tradition (December 1).

“How Pope Francis Has Rehabilitated the ‘Spirit of Vatican II.’” Paper presented at an international conference at St. Mark’s College (Vancouver, Canada): Pope Francis & the Future of the Church: Prospects & Challenges for Renewal (May 5).

“Pope Francis Gives New Life to the ‘Spirit of Vatican II.’” Paper presented at an international conference at St. Ambrose University (Davenport, IA): Francis at 10: A Papacy of Possibilities (March 18).

2022 „Cirkev ako Boží ľud a miestna cirkev: Synodalita oživuje odsúvané zásady ekleziológie Druhého vatikánskeho koncilu.” [The Church as the People of God and the Local Church: Synodality Breathes New Life to the Sidelined

Tenets of Vatican II's Ecclesiology]. Paper presented at an international conference in Košice, Slovakia: Pope Francis, Synodality and the Ecclesia Semper Reformanda (March 10).

2021 "How Theological Anthropology Might Inform Ecclesiology." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Theology Society (June 4).

2016 "The All-Powerful God of the Roman Missal Meets the God of Evolution." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Theology Society (June 3).

2015 Respondent at "Fundamental Theology and Method Topic Session" of the Annual Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America (June 13).

2014 "The Contribution of Joseph A. Komonchak to the Hermeneutics of Vatican II." Paper presented at the Spring Meeting of the *American Catholic Historical Association*.

### **Invited Public Lectures**

2025 "Sixty Years Later: What Happened to Vatican II's Vision of the Church." Lecture at Bellarmine Chapel, Cincinnati, OH (September 4). Part of *Vatican II at 60 Lecture Series*. Organized by Xavier University's Institute for Spirituality and Social Justice.

2024 "Synod on Synodality: An Overview." Presentation at Bellarmine Chapel, Cincinnati, OH (February 5). Organized by Xavier University's Institute for Spirituality and Social Justice.

2023 "The Impact of Vatican II on the Church Today." Presentation – Ignatian Theology on Tap, Bellarmine Chapel, Cincinnati, OH (May 25)

2021 "Who Gets to Sit at the Table: Eucharist as a Weapon to Fight Culture Wars." Presentation – Ignatian Theology on Tap, Bellarmine Chapel, Cincinnati, OH (September 9)

2020 "The Landscape of Vatican II: An Overview for a Brave New World." Presentation at Bellarmine Chapel, Cincinnati, OH (October 26).

2017 "Rediscover Common Ground: Roman Catholic/Lutheran Conversations." Presentation on the *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification* (1999) followed by a panel discussion and Q & A; at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church, Liberty Township, OH.

2014 "The Non-Founding of the Church by Jesus and Its Implications for Ecumenical Dialogue." Lecture [Kemper Lecture Series], Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, OH.

2013      "Vatican II: Traditional, and yet Revolutionary." Two lectures presented at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, East Liverpool, OH.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Ecclesiology
- Vatican II
- Fundamental Theology

## ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE

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- Catholic Theological Society of America
- College Theology Society
- American Academy of Religion
- *Verba Theologica* (Peer-reviewed journal, editorial board member)

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- Summer Research Fellowship, Xavier University, 2023
- Summer Research Fellowship, Xavier University, 2014, 2015.
- Hubbard Dissertation Fellowship, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC (Spring 2012)
- Schmitz Scholarship, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC (2011–2012)
- Msgr. John Quasten Fellowship, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC (2010–2011)
- Rev. Maurice O'Connor Scholarship, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC (2009–2010)
- Winner of the Ecumenical Essay Contest sponsored by the Washington Theological Consortium, DC (January 2009)
- Graduate Research Assistantship, School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America, DC (2007–2009)
- Teacher of the Year, Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll High School, Miami, FL (2006–2007)
- Graduate Scholarship, Barry University, Miami Shores, FL (2003–2004)
- Full Scholarship, St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, MD (1999–2001)