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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.) *Vyďajte 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 Coblentz 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 jako 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.
- 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.

### 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)