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**PROJECTS**

**Teaching**

**Adjunct Professor,** MA Program, Felician University, Catholicism, Fall 2024

**Adjunct Professor,** MA Program, Saint Leo University. Spirituality of Ministry, Christian Spirituality, since 2016.

***www.WRITERSCOLLEAGUE.com*** January 2014-present

My own consulting project, offering mentoring, editing and writing services to non-profit organizations,

small businesses and professional writers. Latest projects:

**Instructor,** ESL Program, Savannah State University. 2015

**Administrator**, KapuHonu,LLC. Organizational Transformation. Building an infrastructure for a successful Computer Technology Company. Recruiting Advisors. Managing HR and payroll. Planning the transition to a full-time Manager. 2014

**Program Development/ESL Instructor,** Advanced Solutions for Education, Schaumburg, Illinois. Course planning for International High School students. ESL instruction. (TESOL certificate).

**Editor,** *Pictures of my Life*, editing/writing with a client a story of her world travels.

**Widows Coordinator, American Airlines Retired Pilots Association (Grey Eagles)**

2009-2014

The Board of Directors asked me to serve in this volunteer position. I provided grief support and education, and facilitated communication and outreach to surviving spouses. At the November 2012 meeting I was appointed to the Board. By December 2014 I completed structuring this outreach and facilitated the transition to a new Coordinator and committee of volunteers.

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Director, Spiritual Care and Mission Services**

**Saint Mary’s Medical Center (SMMC)**, Apple Valley, California 2010-2011

Managed the spiritual care department of a 200-bed Catholic hospital, part of the St. Joseph Health System, with a staff of seven full- and part-time chaplains.

* Provided spiritual care to patients and their families as well as hospital staff.
* Ranked by the leadership team as the best department in the hospital for three consecutive quarters.
* Directed the ethics response team, coordinating ethics consults as well as recruiting and training new members.
* Assisted the Vice President of Mission in enhancing the Catholic identity of SMMC.
* Revised the spiritual assessment documentation for conversion to the electronic medical record system and linked it to the care planning process.
* Organized a community ethics event with a national speaker who provided education on end-of-life care and decision-making. Arranged a complimentary radio interview and book signing. Attracted a wide range of participants, including clinical staff from home health agencies.
* Assumed responsibility for on-call administrative coverage on weekends, as needed. Personally responded to crisis events and addressed risk management issues.

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**Assistant Professor, Theology Department**

**Duquesne University**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 2002-2009

Taught 200 students each year in seven graduate and undergraduate courses in theology, pastoral ministry, sacraments and liturgy for a private Catholic university.

* Successfully mentored doctoral students, directed dissertations, and assisted with comprehensive examinations. Helped graduate students in the ministry achieve their compentencies.
* Developed new courses, including participating in a university-wide initiative to incorporate service learning in the undergraduate curriculum.

**Chaplain, Hospice**

**East Alabama Medical Center**, Auburn, Alabama 2002

Led spiritual care for a hospice affiliated with anon-profit medical center.

* Assessed patient spiritual needs, working with local churches to provide spiritual care, providing pastoral and spiritual care as requested, including presiding at liturgical and memorial services, and 24/7 emergency on-call response.
* Served as the sole chaplain with responsibility for rural visits to patients in their home as well as to those in a ten-bed hospital unit.
* Created a spiritual assessment documentation tool that met regulatory requirements for care planning.
* Acted as a liaison with pastors and priests from surrounding churches to ensure patient needs were addressed.
* Cultivated relationships with community leaders and established an outreach ministry that sponsored support for needy families.

**Director of Field Education and Assistant Professor, Pastoral Theology**

**St. John’s Seminary**, Camarillo, California 1999-2001

Guided the pastoral skills development of 85 seminarians as part of their Master of Divinity program.

* Taught pastoral ministry courses and participated on the Rector’s Administrative Council.
* Served as a member of the assessment team, evaluating student performance and readiness for ministry. Determined eligibility for continuance in the program annually.
* Managed the scheduling and arrangements for field placements for internships ranging from six to nine months. Conducted site visits with the pastor preceptors.

**Group Facilitator, Domestic Violence Support Group (Part-Time)**

**Interface Children/Family Services**, Camarillo, California 1999-2001

* Facilitated a support group for women in situations of domestic violence.
* Volunteered as weekend shelter manager.

**Crisis Worker**

**Maryland Domestic Violence Center**, Frederick, Maryland1998-1999

* Responsible fortelephone crisis interventions and rotating weekend shelter management.
* Began as a volunteer, receiving training for telephone interventions and rape accompaniment; completed four graduate courses in the M.S.W. program at the University of Maryland.

**Assistant Professor, Theology Department**

**Mount Saint Mary’s College**, Emmitsburg, Maryland

* Developed new ministry training programs.

**Assistant Professor, Theology and Director, Pastoral Ministry Institute** (1988-1990)

**St. Xavier University**, Chicago, Illinois 1988-1993

**Lay Missionary**

**Holy Cross Fathers**, Nairobi, Kenya 1979-1981

Living in a World Bank housing project, teaching in a high school, supervising a Day Care Center,

and overseeing a Catholic Relief Services Mother-Child Nutrition Program.

**EDUCATION**

**Theology Ph.D.**, 1992 **Fordham University**, Bronx, New York

**Master of Arts/Master of Divinity**, 1985 **Catholic Theological Union,** Chicago, Illinois

**Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy**, 1978 **University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, Indiana

**Other Educational Programs:**

Teflen Training College, 120 Advanced 120 Hour Course, March 2015, TESOL Certificate.

Islamic Institute, New Mexico, “Understanding and Teaching Islam,” two-week seminar, 2003

C.T.U., Israel Study Program, Jerusalem, Israel, Fall 1984

Univ. of Chicago Hospitals, Clinical Pastoral Education, Summer 1983

Maryknoll Language School, Musoma Tanzania, Kiswahili Certificate, Fall 1979

Université Catholique de l’Ouest, Angers, France, Sophomore Year Abroad Program

**REFERENCES:**

**Dr. Robert Doyle, Felician University,** [**doyler@felician.edu**](mailto:doyler@felician.edu)**.** (310) 254-7622.

**Dr. Maureen O’Brien,** **Duquesne University, obrien@duq.edu**. (412) 396-6528.  
**Capt. (Ret.) JC Farrell, American Airlines**-**Grey Eagles**, [**jcfarrellports@gmail.com**](mailto:jcfarrellports@gmail.com)**.**

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# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Graduate Courses:** Catholicism, Christian Spirituality, Liturgical Studies, Ecclesiology, Sacraments, Theological Anthropology, Introduction to Supervised Ministry, Ministry Experience, Theology, and Pastoral Care of the Dying (summer course).

**Undergraduate Courses:** Writing and Grammar for ESL Students, Christian Understanding of the Human Person, Catholicism, Theology and Practice of Prayer, Christian Worship, Theology of Church, Contextual Theology, Foundations of Christian Theology, Freshman Seminar, Church Past and Present, Christology, Sacraments, and Lay Ministry.

**RESEARCH, PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS**

Workshops:

*Spirituality for Hard Times.*  Reflections on Life Today, and ways to remain faithful to

your values and beliefs. Fall 2024

*Getting Back to the Basics:* Catholic Thought and Action in the World Today Winter 2025

Spirituality:

*Exile and Return: The Experience of Irish Migration.* New project, Fall 2013.

(Research and writing are ongoing.)

“The Healing Ministry of Jesus: The Nature of Spiritual Care,” short reflection, 2010.

“Praying for a Miracle: End of Life Care,” (a work in progress).

*The Seven Virtues: An Introduction to Catholic Life*, Crossroads Publishing Company, 2007.

*The Mystery of Death: Reflections on the Spiritual Tradition*, Paulist Press, 2003.

Theology and the World after 9/11:

*Christ: A New Perspective, The life of faith in a diverse world.* Research sponsored by an Oxford fellowship through the Graduate Theological Foundation, manuscript complete.

“Sacrificing the Paschal Lamb: A Road towards Peace,” World’s Religions after 9/11 Conference, Montreal, September 2006, published in *World Religions after 9/11,* Vol. I,

ed. Arvind Sharma, Greenwood Publishing.

Theological Reflections on Death and the Afterlife:

“Dying in Christ: Challenging *Sacrosantum concilium* on anointing, on behalf of the Dying,”

College Theology Society meeting, June 2005.

**“**Dying Alone: The Consequences of Abandoning Extreme Unction,” Etudes Liturgiques, Winter 2004.

*The Journey through Death: A Spiritual Manual* - a brief prayer manual in the tradition of the medieval *Ars Moriendi,* The prayers are accompanied by drawings by Lilian Brulc.

“Is Our Faith in Vain? Rethinking the Afterlife in the Light of Christian Mission.”

Catholic Theological Society of America meeting, June 2001.

A Theologian’s Perspective on Domestic Violence

“Diving into Darkness: The Religious Experience of Women Survivors of Domestic Violence”, Leuven Encounters in Spiritual Theology, Leuven, Belgium, November 2003.

“Unconditional Positive Regard: Working with Women Survivors of Domestic Violence,” with Sr. Jennifer Gaeta, SSS. College Theology Society meeting, May 2000.