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EDUCATION

Seminary of the Southwest, Master of Divinity with Concentration in Latinx Ministry **2018 - Present**

Austin, TX - A residential seminary standing boldly at the intersection of tradition and innovation, rooted in the celebration of the theology, liturgy, and rich history of The Episcopal Church, and centered around dialogue between the Christian faith and culture.

Saint Leo University, Master of Arts in Theology **2014 - 2016**

San Antonio, FL - Catholic centered theological education in ecumenical community for the advanced study of scripture, theology, ethics, contemplation, etc. Special personal emphasis on Christian Spirituality.

Southeastern University, Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (Bible and Pre-Seminary) **2006 - 2011**

Lakeland, FL - Assembly of God affiliated university offering theological education in an ecumenical context deeply rooted in Christian formation and spiritual practice.

NON-DEGREE EDUCATION

Mexican American Catholic College, Intensive Pastoral Spanish **Summer of 2020**

San Antonio, TX - Full-time, eight-week Spanish class for pastoral contexts. Classes involve regular engagement in classroom conversation, phonetics training, grammar skills, and pastoral vocabulary. Intermediate and Advanced levels

Training and Counseling Center at St. Luke's, Level One CPE Unit **Summer of 2019**

Atlanta, GA - Summer intensive ACPE accredited program offering clinical immersion in community awareness, outreach, ministry, pastoral care, and theological reflection in urban contexts of poverty. Placed at the Lokey Center-Emmaus House in the Peoplestown neighborhood of Atlanta.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Field Education Seminarian/Deacon, Santa Fe Episcopal Church - San Antonio, TX **2019 - Present**

Served as seminarian and deacon in a small, vibrant, bilingual congregation in south San Antonio. Engaged regularly in officiating services, preaching, leading a website creation team, offering prayer and pastoral care, engaging in extensive community research and theological reflection, and creating innovative opportunities for online engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Camp Counselor, The Beecken Center of the School of Theology at Sewanee **July, 2017 & July, 2018**

Facilitated theological and debate discussion and supervised high school students for 10 days at SUMMA Student Theological Debate Society.

School Chaplain/ Religion Teacher, Saint George's Episcopal School - Milner, GA **2016 - 2018**

Facilitated spiritual development and religious education in an ecumenically diverse community of students through the implementation of daily chapel services, the development and teaching of the Bible and religion curriculum (preschool-high school), and offering pastoral care to students, parents, teachers, and staff. Member of school administration which involved interviewing job candidates, long-term visioning, and problem-solving.

Youth Minister, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church - Franklin, TN **2011 - 2014**

Led ministries for students 7th - 12th grades at an energetic, innovative, and historic parish just outside Nashville, TN through the planning and implementation of Sunday school classes, fellowship groups, spiritual formation, retreats, mission trips, and pilgrimages. Provided pastoral care for students and their families.

Volunteer Music Minister, Zephyrhills First Church of the Nazarene - Zephyrhills, FL **2009 - 2011**
Organized and led music for Sunday morning family services and student services. Taught Wednesday night class for students applying critical thought to the gospels and the life of Jesus.

Volunteer Youth Pastor, Plant City Church of the Nazarene - Plant City, FL **2006 - 2008**
Led a community of teenagers and young adults in spiritual formation through the teaching of Scripture in a class setting, through preaching, and through the building of community in contemporary worship services and activities.

RELEVANT SKILLS AND TRAITS

Tertiary member of the Third Order, Society of St. Francis since 2012 (made life vows in 2016)

An Anglican/ Episcopal religious order of men and women, single and married/ partnered, lay and ordained who are dedicated to lives of service in prayer, study, and work in the way of St. Francis, live by a rule of life, and take life vows.

Intermediate/ Advanced-Intermediate level of Spanish

While not a native speaker, comfortable and able to confidently lead worship in Spanish and able to read, listen, and have extended, basic conversations in Spanish. Regular experience in preaching bilingual sermons. Continually and passionately studying to increase my level of Spanish fluency.

Technologically Proficient

Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Macintosh and Windows Operating systems, video editing software, basic website design, and social networking platforms.

Ecumenical Background

Fluent, confident, and comfortable in diverse religious traditions, having been raised in the Church of the Nazarene; attained degrees from Assembly of God, Catholic-Benedictine, and Episcopal post-secondary academic institutions; completing a thesis project on interfaith work; and being a member of an Anglican Franciscan religious order.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Field Technician, Precision Meter Repair - Plant City, FL **2015 - 2016**
Sub-contracted for large gas companies in central Florida to change and repair gas meters and other meter related projects. Regularly interacted with customers at their home.

Shift Supervisor, Starbucks Coffee Company - Lakeland, FL **2007 - 2011 and 2014 - 2015**
Supervised a community of diverse employees through motivating and affirming communication and clear and precise direction. Recognized and met the needs of customers and mediated concerns and complaints. Demonstrated knowledge of the coffee development process. Handled money and financial statements.

REFERENCES

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"The one who loves much, prays much"
- St. Augustine