

Paul Murray, O.P.

Curriculum Vitae et Operae

Curriculum Vitae

Paul Murray, O.P. was born at Newcastle, Co. Down, in the North of Ireland on 26 November, 1947. In 1966 he joined the Irish Province of the Dominican Order. In 1973 he completed his undergraduate studies and obtained the Baccalaurate Degree in Sacred Theology. In the same year he was ordained a priest. In 1975 he obtained a Licence in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical University of St Thomas in Rome. In 1984 he completed his doctorate thesis at University College Dublin in Modern English Literature. The thesis entitled *T.S. Eliot and Mysticism: The Secret History of Four Quartets*, was subsequently published in both England and the United States. In 1979 he was appointed Master of Students at the Dominican Studium at Tallaght. In 1980 he joined the teaching staff of the Studium at Tallaght. From 1991 to 1993, for one semester a year, he taught courses in the Faculty of Theology at the University of St Thomas in Rome. In 1994 he was invited to teach full time at the Angelicum, and was appointed Spiritual Director at the Convitto Internazionale San Tommaso. In 2000-2001, Father Murray occupied the Paluch Chair of Theology at the University of St Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary, Chicago. From the period 2001 to 2005 he was Vice Rector of the University of St Thomas, and in 2007 he was elected President of the Institute of Spirituality at the same university, and re-elected in 2009. In 2010 he was invited to give a lecture at The House of Lords, London, on Christian Contemplation. On 17 January 2012 he was conferred with the STM (Master in Sacred Theology) by the Dominican Order. Some of Murray's books, mostly in the field of spirituality and literature, have been translated into German, French, Italian, Korean, Chinese, Polish, and Arabic.

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Publications

Books:

Ritual Poems, Dublin: New Writers Press, 1971.

The Mysticism Debate, Chicago: Herald Press, 1977.

Rites and Meditations, Dublin: Dolmen Press, 1982.

T.S. Eliot and Mysticism: The Secret History of Four Quartets, London and New York: Macmillan Press and St Martin Press, 1991.

The Absent Fountain, Dublin, Dedalus Press, 1992.

A Journey with Jonah: The Spirituality of Bewilderment, Dublin, Columba Press, 2002.

Preachers at Prayer, Dublin: Dominican Publications, 2003.

These Black Stars, Dublin: Dedalus Press, 2003.

A Drink Called Happiness: The New Wine of Dominican Spirituality, London and New York: Burns & Oates/Continuum, 2006.

“I Loved Jesus in the Night”: Teresa of Calcutta, A Secret Revealed, Paraclete Press (USA) and Darton Longman and Todd (England), 2008.

Door into the Sacred: A Meditation on the Hail Mary, Darton, Longman and Todd (England), Novalis (Canada), 2010. The same book was published in the United States with a different title: ***The Hail Mary: On the Threshold of Grace***, Liguori Press, 2010.

Praying with Confidence: Aquinas on the Lord’s Prayer, Continuum Press (New York and London), 2010.

In the Grip of Light: The Dark and Bright Journey of Christian Contemplation, Bloomsbury Press (New York and London), 2012.

Stones and Stars, Dedalus Press (Dublin), 2013.

Aquinas at Prayer: The Bible, Mysticism and Poetry, Bloomsbury Press (New York and London), 2013.

Scars: Essays, Poems, and Meditations on Affliction (New York and London), 2014.

God’s Spies: Michelangelo, Shakespeare, and Other Poets of Vision, New York, Bloomsbury Press, 2018.

Light at the Torn Horizon, Park Bridge, IL, Word on Fire Press, 2022.

Moling in Meditation: A Psalter for an Early Irish Monk, South Bend, Indiana, St Augustine’s Press, 2023.

Articles:

“The Personality of St Catherine of Siena”, *Each for All*, no.23 (March 1976) pp.4-19.

“The Experience of God in the First Epistle of St John”, *Scripture in Church*, Vol 9, no.32, 1979, pp.614-20.

"The Unidentified Ghost: Arthur Hugh Clough and T.S. Eliot's *Four Quartets*", *Studies*, LXX, 227 (Spring 1981) pp.35-54.

"The Way of the Void: Notes on the Rediscovery of an Ancient Path", *The Eckhart Review*, March 1993, pp.3-17.

"Alliance of the two Hearts and Spirituality", *The Core of our Faith*, Texts and Documents, International Theological Conference on the Alliance of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Roma 1995, pp.157-62.

"The Poetry of Exile", *European Judaism*, Autumn 1995, pp.43-9.

"A Life Unfinished?", *Religious Life Review*, Vol 35, no.152, Mar/Apr, Autumn 1996, pp.367-69.

"Living Knowledge of God: Christian Contemplation", *The Irish Theological Quarterly*, Vol 63, no.4, 1998, pp.327-40.

"Preachers at Prayer: Recovering the Contemplative Dimension", *Spirituality*, Vol 4, no.17, Mar\Apr 1998, pp.100-105.

"Catherine of Siena: The Saint of our Humanity", *Chicago Studies*, Spring 1999, pp.60-71.

"Fire in the Soul: Evangelization and Spirituality Today", *Priests and People*, Vol 13, no.7, July 1999, pp.266-71.

"Leonard Boyle, O.P., 1923-1999", *Religious Life Review*, Vol 39, no.200, Jan-Feb 2000, pp.46-50.

"A Man of the Book", *New Blackfriars*, Vol 81, no.950, April 2000, pp.156-60.

"What is Contemplative Prayer?", *Spirituality*, Vol 6, no.31, July/Aug 2000, pp.217-22.

"Dominicans and Happiness", *Dominican Ashram*, Vol 19, no.3, Sept 2000, pp.120-42.

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"'I Have Tears and Hope': Martyrdom in the Twentieth Century", *New Blackfriars*, Vol 81, no.957, Nov 2000, pp.485-97.

"God's Spy: Shakespeare and Religious Vision", *Communio: International Catholic Review*, Vol XXVII, no.4, Winter 2000, pp.764-86.

- "Falling towards God: Contemplation and the Downward Path", *Spirituality*, Vol 7, no.34, Jan/Feb 2001, pp.31-4..
- "Bad Health - Good News?", *Priests and People*, Vol 15, no.3, March 2001, pp.87-92.
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- "Dominican Happiness and Holiness", *Spirituality*, Vol 7, no.37, July/Aug 2001, pp.222-25.
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- "Aquinas and Gospel Joy", *Spirituality*, Vol 8, no.40, Jan/Feb 2002, pp.33-5.
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- "Retrouver la dimension contemplative", *Lien des Moniales*, Jan 2002, pp.1-18.
- "Kontemplation im Predigerordern", *Dominikus: Mitteilungen der Dominikanischen Familie in Süddeutschland und Österreich*, Spring 2002, pp.5-31.
- "Dominicans Drinking: A Neglected Image of the Holy Preaching", *Religious Life Review* Vol 41, no.216, Sept/Oct 2002, pp.272-83.
- "'Go into the Gaps': The New Imperative of the Religious Vocation", in *Religious Life Review* Vol 43, no.224, Jan/Feb 2004, pp.2-19.
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"Study in the Lives of Dominican Preachers and Contemplatives", in *Dominican Monastic Search* Vol 22, 2005, pp.41-64.

"A Conversation with Patrick Pye", in *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* Vol 8, no.2, Spring 2005, pp.89-106.

"Shakespeare and Religious Experience", *Spirituality* Vol 11, no.61, July/August 2005, pp.212-13.

"The Fourth Friend: Poetry in a Time of Affliction", in *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* Vol 8, no.3, Summer 2005, pp.19-39.

"Drunk on Wisdom: St Thomas Aquinas and St Catherine of Siena", *Angelicum* Vol 82, 2005, pp.637-49.

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"Why Remain in the Church Today?", in *Doctrine and Life*, Vol 56, no.6, July/August 2006, pp.30-50.

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"Zjedz tę Księżę: stadium w tradycji dominikańskiej", in *Teofil*, 1 (25) 2007, pp.193-210.

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"Searching for God: Contemplative Prayer in the Dominican Tradition", in *Doctrine and Life*, Vol 47, no.252, September/October 2008, pp.283-96.

"The Experience of God according to St Bernard of Clairvaux," in *L'Osservatore Romano* (English Edition) no.32/33, 19 August 2009, pp.8-9.

"A Graced Bewilderment: The Dark Night of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta", in *L'Osservatore Romano* (English Edition) no.47, 25 November 2009, pp.10-11.

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"On Fire with Truth: The Life and Teaching of St Catherine of Siena," in *The Pivotal Players: Study Program*, edited by Bishop Robert Barron (Word on Fire 2017).

"The Beauty of Prayer in Aquinas", Conference on *The Praying Thomas*, Faculteit Theologie en Religiewetenschappen, Leuven, Belgium, 11 October 2017.

"Prayer, Beauty, Mission: The Hidden Springs of the New Evangelization," Three-Part Video, The Word on Fire Institute, January 2021.

1. Papers read at Conferences

"How does God speak to us through Poetry and the Arts?", The Dominican Conference, Birmingham, September 1991.

“Poetry as Preparation for Prayer”, The Aquinas Lecture, Tallaght (Dublin) January 1992.

“The Way of the Void: Notes on the Rediscovery of an Ancient Path”, Eckhart International Conference, Oxford, August 1992.

“Creation Groaning: Nature in Christian Verse”, The Annual Dominican Symposium, London, December 1993.

“In Love with God: Spousal Love in Consecrated Life Today”, Conference on Religious Life, Angelicum University, Rome, May 1994.

“The Poetry of Exile”, Jewish-Christian Conference, Bendorf (Germany), July 1994.

“Poetry and Christian Mysticism”, Conference on Exploring Faith, Guilford (England), November 1994.

“Death and the Poet”, Conference on the Theology of Death, London (Colney) December 1994.

“Mary’s Communion with Jesus in Medieval Spirituality”, International Theological Convention on the Alliance of the Two Hearts, Rome, May 1995.

“The Poetry of Seamus Heaney”, Irish/Italian Conference, Rome, March 1996.

“Knowing and Not Knowing God”, Commencement Talk, Mundelein Seminary, University of Our Lady of the Lake, Chicago, September 1996.

“Contemplation: Its Meaning and Significance in the Christian Tradition”, and “Dominicans Grounded in Contemplative Experience”, Conference on Recovering the Dominican Contemplative Tradition for the 21st Century, Chicago, June 1997.

“Right Relationship With God”, International Ministry Congress, Santa Fe, New Mexico, November 1997.

“God and the Poets”, Mount Angel Summer Conference, Oregon (USA), July 1998.

“Fire in the Soul: Evangelization and Spirituality Today”, Study Week, Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, Rome, September 1998.

“Visions of Nature in the Christian Mystical Tradition”, The Distinguished Lecture Series, American University of Rome, November 1998.

“St Teresa of Avila: Preacher of the Gospel” and “The Descent of Mount Carmel: A New Reading of St John of the Cross”, Conference on the Spanish Mystics, Valladolid (Spain), April 1999.

“Martyrdom in the 20th Century”, Symposium on Martyrdom, Tampa University, Florida, June 1999.

“Dominicans and Happiness”, and “Dominicans Drinking: A Forgotten Image for the ‘Holy Preaching’”, Conference on Spirituality in the Dominican Tradition, Canberra (Australia), September 1999.

“God’s Spy: Shakespeare and Religious Vision”, The Aquinas Lecture, Blackfriars, Oxford, January 2000.

“Introduction with Commentary: ‘St Thomas and the New Millenium’ by Leonard Boyle”, International Medieval Conference, Leeds, July 2000.

“Bad Health - Good News?: A Theology of Health and Healing”, The Paluch Lecture, University of St Mary of the Lake, Mundelein (Chicago), January 2001.

“Preaching the Mystery: Grace and Truth in St Bernard of Clairvaux”, The Aquinas Lecture, Dominican House of Studies, Washington, March 2001.

“The Task of Happiness: A Reflection on Human Suffering and Christian Joy”, The Habiger Lecture in Catholic Studies, St John’s University, Collegeville, and University of St Thomas, St Paul, MN, March 2001.

“Naming the New Lions: Priesthood Today and the Challenges of Contemporary Culture”, Fifth Annual National Diocesan Seminarian Conference, St Paul’s School of Divinity, St Paul, MN, April 2001.

“Seeds of an Extravagant Hope”, Academic Convocation, University of St Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary, Chicago, May 2001.

“The Preacher as Poet”, The Annual Summer Conference, Virginia Theological Seminary, Washington D.C., May 2001.

“A Journey with Jonah: The Spirituality of Bewilderment”, The Annual Glenstal Conference, Glenstal Abbey, Co. Limerick, June 2001.

“Recovering the Contemplative Dimension”, Talk to the General Chapter of the Dominican Order, Providence, Rhode Island, July 2001.

“Jonah and the Vocation of the Preacher”, Talk to the Annual Conference of the Diocesan Vocation Directors of England and Wales, English College Villa, Palazzola, November 2001.

“A Journey with Jonah: The Spirituality of Bewilderment”, The Aquinas Lecture, The Priory Institute, Tallaght (Dublin), January 2002.

“The Wine of Encouragement: Preaching the Good News in a Time of Disillusion”, Talk to the Assembly of the Irish Dominican Province, Tallaght (Dublin), May 2002.

“Dominicans and Gospel Joy”, Talk for the Dominican Association of Britain and Ireland, Campion House, London, June 2002.

“Preachers at Prayer: The Dominican Spiritual Tradition”, Summer Lecture Series, Providence College, Rhode Island, July 2002.

“St Teresa of Avila: The Soul’s Thirst”, Women at the Well, Conference on Witnesses to Contemplative Living, The Vincent Pallotti Institute, Rome, November 2002.

“Door into the Sacred: A Meditation on the Hail Mary”, and “Falling towards God: A Gospel Path of Hope and Healing”, The Annual St. Mary Conference, San Ramon (California), February 2003.

“Jonah in Art and Literature”, in Immagini Bibliche e Arte Cristiana, Lectures in honour of Beato Angelico, Rome, February 2003.

“Scholarship and Holiness”: Retreat Conferences to Academic Faculty, Catholics Studies Programme, University of St Thomas, St Paul, MN, August, 2003.

“Go into the Gaps’: The New Imperative of the Religious Vocation”, Talk to the Annual General Meeting of Vocations Ireland, Dublin, October 2003.

“The Task of Study: Sharing the Joys and Sorrows of our Generation”, Collationes all’Angelicum, no.3, Rome, March 2004.

“The Fourth Friend: Poetry in a Time of Affliction”, The Annual Lenten Conference, The Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas and the Vincent Pallotti Institute, Rome, March 2004.

“Study in the Lives of Dominican Preachers and Contemplatives”, Dominican Nuns Contemplative Conference, Philadelphia, September 2004.

“Words in a Time of War”, Conference at the Irish Embassy to the Italian State, November 2004.

“Is there a Case for Poetry?”, Distinguished Lecture Series, American University of Rome, December 2004.

“The Poet and the Academic: Friends or Foes?”, The Annual Habiger Lecture, University of St Thomas, St Paul, MN, September 2005.

“Is There a Case for Poetry?”, The Annual Washabaugh Lecture, Gannon University, September 2005.

“Why Remain in the Church Today?”, Conference to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Founding of the Irish Dominican Studium, St Saviour’s, Dublin, 6 February, 2006.

“Insights into Dominican Spirituality”, Conference on Contemplative Living in the World, The Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas and the Vincent Pallotti Institute, Rome, November 2006.

“Simple Prayer/Complicated Life”, Lecture to The John Carroll Society (Washington Lawyers), Collegio Bellarmino, Rome, 16 February 2007.

“God Speaks in the Night”: The Annual Advent Lecture, The Lay Centre, Foyer Unitas, 9 December 2007.

“Dominican Wisdom and the Dark Night”: The Aquinas Lecture, Dominican University, Chicago, 28 February 2008.

“The Contemporary Challenge to Academe”: Address to the Academic Faculty, Dominican University, Chicago, 29 February 2008.

“A Papist Shakespeare?": Lecture to Students of the English Faculty, Dominican University, Chicago, 31 February 2008.

“Testimoni di Speranza”: Conferenza sulla Enciclica di Papa Benedetto XVI, *Spe Salvi*, Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore, 6 March 2008.

“Searching for God: Contemplative Prayer in the Dominican Tradition”, A Colloquium with the Dalai Lama on Christian and Buddhist Contemplative Prayer, Blackfriars, Oxford, 31 May 2008.

“Seek His Face: Knowing the One You Witness”, A Talk in the Great Hall of Sydney University, World Youth Day, Australia, 16 July 2008.

“Aquinas at Prayer”, The Aquinas Lecture, Bristol University (England), 1 February 2009.

“Falling towards God: The Spirituality of the Downward Path”, Conference of Spiritual Directors from the English Speaking Seminaries in Europe, North American College, Rome, 7 May 2009.

“Aquinas: The Interior Life of a Mystic on Campus”, Conference at the University of St Thomas, St Paul, MN, 17 September 2009.

“From Despair to Hope”, Talk to the Students and Faculty of the Chesterton Academy, St Paul, MN, 21 September 2009.

“Personal Spirituality”, Talk at the Annual Conference of the Knights of Malta, New York, 26 September 2009.

“An Amazing Radiance: The Mystery of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta’s Interior Life”, Conference on “Saints in Rome” at the Vincent Pallotti Institute, Rome, 15 October 2009.

“Preaching to Priests: Wisdom from the Middle Ages”, Talk at International Conference on the Priesthood, Collegio Teutonico, Vatican City, 7 January 2010.

“Dominican Priesthood: Past and Present”, Provincial Conference at St Mary’s Priory Tallaght, Co. Dublin, 14 June 2010.

“Amazing Grace: The Three Stages of Falling towards God”, Conference at the M. F. Norwegian School of Theology, Oslo, Norway, 18 August 2010.

“Contemplation: An Essential Ingredient in Christian Tradition”, Address to the Royal Fine Art Commission Trust in conjunction with Sky Television, The House of Lords, London, 29 November 2010.

“Hope beyond Affliction: The Spirituality of Exile in Irish and Jewish Literature”, Talk at the Cardinal Bea Centre for Judaic Studies at the Gregorian University, Rome, 20 January 2011.

“The Silence of Mother Teresa: A Lesson in Spiritual Practice”, Talk at Symposium, “Blessed Teresa of Calcutta: The Path and the Vision”, at the Angelicum University, Rome, 5 March 2011.

“A Gospel of Freedom: The Living Voice of Catherine of Siena”, Conference on “Called to Transform the World from Within”, at the Vincent Pallotti Institute, Rome, 10 March 2011.

“An Amazing Grace: The Poets of the Eucharist”, 50th International Eucharistic Congress, Dublin, 13 June 2012.

“Aquinas: Poet and Contemplative”, 12th Biennial Colloquium of Dominican Colleges and Universities, Dominican University, Chicago, 17 June 2012.

“The Task of Happiness: Human Suffering and Christian Joy”, University of Notre Dame, Fremantle, Perth, Australia, 1 August 2012.

“Falling towards God: Simple Prayer/Complicated Life”, Helder Camara Lecture, Newman College, Melbourne, Australia, 6 August 2012.

“Teaching as a Vocation”, Aquinas College, Ringwood, Australia, 13 August 2012.

“Good News and Bad News: The Challenge of Evangelization”, Public Lecture together with Cardinal Rodriguez, Shepparton Diocesan Center, Shepparton, Australia, 16 August 2012.

“Contemplation and Mission” and “The Presence and Absence of God in Life and Prayer”, Talks to a gathering of Clerical Religious Students, MGL Seminary, Melbourne, Australia, 18 August 2012.

“An Enduring Radiance: The Blessing and Challenge of Living Faith Today”, Public Lecture in honour of St George Preca, Malta, 25 October 2012.

“Catholic Spirituality: Five Memos for the New Millenium”, Address to the Members and Candidates of the Society of Christian Doctrine, Malta, 17 October, 2012.

“Faith in the *Adoro te devote* of St Thomas Aquinas”, Public Lecture for The Year of Faith, Angelicum University, Rome, 20 February, 2013.

Two talks to Major Religious Superiors of Ireland, Cori AGM, Dublin: “Anxious Hearts, Wounded Lives: The Place of the New Sacred”, 4 June, 2013, and “The Fourth Friend: Poetry in a Time of Affliction”, 5 June, 2013.

“Thomas Aquinas: Talking to God”, Address at International Thomistic Conference, Doctrine of God, One and Triune, Washington, 1 July, 2013, Dominican House of Studies.

“The Meaning of the New Sacred”, Public Lecture at St Joseph’s, Manhattan, New York, 15 July, 2013.

“The Prayers of Aquinas”, Talk to the Faculty of Augustine Institute, Denver, USA, 23 July, 2013.

“A Graced Bewilderment: The Dark Night of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta”, Public Lecture at the Augustine Institute, Denver, USA, 23 July, 2013.

“Anxious Hearts and Wounded Lives: The Place of the New Sacred”, Seton Hall University, New York, 8 September, 2013.

“‘I am Myself Alone’: Shakespeare and the Human Casualty”, The Annual Catherine of Siena Lecture, Providence College, New Jersey, USA, 23 April 2014.

“Naming the New Lions: The Challenges of Contemporary Culture to Christian Faith”, University of Mary, North Dakota, 30 August 2014.

“The Scars of Life”, Lecture at Caldwell University, New Jersey, USA, 18 September, 2014.

“Speech at Academic Convocation, Caldwell University, New Jersey, USA, 19 September, 2014.

“Parables of Mercy”, Talk at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge University, 8 March 2015.

“At the Threshold of Wonder: Theology and Poetry, Friends or Foes?”, The Power of the Word Conference, Pontifical Atheneum of St Anselm, Rome, 17 June 2015.

“Amazing Journey into God: The Dark Night of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta”, Lecture at Lumen Civitatis, Memphis, USA, 11 August 2015.

“At the Threshold of Wonder: Theology and Poetry, Friends or Foes?”, Notre Dame University, USA, 16 January, 2016.

“Aquinas, Poet and Contemplative”, Lumen Christi Institute, Chicago University, 18 January, 2016.

“Preaching Today”, Colloquium on *Dei Verbum*, Angelicum University, Rome, 27 February 2016.

“Aquinas, Poet and Contemplative”, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, USA, 8 September 2016.

“Human Dignity and Human Freedom: The Vision of St Catherine of Siena”, Las Casas Institute, Oxford University, 24 April 2017.

“The Beauty of Prayer in Aquinas”, Conference on *The Praying Thomas*, Faculteit Theologie en Religiewetenschappen, Leuven, Belgium, 11 October 2017.

“Prayer, Beauty, Mission: The Hidden Springs of the New Evangelization,” Three-Part Video, The Word on Fire Institute, January 2021.

“The Nature of Religious Verse,” Talk at The House of Literature, Oslo, Norway, 19 September 2022.

“What is that Knocking?: Poetry, Beauty, and the Shock of Grace,” Conference on The Power of Beauty, Phoenix, Arizona, 31 October 2022.

“Looking Death Straight in the Eye: The Wisdom and Witness of the Saints,” Eschatology and the Human Person, Angelicum University, Rome, 3 December, 2022.

“Dominicans and the Key of Knowledge,” Talk to Dominican Friars studying at Rome, Angelicum University, 19 February, 2023.

