



PROFILE

I am 48 years old, married, and have five children. After having lived a non-religious life throughout my childhood and young adult years, having served in the **United States Marine Corps** (5 years), and having worked as a **private security supervisor** (3 years), **police officer** (8 years), **private investigator** (1 year), and **retail supervisor** (2 years) in California for many years, I entered the Roman Catholic Church on Easter Vigil 2007. I am now a **Catholic systematic theologian and philosopher**, specializing in the theology and philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas. Additionally, having performed and studied music for over 30 years, I have also worked as a professional **opera singer** (bass-baritone), professional **chorister, actor, and vocal teacher** and coach. I am also a **4th Degree Knight of Columbus** from Council #15730 in Vancouver, WA.

CONTACT

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Rome, Italy

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CURRICULUM VITAE

PROF. ANDREW M. STEELE

EDUCATION

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN HIGHER EDUCATION (concurrent with a LEADERSHIP GRADUATE CERTIFICATE) – Candidate

Immacolata University
Immacolata, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

2024 – Present

Capstone Project: TBD

SACRAE THEOLOGIAE DOCTOR (S.T.D.) – Candidate

Pontificia Università di San Tommaso d'Aquino (Angelicum)
Rome, Italy

2019 – Present

Dissertation:

Ordinata Per Angelos: A Thomistic Interpretation of Angelic Operations as Causal Toward Spousal Relation and Unity

Moderator:

Rev. Dr. Serge-Thomas Bonino, O.P., S.T.D.

SACRAE THEOLOGIAE LICENTIATUS (S.T.L.)

International Theological Institute – Catholic School of Theology
Trumau, Austria

2019

Thesis:

Caritas Coniugalis As Mysterium: A Thomistic Biblical Interpretation of the Sacramental and Ecclesiological Nature of the Gratia Matrimonii via the Book Of Tobit and Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Director:

Rev. Dr. Jean-Yves Brachet, O.P., Ph.D.

SACRAE THEOLOGIAE MAGISTER (S.T.M. / M.Th.)

International Theological Institute – Catholic School of Theology
Trumau, Austria

2015

Thesis:

St. Thomas Aquinas on Truth as Found in Divine Knowledge, Human Cognition, and the Form of Knowledge Found in an Act of Faith

Director:

Rev. Dr. Rupert Mayer, O.P., Ph.D.

LANGUAGES BESIDES ENGLISH

LATIN – Advanced reading knowledge

GREEK – Intermediate reading knowledge

HEBREW – Elementary reading knowledge

ITALIAN – Elementary reading and speaking knowledge

FRENCH – Elementary reading and speaking knowledge

GERMAN – Elementary reading and speaking knowledge

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Thomistic Angelology
Thomistic Biblical Exegesis
Thomistic Natural Philosophy
Thomistic Theological and Philosophical Anthropology
Thomistic Metaphysics
Thomistic Epistemology
Thomistic Christology
Thomistic Doctrine on Grace
Thomistic Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Aristotelian Logic
Sacramental Theology
Soteriology / Eschatology
Patristics
Trinitarian Theology
Ecclesiology
Pastoral Theology
Spiritual Theology
Pauline Theology

BACCALAUREI ARTIUM (B.A.) – Philosophy Major / Theology Minor
Ave Maria University
Ave Maria, Florida, U.S.A.
2010

Thesis:

De Ira Dei: Divine Passibility or an Idiomatic Misconception?

Director:

Dr. Joseph G. Trabbic, Ph.D.

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY

Pontificia Università di San Tommaso d'Aquino (Angelicum)
Rome, Italy

2023 – Present (Part-Time)

As a member of the Theology faculty at the Angelicum, I teach theology, methodology, and writing courses to Baccalaureate, Licentiate and Doctoral students.

ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN OF THEOLOGY / PROJECT MANAGER / ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Pontificia Università di San Tommaso d'Aquino (Angelicum)
Rome, Italy

2023 – Present (Full-Time)

As a member of the Dean's Office, I initiate and receive delegated tasks from the Dean and Vice Deans, including (but not limited to): project management of new degree/diploma and other academic programs; evaluating academic transcripts of applicants; providing academic advisement to students; training other academic advisors; aid in the creation and updating of Faculty policies; assist with the creation of semester course schedules and professor assignments for primarily the S.T.B, S.T.L, and S.T.D. programs; co-managing the newly-formed Writing Center and its Writing Tutors; editing, arranging, and reviewing electronic documents; assisting in the evaluation phases of universities and other institutions around the world seeking theological/philosophical accreditation by becoming an Affiliate/Aggregate of the Angelicum; consulting with our current Affiliate institutions toward the updating of policies and procedures; facilitating work procedures to ensure effective workflow for team members; assisting the Secretary of Theology and other team members as needed.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY & LATIN

Thomas More College of Liberal Arts / Ave Maria University – Rome
Semester Program
Rome, Italy

2022 – Present (Part-Time)

As a member of the teaching faculty at the Rome Campus, I teach Theology and Latin courses to undergraduate students of Thomas More College and Ave Maria University.

PRESIDENT / ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY

Theological Institute of St. Thomas Aquinas ("Thomisticum")

2015 – Present (Part-Time)

The Thomisticum is an online school offering college-level courses, at extremely low cost, to those who wish to take theological and philosophical courses of the Thomistic tradition. I am the Founder of this

COURSES TAUGHT

THEOLOGY

- Methodology (STB/STL/STD)
- Theological Writing Seminar (STB/STL/STD)
- Thomas Aquinas on the Life of Virtue
- Introduction to Christian Theology
- *Mysterium Salutis*: The Teaching of St. Paul
- Thomistic Angelology I
- God and the Divine Attributes According to Aquinas
- God's Will and Providence
- Mary: Virgin, Mother, and Queen
- Knowing and Naming God
- Knowledge in God
- Introduction to Sacred Scripture
- The Theology and Liturgy of Infant Baptism
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church
- The Sacrament of Baptism
- The Sacrament of Confirmation
- The Sacrament of Penance and the Eucharist
- Introduction to the Theology of Marriage

PHILOSOPHY

- History of Medieval Philosophy
- The Pre-Socratics & Sophists
- Aristotle's *Physics* I: On the Principles of Nature and Mobile Being
- Aristotle's *Physics* II: On Motion
- St. Thomas's *De Principiis Naturae*
- Philosophical Anthropology: The Human Soul
- Natural Philosophy I: Aquinas' Commentary on Aristotle's *Physics*, Books I & II

LANGUAGE

- Beginning Latin I
- Beginning Latin II
- Beginning Latin III
- Beginning Latin IV
- Intermediate Latin: The Angelic Nature According to St. Thomas Aquinas
- Beginning Biblical Greek I

CRITICAL THINKING / SOCRATIC METHOD

- Critical Thinking Skills Seminar
- Introduction to the Socratic Method for High School Teachers

school, and as its current President, I manage the typical operations of the Institute, which primarily consists in the supervision, direction, and hiring of all professors for the Institute. In partnership with the Vice-President, I plan and implement various initiatives and actions which seek to further the growth and success of the Institute. I also teach synchronous, live video courses in Thomistic Theology, Philosophy, and Latin.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Pontificia Università di San Tommaso d'Aquino (Angelicum) Rome, Italy

2022 – 2023 (Part-Time)

As a member of the Philosophy faculty at the Angelicum, I taught *History of Medieval Philosophy* to undergraduate students.

DEAN OF SCHOLA ALTA

Aquinas Vancouver – Catholic Classical School Vancouver, Washington, U.S.A.

2019 – 2022 (Part-Time)

Aquinas Vancouver is a Classical High School in the Catholic intellectual tradition. I had primary responsibility for the academic development of all Schola Alta pupils, as well as the hiring, management and evaluation of all Schola Alta faculty. I composed, contributed, reviewed and monitored all Schola Alta academic policies, including all teaching, learning, assessment, reporting, and tracking policies. I was also the primary teacher for all courses in philosophy.

PASTORAL ASSISTANT / DIRECTOR FOR FAITH FORMATION

The Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater Vancouver, Washington, U.S.A.

2016 – 2018 (Full-Time)

I developed, implemented and directed all Faith Formation programs for the parish. This included all religious education programs for K-12, High School Youth Ministry, and adult education. I directed and taught courses for (with the assistance of other Catechists) the RCIA, RCIC, infant Baptism, and children's Sacraments programs. I prepared couples via Marriage Preparation courses, and served as one of the parish Marriage Advocates. I coordinated and led all Parish Missions and guest speaker events. I assisted at all infant baptisms. I recruited, trained, and supervised all parish Catechists. I prepared bulletin announcements and articles, and managed all facets of the Faith Formation Office.

STUDENT BODY REPRESENTATIVE

International Theological Institute – Catholic School of Theology Trumau, Austria

2015 – 2016 (Part-Time)

I was elected as one of two graduate students to be a representative for the student body to the school's administration. I met often with students, both individually and in large groups, to discuss matters which the student body requested be communicated to the school's administration and faculty. I subsequently regularly met with the Rector to discuss the concerns of the student body, in order to find solutions to the various problems, and to further communicate to the student body the status of their requests.

PASTORAL ASSISTANT / DIRECTOR FOR FAITH FORMATION

St. Mark Catholic Church Shoreline, Washington, U.S.A.

2012 – 2013 (Full-Time)

I was in charge of all Faith Formation programs, including sacramental preparation, marriage preparation, RCIA, youth ministry, parish bulletin

MUSIC

- Applied Voice
- Acting for Singers

DRAMA

- Theatre Arts

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

- American Red Cross - First Aid
- American Red Cross - CPR/AED for Adults, Children, and Infants
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department First Aid & CPR

OTHER RESEARCH INTERESTS

- The influence of medieval Islamic philosophy on St. Thomas Aquinas' thought.
- The metaphysics of Aristotle's category of 'Relation' (πρὸς τι) and its implications for spousal union in the Sacrament of Matrimony.
- The theology of the Rite of Exorcism, and an understanding of the movement and influence of the demons via Aristotelian physics and metaphysics.

KEY SKILLS & CHARACTERISTICS

- I am well-formed and practiced in the art of the **Socratic Method** of learning and teaching, with over thirteen years of experience with this method.
- I am well-formed at approaching philosophical and theological problems via the **Primary Source** materials in their original language.
- I have many years of combined experience in **Retail and Parish Management**, which has afforded me a great deal of administrative skills.
- The leadership skills I learned in the U.S. Marine Corps and in law enforcement were the basis for my developing the habit of practicing and always seeking to perfect **good leadership skills**, principally in leading by example.

articles, as well as all relevant administrative duties and assistance with liturgical preparations. I was also the parish Marriage Advocate (trained and certified by the Archdiocese of Seattle).

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / CATECHIST

The Quasi-Parish of Ave Maria Oratory

Ave Maria, Florida, U.S.A.

2008 – 2012 (Part-Time)

I was in charge of all religious education programs, including First Communion/First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and RCIA, as well as all relevant administrative duties and assistance with liturgical preparations. I was the primary instructor for the RCIA program, and also regularly prepared children for First Communion / First Penance.

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR OF MUSIC

Ave Maria University

Ave Maria, Florida, U.S.A.

2008 – 2011 (Part-Time)

I taught beginning and intermediate voice lessons to students in the Music Department, focusing on the basic principles of classical/operatic vocal technique and vocal physiology. In addition to the study of music literature, I instructed students in the proper techniques of breathing, projection, tone quality and interpretation, diction, posture, and stage presence/confidence for the purposes of improving their solo and/or choral singing performance.

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR OF THEATRE ARTS

Ave Maria University

Ave Maria, Florida, U.S.A.

2009 – 2010 (Part-Time)

I taught students who were to participate in the production of a dramatic play and/or musical. Students were instructed on how to work and develop skills in acting, scene study, theatrical singing, artistic direction, musical direction, choreography, stage management, costuming, theatrical makeup, stage lighting, sound production, set construction, performance publicity, and other technical support roles, for university-sponsored dramatic and/or musical productions. Students were also given opportunities to hone their abilities in production management, time management, and production deadlines.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS / TRAINING

LEVEL 5 T.E.F.L. CERTIFICATE COURSE

The TEFL Academy, U.K.

2022

This 168-hour T.E.F.L. certification (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) course provides training on (1) how to create lessons for a variety of levels, from pre-intermediate to advanced; (2) teaching students how to speak, listen, read, and write in English; (3) the creation of materials and resources, including the utilization of the internet; (4) English grammar and how to teach the essentials of the language; (5) needs analysis and teaching in different situations; and (6) classroom management and teaching techniques.

- I am an accomplished **opera and choral singer** (baritone).
- I am competent in the use of **Microsoft Office products**, especially Word, Publisher, and Outlook.
- I am competent in the use of **Adobe Acrobat** and other Adobe applications.
- I am competent in the use of the project management program **Monday.com**

MY PHILOSOPHY OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

I believe that the role of a Catholic professor is to *inspire* their students to love the material they are studying, by showing how the truths discovered have a direct relevance and importance in their lives now.

I believe that a Catholic professor will be most efficacious at winning the hearts and minds of their students, if they themselves lead by example, by always striving to become a more perfect and prayerful living saint.

I believe that a Professor should substantially engage students in the Socratic Method of discussion; for the best way a student can learn principles of truth, is for them to be slowly and carefully guided in a way that allows the *student themselves* to become convinced that those are in fact principles of truth, and to allow such revelations to affect their lives for the good.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA)

North American Patristic Society (NAPS)

National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS)

15th ANNUAL EXORCISM AND PRAYER OF LIBERATION COURSE Sacerdos Institute / Group for Socio-Religious Research and Information (GRIS), Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, Rome, Italy

October 2021

This 44-hour, week-long course (offered academic and interdisciplinary research on the ministry of exorcism and the prayers of liberation. Intended primarily for priests who are or will become official exorcists in the Church, as well as those who may be or become lay members of a Deliverance and Exorcism Ministry Team, it addressed a wide range of issues, such as: anthropological, phenomenological, social, theological, liturgical, canonical, pastoral, spiritual, medical, neuroscientific, pharmacological, symbolic, criminological, legal and juridical ones.

MARRIAGE ADVOCATE

Archdiocese of Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.

2012 – 2013 / 2016 – 2018

After completing Beginning and Advanced courses in the canon law of Marriage, as well as the legal processes of annulments, I was certified to represent individuals seeking Declarations of Invalidity ("annulments") for the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Seattle.

PROFESSIONAL CATECHIST CERTIFICATION

Diocese of Venice, Florida, U.S.A.

2012 – 2013 / 2016 - 2018

This was the highest level of certification available through the Diocese of Venice, FL.

DEPUTY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE CERTIFICATE

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California, U.S.A.

1999

The Deputy Leadership Institute (DLI) is a leadership development program founded on the principle that leadership is intrinsic in the professional law enforcement officer and can be developed in each of us. The DLI helped students recognize their leadership responsibilities and enhance their leadership skills, both personally and professionally.

GUEST LECTURES BY INVITATION

DON BOSCO GYMNASIUM (K-12)

Unterwaltersdorf, Austria.

May 8, 2015

- Title: "Is Chastity Possible in the Modern World for Laypersons?"

INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE – MEN'S GROUP

Trumau, Austria.

March 1, 2015

- Title: "How a Former U.S. Marine and Police Officer Became a Catholic Theologian."

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

Mountain Biking
Working out / Running
Camping
Fishing
Hiking
Survival training
Singing
Country Music
Opera
Sacred Choral & Classical Music
Traveling

FAVORITE QUOTES

"Nullus potest amare aliquid incognitum." – St. Thomas Aquinas, *ST I-II*, q. 27, a. 2, *sed contra*

"Everywhere a greater joy is preceded by a greater suffering." – St. Augustine, *Confessions*, Book 8, Chapter 3, section 8

"[There is a] two-fold, never-ending task of the true teacher: to reflect the totality of truth, and in a constantly inquiring meditation, to discover and point out wherein lies the relevance of truth to his own time." – Josef Pieper, *The Silence of St. Thomas*

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." – Hosea 4:6

PARISH MISSIONS BY INVITATION

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Klamath Falls, Oregon, U.S.A.
February 17, 2018
Title: "Understanding Grace"

RETREATS BY INVITATION

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS – ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Vancouver, Washington, U.S.A.
January 20, 2018
▪ Title: "Grace and Faith"

SACRED MUSIC RETREAT – PROTO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. JAMES THE GREATER
Vancouver, Washington, U.S.A.
October 7-8, 2016
▪ Produced by our Choral Director, Mr. Scott Powell, I was invited to present various sessions on Vocal Technique, particularly in the areas of: (1) How to incorporate the Alexander Technique; (2) How to utilize operatic vocal methods for the sacred music choir; which culminated in (3) a practicum with all the participants in choir, toward the perfection of a choral piece that was performed at an evening liturgy.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

THE WILLIAM E. SIMON SCHOLARSHIP
Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas
Rome, Italy
2020 – 2021
This scholarship paid for my final residential year's tuition towards the completion of doctoral studies at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy.

THE CHARLES H. STONE DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP
Private Benefactor
Westminster, California, U.S.A.
2019 – 2022
This scholarship pays for full-tuition (minus any other tuition scholarships) and full living expenses for up to three years toward the completion of a doctoral degree at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy.

MARINE SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP
Ave Maria University
Ave Maria, Florida, U.S.A.
2007 – 2010
This scholarship paid for full-tuition, room and board for all three years of my studies toward a bachelor's degree at Ave Maria University in Florida.

PUBLICATIONS

INTERNATIONAL ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

The Institute for Ecumenical Studies
Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas
Rome, Italy

2023-2024

- Volume Editor for:
 - "Listening to the West": An anthology of perspectives according to Anglican, Lutheran, Reformed, Methodist, Old Catholic, Disciples of Christ, and Pentecostal theologies.
 - Forthcoming publication, Spring 2024

INTERNATIONAL ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

Pro Oriente & The Institute for Ecumenical Studies
Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas
Rome, Italy

2022-2023

- Volume Editor for:
Institute for Ecumenical Studies of the Angelicum, and Pro Oriente Foundation, eds. *Listening to the East: Synodality in Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Church Traditions*. Rome, Italy: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2023. (ISBN: 978-8826608389)

CONSORTIO (Special Edition)

Katholische Hochschule ITI
Trumau, Austria

2023

- Title: "Teaching: Toward a Craft of Science and Discovery"

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE DEAD PHILOSOPHERS SOCIETY

Holy Apostles College and Seminary
Cromwell, Connecticut, U.S.A.

2012

- Title: "The Problem with Capital Punishment: A Thomistic Solution of a Hobbesian Grammar"

NON-PUBLISHED PAPERS

- "Forty: A Relationship of Purification, Sacrifice and Obedience" (2007)
- "Truth and Morality: A Modern Crisis According to John Paul II" (2008)
- "The Sacrament of Matrimony: The Catholic Church and Its Twofold Consideration of Marriage as Indissoluble, as Decided by the Council of Trent" (2008)
- "Commentary on Sister Judith Kubicki's Book *The Presence of Christ in the Gathered Assembly*" (2008)
- "An Exposition on Aristotle and Dietrich von Hildebrand's *Philosophies on Virtue*" (2008)
- "The Natural Law: An Exposition" (2008)
- "Truth and Morality: A Modern Crisis According to John Paul II" (2008)
- "An Exposition of Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae: Prima Pars, Q. 75, A. 4*" (2008)
- "An Exposition of Rene Descartes' *Meditation Five*" (2008)

- "Plato and Aquinas on the Immateriality and Immortality of the Human Soul" (2008)
- "Aristotle's Metaphysics and Ralph McInerney's Article 'Are There Moral Truths that Everyone Knows?'" (2008)
- "The Epistemological Differences in the Cognitive Theories of Bl. John Duns Scotus and St. Thomas Aquinas" (2009)
- "Augustine's Confessions: Book XI, Chapters 10-13 - 'What was God doing before He made heaven and the earth?'" (2009)
- "Augustine's Confessions, Book X: Augustine's Hermeneutic on the Nature of Human Happiness" (2009)
- "Sources of Man's Knowledge According to St. Thomas Aquinas" (2009)
- "Commentary on Chapter XX of John Locke's Essay 'Concerning Human Understanding'" (2009)
- "Divine Predication and the Falsification Debate: A Thomistic Reply to Antony Flew" (2009)
- "Scotistic Metaphysics: Does Scotus Consider Beauty a Transcendental?" (2009)
- "The Ontological and Spiritual Implications of the Priesthood Engaged within a Political Context" (2009)
- "Canon 1141 and its Clause of Permissibility: A Teleological Hermeneutic in Support of the Marital Bond as Eternal" (2009)
- "Eutyches and the Heresy of Monophysitism" (2010)
- "De Ira Dei: Divine Passibility or an Idiomatic Misconception?" (2010)
- "A Theological Exegesis of John 4:1-42" (2013)
- "On the Definition of Faith: An Analysis of the Object and Act of Faith According to St. Thomas Aquinas" (2013)
- "Divinization in Defense of the True Divinity of the Holy Spirit According to St. Gregory Nazianzen" (2013)
- "An Historical Analysis of the Gospel of John: Jerusalem as the Contextual Precursor" (2014)
- "A Literary and Theological Analysis of John 17:1-5: A Thomistic Hermeneutic of Divine Glory" (2014)
- "On the Creator's Knowledge of Himself and His Creation According to St. Thomas Aquinas" (2014)
- "The Incarnation of the Logos Through the Lens of the Church Fathers" (2014)
- "A Literary and Theological Analysis of Romans 8:1-4" (2014)
- "On Prudence According to St. Thomas Aquinas" (2015)
- "Καίρὸς vs. Χρόνος: A Theological Interpretation of the "Signa Praesentiae Dei" of Gaudium et Spes #11" (2015)
- "Vatican II and the Notion of the Church as the Sacrament of Salvation: A Necessary Presupposition Toward an Understanding of the Sacramental Grace of Marriage" (2018)