

Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco, D.Min.

Curriculum Vitae

Born: September 6, 1961

Ordained: a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre at St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, New York, June 4, 1988

Papal Honors: Chaplain of His Holiness, 2008

Education

1. **Master of Arts in Theology, Liturgical Studies**, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, 2007
2. **Doctor of Ministry**, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, New York, 1998
3. **Master of Divinity**, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, New York, 1988
4. **Bachelor of Arts**, *summa cum laude*, in Elementary Education and Interdisciplinary Studies, Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, 1983
5. Carle Place Public Schools

Presbyteral Assignments

1. Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst, New York—June 2012-present
2. Faculty, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, New York—June 2003-June 2012
3. Secretary to the Bishop and Vice Chancellor, Diocese of Rockville Centre—June 2002-June 2003
4. Associate Pastor, St. Frances de Chantal Church, Wantagh, New York—June 1994-June 2002
5. Associate Pastor, St. Elizabeth Church, Melville, New York—June 1993-June 1994
6. Associate Pastor, St. Kilian Church, Farmingdale, New York—June 1988-June 1993

Author

Books

1. *A Glossary of Liturgical Terms* (updating and revision of *Liturgical Literacy: From Anamnesis to Worship* by Dennis C. Smolarski, S.J., original author), Liturgy Training Publications — 2017
2. *Guide for Celebrating Funerals* (Liturgy Training Publications) — 2017
3. *The Church at Worship: Theology, Spirituality, and Practice of Parish Liturgy* (Liturgy Training Publications)—2013
4. *A Pastoral Commentary on the General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (Liturgy Training Publications) — 2011
5. *Take and Eat: Living Eucharistically* (Catholic Book Publishing Company/Resurrection Press) — 2010
6. *A Ministry of Consolation: Involving Your Parish in the Order of Christian Funerals* (Liturgical Press, 1997) [co-authored with Mary Alice Piil and Rose Mary Cover]

Chapter in Books

1. “The Ministry of the Deacon” in *Celebrating Good Liturgy: A Guide to the Ministries of the Mass* (Loyola Press, 2005)

Articles

1. “What a Difference a Year Makes,” *Pastoral Music*, November 2019
2. Seasonal Overviews: “The Pastoral Care of the Sick” and “Order of Christian Funerals” originally written for *2020 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays: The Almanac for Parish Liturgy*, Liturgy Training Publications; publication TBD
3. “The Roman Missal” and “The Rite of Marriage in Ordinary Time for Summer and Fall” sections in *2016 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays: The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy*, Liturgy Training Publications
4. “The Roman Missal” sections in *2015 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays: The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy*, Liturgy Training Publications
5. Introduction to *Guidelines for Concelebration*, in *The Liturgy Documents, Volume 4*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2013.
6. Introduction to and Commentary on Articles 102-111 of the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* in *A Pastoral Commentary on Sacrosanctum Concilium: The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2013.
7. Introduction to Address of Pope Pius XII to the International Congress on Pastoral Liturgy on the Liturgical Movement in *The Liturgy Documents, Volume 3*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2013
8. “The Roman Missal” sections in *2014 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays: The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy*, Liturgy Training Publications
9. Introduction to *Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds* in *The Liturgy Documents, Volume 1: Fifth Edition*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2012
10. Introduction to *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* in *The Liturgy Documents, Volume 1: Fifth Edition*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2012
11. Homilies for Liturgy Training Publications website on the New Missal, Spring 2011
12. “Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as Mystagogy,” *Catechumenate*, September 2010
13. “The Ministry of the Deacon,” *America*, March 22, 2004
14. “Temporary Font Brings New Life,” *Environment and Art Letter*, March 1994
15. “The Catechist as Artist,” *Catechist*, October 1992
16. “Focal Points for Teaching Sacraments,” *Catechist*, January 1988
17. “Liturgy and Church: Making the Connection in Your Catechesis,” *Catechist*, September 1987
18. “Changes in the Sacrament of Reconciliation: What Do They Mean to Us and Our Students?” *Catechist*, January 1987

Columns

1. “Q & A” in *Pastoral Liturgy* (Liturgy Training Publications), 2012-2023
2. “The Church at Prayer” twice-monthly column about liturgy, *The Long Island Catholic*, 2005-2012
3. “Word of God” Scripture column, *The Long Island Catholic*, 1991-2005

Teaching Positions

1. Adjunct Assistant Professor, St. John’s University—Spring, 2023
2. Instructor, School of Missionary Disciples, Diocese of Rockville Centre—2017-2019
3. Faculty, Liturgical Music Institute, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception—2013-present
4. Adjunct Professor, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, New York—Summer, 2012
5. Guest Professor, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., Summer Session Doctor of Ministry Program, 2009
6. Professor of Liturgy and Director of Liturgical Formation, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, New York—June 2003-June 2012 (Associate Professor, 2003-2008; Full Professor, 2008-2012)
7. Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics, Diaconate Formation Program, Diocese of Rockville

- Centre—June 2003-May 2009 (Associate Professor, 2003-2008; Full Professor, 2008-2009)
8. Adjunct Professor of Homiletics, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, New York—September 1998-May 2002
 9. Adjunct Professor of Homiletics and Liturgy, Diaconate Formation Program, Diocese of Rockville Centre—September 1998-May 2002
 10. Instructor, Ministry of Consolation training—1996-2002
 11. Instructor in Third-Year Track, Liturgy, Pastoral Formation Institute, Diocese of Rockville Centre—2000-2002, 2004, 2006
 12. Instructor, Doctor of Ministry Program, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, New York—2001
 13. Instructor in Diocesan Basic and Advanced Theology Courses

Diocesan Positions

1. *Censor Librorum* (Censor of Books), May 2011-June 2014
2. Member (Appointed), College of Consultors, September 2007-February 2013
3. Member (Appointed), Presbyteral Council—March 2007-February 2013
4. Member (Appointed), Facilities and Real Estate Committee—March 2007-present
5. Theological Consultant, Diocesan Office of Worship and Member of Diocesan Liturgy Team—January 2005-September 2018
6. Member (Elected), Priest Personnel Policy Board—1996-1999
7. Member (Appointed), Diocesan Liturgy Commission—1993-2018

Boards/Committees

1. Inter-Diocesan Partnership for Merger of Seminaries, Academic Programs Committee, Library Services/Information Technology Committee, 2011-2012
2. Diocesan Committee to Study the Permanent Diaconate, October-May, 2012
3. Diocesan “Belong More Deeply” Committee (Diocesan initiative to introduce the new translation of the Roman Missal and reach out to inactive Catholics), 2010-2011
4. Catholic Home Care Foundation Board (Catholic Health Services of Long Island), August 2009-September 2018

Awards

1. Catholic Faith Network Award of Excellence, Religious Leader Award, November, 2018
2. Telly Award Winner, Host of *Divine Intervention* TV show: 2011 (Bronze); 2008 (Silver); 2007 (Bronze); Homilist on *The Word* 2013 (Bronze); *Insight*: 2016 (Bronze) and 2017 (Bronze)
3. *Who's Who in America*
4. George M. Estabrook Distinguished Service Award, Hofstra George M. Estabrook Alumni Association (Hofstra University), December, 2009

Television

1. Host, *Insight*, 2013-2017, Telecare (Television Station of the Diocese of Rockville Centre)
2. Host, *Divine Intervention*, 2006-2012, Telecare (Television Station of the Diocese of Rockville Centre)
3. Guest Co-Host, *Everyday Faith Live* (Live News Broadcast, Telecare)
4. Co-Host and Commentator, Papal Visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States, April 2008,

Telecare

5. Co-Host and Commentator, Live Broadcasts of Special Events, Diocesan, Regional and National (Telecare)
6. Co-Host, *Telecare Annual Telethon*, 2006-2017

Other

1. Member of Four-Priest Parish Retreat/Mission Team, 1996-2019
2. Over 200 talks as Preacher, Lecturer, Workshop Presenter and Guest Speaker at diocesan convocations, awards ceremonies, liturgical minister training and workshop days for the Office of Catechesis, Office of Worship and many parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and in other dioceses (complete list of talks and presentations on *Addendum*, available upon request)