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**POSITION STATEMENT**

Seasoned pastoral musician, liturgist, clinician, teacher, and author with extensive experience at the parish, cathedral, diocesan and university level. Six and one-half years' experience as OCP's liturgy specialist and editor of *Today's Liturgy*. Provided additional skill sets, including two Catholic Press Association awards as an editor and author. Valued reputation as a team player and well networked with both professionals and volunteers in the field of liturgy, pastoral music and lay ecclesial ministry. Strengths include providing workshops and seminars in all areas related to liturgy and pastoral music. Hoping to share gifts and talents to form others for service to the Church.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Adjunct Instructor, Theology/Performing Arts, University of Portland, Portland, OR 2011-Present

- Team mentor/lecturer/course grader: "Theological Dimensions of Suffering and Death" THE 348 Fall 2011-Present
- Adjunct Instructor: "Introduction to Theology" THE 105 Fall 2016- Present
- Adjunct Instructor: "Liturgical Music" Fall 2017-Present
- Liturgical catechist, pastoral Musician, leader of theological reflections and retreat director "MAPM" Fall 2017-Spring 2020

Liturgical Consultant, Diocese of Boise, Idaho September 2014-December 2014

- Assist the Diocese in liturgical preparations for instillation of new bishop in December 2014

Sacred Liturgy Ministries, Portland, OR 2011-Present

- Consultations, workshops, training, education, events, parish missions, retreats, catechesis on the Sacraments and Rituals of the Church and the documents of Vatican II

Church of St Andrew, Portland, OR 2007-Present  
Director of Liturgy and Music

- Oversee liturgical preparation for all English and inter-cultural sacramental celebrations
- Serve as chair of the parish liturgical commission
- Provide training and formation for all liturgical ministers
- Supply weekly catechesis on the liturgy for the faith community

- Member of the RCIA team
- Member of evangelization, adult faith formation and Jubilee Year of Mercy teams

OCP, Portland, OR

2000–2007

Liturgy Specialist and Editor of *Today's Liturgy*

- Advisor for all OCP missals and hymnals including providing liturgical and ecclesial oversight
- Increased the reputation of *Today's Liturgy* as the premier liturgical planning journal in the marketplace
- Instrumental in aiding OCP composers and music review team with focus on review of texts for solid theological principles that support Church teaching
- Recognized by the Catholic Press Association of America as a book editor and author in 2004 and 2005
- Excelled in meeting the needs of OCP's employees, composers, authors, and customers in helping those seeking help with liturgical questions especially through "ask the liturgist" at Liturgy.com

Director of Office of Worship and Christian Initiation,  
Diocese of Great Falls-Billings and Director of Music and Liturgy,  
St Ann Cathedral, Great Falls, MT

1994-2000

- Advised the bishops, priests, deacons, religious and people of the diocese in the area of liturgy and Christian initiation
- Led over 1,000 workshops at over 90 of the 116 faith communities located through the vast territory of the diocese that covers over 94,000 square miles
- Prepared diocesan policies and provided the training and formation of over 400 lay leaders of prayer to lead Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest
- Developed a two-year program of formation for 80 lay preachers with the assistance of Partners in Preaching of Eden Prairie, MN
- Instructor in the diocesan lay ministry formation program and the theology department at the University of Great Falls
- Prepare and oversee the liturgical and musical life of the cathedral parish

## EDUCATION

M.A. St John's University, Collegeville, MN, Liturgical Studies, 1998

M.T.S Mount Angel Seminary, St Benedict, OR, Theological Studies, 1995

B.A. Carroll College, Helena, MT, Theology, 1977

## APPOINTMENTS

2007—2013: Team member North American Forum on the Catechumenate

2001–2003: Member of the task force of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy (BCL) for the revision of the ritual book *Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest*

2000–2010: Member of the Standing Committee for Pastoral Liturgists, National Association of Pastoral Musicians

2000–2013: Member of the Board of Directors of Partners in Preaching, Eden Prairie, MN

1996–2000: Member of the Advisory Council National Association of Pastoral Musicians

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Catholic Academy of Liturgy (CAL), 2002

Director of Music Division (DMMD) of NPM, 1985

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC), 1988

National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM), 1979

National Association of Lay Ministry (NALM), 2000

North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL), 2002

## **PUBLICATIONS**

"Sunday Word" National Association of Pastoral Musicians 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2019.

Best practice: Communal Reconciliation: Water of Baptism and Tears of Penance, *Pastoral Music*, March 2019.

"Sunday Word" National Association of Pastoral Musicians Ascension of the Lord 2018.

The seasonal overviews for "The Saints," "The Liturgical Environment," and "The Liturgical Music" (Columns) for *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2018: The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2017

"Sunday Word" National Association of Pastoral Musicians, Fourth Sunday of Easter, 2016.

"Sunday Word" National Association of Pastoral Musicians, Feast of the Holy Family 2016.

The "Weekday Scripture commentaries for Advent and Christmas Time," the seasonal overviews for "The Saints," "The Liturgical Environment," and "The Liturgical Music" (Columns) for *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2017: The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2016

"Now and At the Hour of Our Death," *Deacon Digest* November 2015, Abbey Press, 2015

The "Weekday Scripture commentaries for Advent and Christmas Time," the seasonal overviews for "The Saints," "The Liturgical Environment," and "The Liturgical Music" (Columns) for *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2016: The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2015

"Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest, SCAP for Deacons," *Deacon Digest* March 2015, Abbey Press, 2014

*Weekly Prayer for Music Ministers 2015* Liturgy Training Publications, 2014

*The Catholic Handbook for Visiting the Sick and Homebound 2015* Liturgy Training Publications, 2014

The "Rite of Penance," the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults," the "Order of Christian Funerals," the "Liturgical Music" (Columns) for *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2015: The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2014

*Keeping the Seasons / Celebramos los tiempos litúrgicos: Reproducibles for Lent-Triduum-Easter 2015*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2014

*Keeping the Seasons / Celebramos los tiempos litúrgicos: Reproducibles for Advent-Christmas 2014-2015*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2014

"Overview of Apostolic Exhortation *Marialis Cultus* for the Right Ordering and Development of Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary;" *The Liturgy Documents Volume 4*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2013

"Overview of Apostolic Constitution *Divino Afflatu* and Motu Proprio *Abhinc Duos Annos*;" *The Liturgy Documents Volume 3*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2013

The "Rite of Penance," the "Rite of Marriage," the "Order of Christian Funerals," the "Book of Blessings," "Liturgical Ministers," "Devotions and Sacramentals" (Columns) for *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2014: The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2013

*Keeping the Seasons / Celebramos los tiempos litúrgicos: Reproducibles for Lent-Triduum-Easter 2014*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2013

*Keeping the Seasons / Celebramos los tiempos litúrgicos: Reproducibles for Advent-Christmas 2013-2014*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2013

Book Review "Keys to the Council: Unlocking the Teaching of Vatican II" *Pastoral Music*, January 2013

"Faith in Motion: "Seasons of the Son: Did you know Christianity appropriated pagan feast days?" *Liguorian*, Liguori Publications, December 2012

"Faith in Motion: "One Body in Christ: Did you know that unity is the heartbeat of the church?" *Liguorian*, Liguori Publications, November 2012

"Faith in Motion: "Charity Begins at Home: Did you know that the U.S. was considered a mission Church until the early twentieth century?" *Liguorian*, Liguori Publications, October 2012

"A Tribute to Celebrate: A Tradition of Excellence" *Celebrate!* Fall, 2012

"Questions and Activities for Small Faith Sharing Groups and RCIA Groups"  
Downloadable supplements for *At Home With the Word 2013*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2012

"Overview of Liturgy of the Hours;" *The Liturgy Documents Volume 2: Second Edition*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2012

"Overview of Directory for Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest"; "Overview of Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest"; "Overview of Gathered in Steadfast Faith;" *The Liturgy Documents Volume 1: Fifth Edition*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2012

"Pastoral practices" columns (Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Fall Ordinary Time), *At Home With the Word 2013*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2012

"Faith in Motion: "Take to Heart These Words: Who should teach God's children to pray" *Liguorian*, Liguori Publications, September 2012

"Faith in Motion: "Unity is the Heartbeat of the Church" *Liguorian*, Liguori Publications, July-August 2012

"Faith in Motion: Roots of Devotion" *Liguorian*, Liguori Publications, May-June 2012

"Faith in Motion: A Movable Feast" *Liguorian*, Liguori Publications, April 2012

"Faith in Motion: Spiritual Heritage" *Liguorian*, Liguori Publications, March 2012

"Faith in Motion: An Endurance Test" *Liguorian*, Liguori Publications, February 2012

"Faith in Motion: Christian Hospitality" *Liguorian*, Liguori Publications, January 2012

"Pastoral practices" columns (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Trinity Body and Blood of Christ, Nativity of John the Baptist), *At Home With the Word 2012*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2011

"Liturgy of the Hours" (Columns) *Sourcebook for Sunday's and Seasons 2012*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2011

"Public and Private Prayer" *Liguorian*, Liguori Publications, October 2011

"Countdown to the Roman Missal" *Pastoral Music*, September 2011

"Music suggestions" (columns) *Sourcebook for Sunday's and Seasons 2011*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2010

"Pastoral practices" columns (Ordinary Time), *At Home With the Word 2011*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2010

*Pronunciation Guide for the Lectionary: A Comprehensive Resource for Proclaimers of the Word* Compiled by Michael R. Prendergast, Susan E. Myers, and Timothy M. Milinovich, Liturgy Training Publications, 2010, 2017

"Taking God's Word on Our Lips: Music for the RCIA" *Catechumenate*, Liturgy Training Publications, January 2010

*Guide for Liturgy Committees* (co-author with Paul Turner) Liturgy Training Publications, 2009, 2020

"Feasting at the Two Tables" columns (Passion Sunday and the Triduum) *Celebrate! Catholic Liturgy and Ministry Today*, March-April, 2009

*Hospitality Basics* (co-author with Glenn CJ Byer) Pastoral Press, 2009

*Guided by Grace: Prayers for Worship Committees*, World Library Publications, 2009

"Celebrating a Dynamic Sunday Liturgy Every Week" *Today's Parish Minister*, November/December 2008

"Finding the Best Time to Celebrate the Rite of Acceptance" *Today's Parish Minister*, October 2008

"Quotation in this Calendar: *Lumen Gentium*" *Liturgy and Appointment Calendar, 2009*, Liturgy Training Publications, 2008

"Common Ground in the Midst of the Liturgy Wars" *Ministry and Liturgy*, June-July 2008

“Developing a Common Musical Repertoire for the Parish” *Pastoral Liturgy*, May-June, 2008

“Proclaiming the Word” columns (Fourth Sunday of Lent-Passion (Palm) Sunday) *Celebrate! The Journal That Makes Liturgy Come Alive*, March-April, 2008

“Implementing the Liturgy of the Hours in the Parish” *Pastoral Liturgy*, January-February 2008

“Proclaiming the Word” columns (Ash Wednesday-Third Sunday of Lent) *Celebrate! The Journal That Makes Liturgy Come Alive*, January-February, 2008

“Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest: Theological, Pastoral, and Liturgical Observations” *New Theology Review*, November 2007

*The Song of the Assembly Pastoral Music in Practice: Essays in Honor of Father Virgil C. Funk* (editor with Bari Colombari) Pastoral Press, 2007.

*Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest, Revised Edition: A Pastoral Liturgical Commentary* (co-author with Michael Henchal) Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC), 2007

“In Harmony with the Liturgy—The Way of the Cross” *Rite*, November/December 2006

“To the House of the Lord” *Pastoral Music*, February/March 2006

“Source and Summit of Life and Mission” *Rite*, November/December 2005

*Parish Liturgy Basics* (co-author with William Belford and Glenn CJ Byer) Pastoral Press, 2005

*Voices from the Council* (co-editor) Pastoral Press, 2004

*Journeysongs, Second Edition* (liturgical advisor) OCP Publications, 2003

*Full, Conscious and Active Participation: Celebrating Twenty-Five Years of Today's Liturgy* (editor) Pastoral Press, 2003

*Lord, Open My Lips: Music for the Liturgy of the Hours* (Foreword), OCP, 2002

Editor *Prayer of the Faithful* OCP, 2000–2007

Editor *Today's Liturgy*, OCP, 2000–2007

“Do's and Don'ts: Presiding at the Liturgy” *Church*, Fall 2001

"What Does A Pastoral Musician Need to Know About Liturgy?" *Pastoral Music*, August/September 1998

*Music in the Liturgy for Small Parishes*, videocassette, Liturgical Press, Collegeville MN, 1996

## COMPOSITIONS

*Lenten Gospel Acclamation for the Third Millennium "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ"* by Michael R. Prendergast and Joseph B. Sullivan (OCP/1999)

Litany (*Vigil Order of Christian Funerals*) by Michael R. Prendergast (OCP/2002)

Penitential Litany "*Lead us to act justly*" (Penitential intercessions from the *Rite of Penance*) by Michael R. Prendergast and Joseph B. Sullivan (OCP/2004)

Advent Gospel Acclamation (Based on VENI, VENI EMMANUEL) by Michael R. Prendergast and Joseph B. Sullivan (OCP/2006)

Three Litanies for Funerals (*Vigil Order of Christian Funerals, Transfer of the Body to the Church or to the Place of Committal, Prayer of Intercession: Funeral for a deceased Child*) by Michael R. Prendergast (OCP/2006)

Advent Gathering Litany and Penitential Rite (Based on, CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM) by Michael R. Prendergast and Rick Modlin (OCP/2011)

## PRESENTATIONS

"The Baptismal Liturgy of the Easter Vigil": South West Liturgical Conference, Tucson AZ (2020)

"A Place Called Home: a workshop reflecting on music, hospitality and the Communion of Saints that model full, conscious and active participation in the liturgical life of the Church." With Dr. Anne McGuire, South West Liturgical Conference, Tucson AZ (2020)

"The Mass, Mariology and Celebrating the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation," Boise Catholic Educators Conference, (2019)

"A Place Called Home: a workshop reflecting on music, hospitality and the Communion of Saints that model full, conscious and active participation in the liturgical life of the Church." With Dr. Anne McGuire, St. Andrew Catholic Church, Portland Oregon and St. Pius X Catholic Church, Omaha, NE (2018); and Regis University, Denver, CO (2019)

"Hospitality, Liturgical Ministry, & Being a Liturgical Parish" Omaha, NE (2018)

"The Ministry of Comfort and Consolation: Best Practices for Pastoral Care of the Sick and The Order of Christian Funerals." St Thomas Moore Catholic Church, Omaha, NE (2018)



"What does it mean to be a Liturgical Parish." Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Butte, MT (2016)

"Now and At the Hour of Our Death, the Order of Christian Funerals and the Pastoral Care of the Sick." St Rita Catholic Church, Portland, OR (2016)

Hail, Mother of Mercy and of Love: with Dr. Mary Amore, Dallas Ministry Conference, Dallas, TX (2016)

Altar or Tabernacle, Source of Communion: Dallas Ministry Conference, Dallas, TX (2016)

Workshop for Lectors, Holy Family Catholic Church, Portland, OR (2016)

The Church's Evangelizing ministry: Celebrating the 'Pastoral Care of the Sick' and the 'Order of Christian Funerals': The ministry of Comfort and Consolation; Southwest Liturgical Conference, San Antonio, TX (2016)

The Liturgy of the Hours, North American Academy of Liturgy, Seminar for Liturgical Formation, Houston TX (2016)

Unlock the Spirit: A Workshop for Cantors and Lectors, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Beaverton, OR (2015)

Order of Christian Funerals Study Day for priests and deacons from the Diocese of Stockton, CA (2015)

Workshop for Lectors, St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Portland, OR (2015)

"Best musical practices for the Order of Christian Funerals" Diocese of Metuchen, NJ (2015)

"Now and At the Hour of Our Death, the Order of Christian Funerals and the Pastoral Care of the Sick." Diocese of Metuchen, NJ (2015)

"Best practices of Parish and Diocesan Liturgical Commissions" Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Region XII Meeting, Seattle, WA, (2015)

"The Psalms of Praise and Lament" St Mary's Cathedral, Portland, OR (2015)

"The Mystery of the Holy Eucharist" St Therese Catholic Church, Portland, OR (2015)

"The Sacred Paschal Triduum" St Anthony Catholic Church, Tigard, OR (2015)

"Lenten Retreat, *the Joy of the Gospel*," St Rita Catholic Church, Portland, OR (2015)

"Epiphany Gift: entering into the mystery of the feast with Pope Francis, St Pascal Baylon Church, St Paul, MN (2015)

"Advent Retreat, *the Joy of the Gospel*," St Rita Catholic Church, Portland, OR (2014)

"The Culture of Encounter embracing the call of Pope Francis." *Explore the principles of the Catholic Common Ground Initiative's 1996 document "Called to be Catholic" and explore the parallels in the writings teachings and preaching of Pope Francis*, St Mary's Cathedral, Portland, OR (2014)

"Now and at the Hour of our Death: Pastoral Care of the Sick and the Order of Christian Funerals," St. Andrew Catholic Church, Portland, OR (2014)

Liturgical Formation for St Michael's Parish, Sandy, OR (2014)

Workshop for Lectors, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Portland, OR (2014)

"Greening of Catholic Social Teaching" Community and Life-Long Learning (CALL), University of Portland; Russell Butkus, and Michael R. Prendergast, (2014)

"Theology and Popular Cinema for High School and Parish" Community and Life-Long Learning (CALL), University of Portland; Fr. Charles B. Gordon, CSC, Dr. Karen Eifler, and Michael R. Prendergast (2014)

"Spirituality and Leadership" Community and Life-Long Learning (CALL), University of Portland; Fr. Jeff Cooper, CSC, and Michael R. Prendergast (2014)

"Intercultural Ministry" Community and Life-Long Learning (CALL), University of Portland; Dr. Rene Sanchez and Michael R. Prendergast (2014)

Lecture on Liturgy of the Hours for Liturgical Music Class at University of Portland (2014)

"Whose Music is it anyway" Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Salem, OR (2014)

"What Does it Mean to be a Liturgical Parish" Saint Cecilia Church, Beaverton, OR (2014)

"The Sacred Paschal Triduum," Diocese of Orlando, FL (2014)

Advent Mission "The Culture of Encounter, Embracing the Message of Pope Francis," Saint Rita Church, Portland, OR (2013)

Eucharistic Congress, Diocese of Boise, ID (2013)

Vatican II and its vision of the liturgy: the work of the people and its call for full, conscious and active participation in liturgy and life as found in "The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*), Archdiocese of Portland, OR (2013)

University of Dallas Ministry Conference, Dallas TX (2012), (2013), (2014) (2016)

Lay Ministry Formation Program, Archdiocese of Portland, OR (2011), (2012)

Roman Missal Workshops, Archdiocese of Portland, OR (2011)

Liturgical Ministries Institute, Archdiocese of Seattle, WA (2010), (2013)

Congress, Archdiocese of Vancouver, BC (2007)

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC): Study Days on Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest, Salt Lake City, UT, St. Paul, MN, and Louisville, KY (2007).

National Association of Lay Ministry (NALM): St. Louis, MO (2007); Las Vegas, NV (2013)

Program of Formation for Lay Ministry (level 2) Diocese of Helena: Missoula, MT (2007)

Southwest Liturgical Conference (SWLC): Colorado Springs, CO (2002); Huston, TX (2005); Oklahoma City, OK (2007); Dallas, TX (2012); San Antonio, TX (2016), Tucson AZ (2020)

Big Island Liturgical Arts Conference (BILAC): Hilo, HI (2006)

LA Religious Education Congress, Orange, CA (2006)

Beginnings and Beyond Institutes, (North American Forum on the Catechumenate): Albany, NY (2006); Green Bay, WI (2007); Little Rock, AR (2008); Chicago, IL (2009); Grand Rapids, MI (2009); Wheeling, WV (2010); Superior, WI (2011); Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO (2012)

National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Conventions: Bismarck, ND (1994); Cincinnati, OH (1995); Denver, CO (1996); Indianapolis, IN (1997); Helena, MT (1998); Pittsburgh, PA (1999); Washington, DC (2001); Las Vegas, NV (2002); Cincinnati, OH (2003); Milwaukee, WI (2005); Sacramento, CA (2006); Louisville, KY (2011)

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC): Seattle, WA (1997); San Antonio, TX (2003); Orlando, FL (2004); Buffalo, NY (2005); Omaha, NE (2006), Portland, OR (2011)

Notre Dame Summer Liturgy Conference: South Bend, IN (2004)

Keys to Vibrant Ministry Conference: Atlanta, GA (2001); Seattle, WA (2002); Pawley's Island, SC (2002); Calgary, AB Canada (2003)

Saint Louis Liturgy Conference: St Louis, MO (2002)

Workshops: in the archdioceses of Anchorage, AK; Omaha, NE; Portland, OR; Saint Paul-Minneapolis, MN; San Antonio, TX; Milwaukee, WI; Seattle, WA; and the military vicariate (Germany).

Workshops: in the dioceses of Bismarck, ND; Boise, ID; Charleston, SC; Crookston, MN; Dallas, TX; Fargo, ND; Fort Worth, TX; Grand Rapids, MI; Great Falls-Billings, MT; Helena, MT; Juneau, AK; Kansas City, MO; Metuchen, NJ; St. Cloud, MN; Salt Lake City, UT; San Diego, CA; Santa Rosa, CA; Stockton, CA; Tucson, AZ; Vancouver, BC; Winona, MN; Yakima, WA and Orlando, FL.