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## Curriculum Vitae

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*Born:* 3 August 1958, Methuen, Massachusetts, son of Benjamin and Lorraine Covino  
*Status:* Roman Catholic deacon (ordained 6/4/17), married to Anne E. Covino (4/23/83), 4 grown sons  
*Parish:* St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville, Massachusetts (Diocese of Worcester)  
*Present Position:* Director of Campus Ministry, Assumption University, Worcester, Massachusetts

### Education

2014-2017 Permanent Deacon formation program, Diocese of Worcester (including online for-credit courses in Old Testament and New Testament through St. Joseph's College, Maine)  
2011-2013 Audited courses at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry (Pastoral Care and Counseling, Fundamental Moral Theology, Wisdom Literature, Canon Law for Marriage and Sacraments)  
1980-1981 M.A. in Theology, University of Notre Dame (Liturgical Studies, research program)  
1976-1980 A.B. in Philosophy, Georgetown University (Theology minor)  
1972-1976 St. John's Preparatory School, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts  
1964-1972 St. Mary's Elementary School, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

### Employment Resume

2014-present Director of Campus Ministry, Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts  
1997-2014 Associate Chaplain and Director of Liturgy, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts  
1993-1997 Assistant Chaplain and Director of Liturgy, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts  
1989-1993 Liturgical Resource Consultant (working with parishes, dioceses and national organizations in publication, liturgical coordination, educational programming in liturgy and sacraments, and conference/workshop management)  
1989-2010 Adjunct Staff/Program Coordinator, The Georgetown Center for Liturgy, Washington DC  
1983-1986 Coordinator of Liturgy, Holy Trinity Parish, Washington, D.C.  
1981-1989 Associate Director, The Georgetown Center for Liturgy, Spirituality and the Arts, Washington, D.C.  
1981-1983 Residence Hall Chaplain, Office of Campus Ministry, Georgetown University  
1980-1981 Teaching Assistant, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame  
Summer 1980 Staff, Office for Worship, Diocese of Worcester, Massachusetts

### Campus Ministry Experience

Assumption University, Worcester, Massachusetts (2014-present): Director of Campus Ministry, Care Team, Student Affairs Leadership Team, Coordinated Community Response Network, Board of Trustees Student Experience Committee, Enrollment Management Council, Chair of Strategic Plan Innovation Team for Faith Formation, Chair of Ecumenical Prayer Planning Committee, Founders Week Committee, Strategic Planning Steering Committee, Moderator of AC Allies, Campus Minister for student service/immersion trips (Florida, Ecuador, El Paso), director of liturgy, director of Christian Initiation, preaching at Masses, marriage preparation, presiding at weddings and funeral committals

College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts (1993-2014): Director of Liturgy, Administrator of St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, College Chaplain to Naval ROTC, Director of Catholic Ministry Internship Program, Class Chaplain for Class of 2014, Chaplain Leader for 4 International Immersion Experiences (El Salvador, Nicaragua, Jamaica, Tanzania), Participant in Faculty Ignatian Pilgrimage (Spain, Rome), Chair of St. Joseph Chapel Enhancement Project Core Committee, Member of Various College Committees (Management Advisory Group, Reflection and Vocation Programs Coordinating Committee, Sexual Decision-Making Group, Academic Affairs Council, Web Steering Committee, Master Calendar Committee, Commencement Coordinating Committee, Family Weekend Committee), general chaplain responsibilities (eg, retreats, pastoral counseling, mentoring in Magis Program for Church Leadership, Campion dinners with students, presence at various College events, etc.)

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (1981-1983): Residence Hall Chaplain

## **Teaching Experience and Contractual Services**

2010	Instructor, Summer Session, Center for Theological and Spiritual Development, College of St. Elizabeth
2002-2005	Conference Planning Committee and Liturgy Team Coordinator, Great Lakes Ministry Assembly, Joliet IL
1994-2010	Faculty Coordinator, Pastoral Liturgy Institute, National Association of Pastoral Musicians
1992-2000	Conference Master of Ceremonies, Great Lakes Pastoral Ministry Gathering, Rosemont IL
1991-present	Columnist, <i>Today's Liturgy</i> magazine and <i>Liturgy.com</i> (Oregon Catholic Press/OCP Publications)
1991-1993	Liturgy Coordinator, St. Camillus Parish, Arlington MA
1990-1994, 2006	Liturgy Coordinator, summer session, Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, Boston College
1990-1997	Instructor for RCIA Training and Liturgy, Office for Worship, Archdiocese of Boston
1990-1992	RCIA Training Instructor, Educational Ministry Program, Diocese of Worcester
1990-1991	Environment and Art Program Coordinator, Office for Worship, Archdiocese of Boston
1989-2005	Conference Master of Ceremonies, FORM/REFORM: The National Conference on Environment and Art for Catholic Worship
1989-2001	Conference Liturgy Coordinator, Time Consultants/The National Center for Pastoral Leadership
1989-1992	Liturgical Education Consultant, church renovation program, St. Luke Church, Westboro MA
1989-1991	Workshop Coordinator, Cooperative Distributors, Lynn MA
1989-1990	Liturgy Instructor, Catholic Priest Retention Program, U.S. Army Chaplaincy
1987-1994	Book Review Editor, National Association of Pastoral Musicians
1986-1987	Lecturer, Department of Sacramental, Ecclesial and Liturgical Theology, Washington Theological Union
1985	Instructor, Religious Studies Summer School, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
1982-1989	Instructor in Liturgical Studies, School for Summer and Continuing Education, Georgetown University
1981-present	Presentations on liturgy, sacraments and ministry for conferences, parishes, dioceses, schools, and military bases, throughout the United States and in Canada, Germany and Korea

## **Publications**

- Seasonal ritual suggestions column in *Today's Liturgy* magazine and *Liturgy.com* (2014-present)
- "Celebrating the Roman Catholic Wedding Liturgy," *Today's Liturgy*, vol. 41, no. 3 (Ordinary Time I 2019), pp. 12-13.
- "Resources for Faith Formation in College," *Catholic Digest.com* (September 1, 2017).
- "What's New in the New Marriage Rite?," *Today's Liturgy*, vol. 39, no. 3 (Ordinary Time I 2017), pp. 16-17.
- "The Order of Celebrating Matrimony," *2017 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays* (Chicago IL: Liturgy Training Publications, 2016), pp. 6-7, 34-35, 60, 101-102, 176-177, 219.
- Celebrating Marriage. Preparing the Roman Catholic Wedding Liturgy: A Workbook for Engaged Couples* (Portland OR: Pastoral Press, 1987, revised edition 1994, third edition 2006, fourth edition 2016), editor and principal author.
- Weekly ritual suggestions column in *Today's Liturgy* magazine and *Liturgy.com* (1991-2014)
- "A Voice that Resonates: The Psalms for Marriage," *Pastoral Music*, vol. 36:4 (May 2012), pp. 29-33.
- "Learning from the Liturgy," *Love One Another: Catholic Reflections on How to Sustain Marriages Today*, eds. Tim Muldoon and Cynthia S. Dobrzynski (New York: The Crossroad Publishing Co., 2010), pp. 106-120.
- "Options for the Wedding Liturgy," (March 2008), *ForYourMarriage.org* (Washington DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).
- "More Than Words Can Say: Liturgy on Jesuit Campuses," *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education*, no. 33 (Spring 2008), pp. 10-14.
- "Marriage Ministry and the Rite of Marriage," *Origins*, vol. 37, no. 21 (November 1, 2007), pp. 333-339.
- "The College of the Holy Cross: Lower Chapel Renovation Brings New Life to Campus Liturgy - Part II: Liturgical Spaces, Furnishings and Art" and "The College of the Holy Cross: Lower Chapel Renovation Brings New Life to Campus Liturgy - Part I: Process and Outcome," (October 29, 2007), *EnVisionChurch.org: Art, Architecture, Liturgy and Spirituality in the Catholic Tradition*
- "To Be Revised...To Be Adapted...To Be Restored...The Church's Ritual Books Since the Council: *The Rite of Marriage*," *Today's Liturgy*, vol. 29, no. 3 (Ordinary Time I 2007), pp. 6-11.
- "Christ Abundantly Blesses This Love: Celebrating the Catholic Wedding Liturgy" (Washington DC: Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, 2006), series of four bulletin inserts.
- "Marriage: Know the Sacrament, Know the Rite," *Sacred Signs: Commitment and Healing. Essays in Honor of Robert W. Hovda* (Silver Spring MD: NPM Publications, 2006), pp. 49-59.
- "Giving Shape to What Matters," *The Catholic Free Press* (Diocese of Worcester newspaper), 6/12/05, p. 12.

- “Introduction to ‘Marriage Rites as Documents of Faith: Notes for a Theology of Marriage,’” *VISION: The Scholarly Contributions of Mark Searle to the Renewal of Liturgy*, eds. Anne Koester and Barbara Searle (Collegeville MN: The Liturgical Press, 2004), pp.231-234.
- “Options for Celebrating a Catholic Wedding,” *Full, Conscious and Active Participation: Celebrating Twenty-Five Years of Today’s Liturgy*, ed. Michael R. Prendergast (Portland OR: Pastoral Press, 2003), pp. 125-132.
- “Faith Sharing Reflections on the Sunday Gospels: Advent and Christmas,” *Prayer Time: Cycle B* (Plainfield NJ: RENEW International, 2002), pp. 11-50.
- Our Catholic Wedding* (Chicago IL: Liturgy Training Publications, 2001), author of study guide and production consultant for videotape.
- “Wedding Customs,” *Rite*, vol. 31, no. 4 (May/June 2000), p. 16; “Is a Wedding Always a Mass?,” *Rite*, vol. 31, no. 3 (April 2000), p. 16; “Preparing Your Wedding Liturgy,” *Rite*, vol. 31, no. 1 (January 2000), p. 16; “Preparing to Celebrate Marriage,” *Liturgy 90*, vol. 30, no. 6 (August-September 1999), p. 16; “Here Comes the Bride...and the Groom and the Parents,” *Liturgy 90*, vol. 30, no. 5 (July 1999), p. 16; “Wedding Tradition,” *Liturgy 90*, vol. 30, no. 4 (May/June 1999), p. 16. [Reprinted in *Clip Notes for Church Bulletins: Volume 2* (Chicago IL: Liturgy Training Publications, 2002), pp. 2-5, 9-10. Also “The Whole Church Celebrates with You,” p. 1.]
- “Loretta Reif: Thank You!,” *Environment and Art Letter*, vol. 13, no. 1 (March 2000), pp. 195-196.
- “Christian Marriage: Sacramentality and Ritual Forms,” *Bodies at Worship: Explorations in Theory and Practice*, ed. Bruce T. Morrill (Collegeville MN: The Liturgical Press, 1999), pp. 107-119.
- “Theology and Rite in Marriage: Holy Union or Strangers in the Night?,” *National Meeting Addresses: 1990-1995* (Washington DC: Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, 1996), pp. 201-217.
- “Our Roots and Our Rites,” *Catechesis and Mystagogy: Infant Baptism* (Chicago IL: Liturgy Training Publications, 1996), pp. 19-26.
- “Ten Things Every Couple Should Know About Planning a Wedding,” *Modern Liturgy*, vol. 23, no. 5 (June-July 1996), pp. 8-10.
- “Marriage is a Sacrament of the Church,” *Pastoral Music*, vol. 20:4 (April-May 1996), pp. 19-22, co-author.
- “Here Comes the Bride...and the Groom,” *Today’s Liturgy*, vol. 17, no. 3 (Ordinary Time I 1995), pp. 5-11. [Reprinted in *Liturgical Music News* (Spring/Summer 1998), pp. 1-5.]
- “Music for the Word Should Reveal the Living God,” *Pastoral Music*, vol. 19:3 (February-March 1995), pp. 34-38, co-author.
- “Revisiting the Rite of Marriage,” *Liturgy 90*, vol. 25, no. 4 (May-June 1994), pp. 4-8.
- “Lent-Triduum-Easter: Taste of the Season,” *Today’s Liturgy*, vol. 15, no. 2 (Lent-Triduum-Easter Season 1993), pp. 10-12.
- “Advent-Christmas-Epiphany: Taste of the Season,” *Today’s Liturgy*, vol. 15, no. 1 (Advent-Christmas-Ordinary 1992/1993), pp. 5-6.
- “Customs Quaint and Curious: Making Good Choices (Rite of Marriage),” *Assembly*, vol. 18, no. 4 (July 1992), pp. 568-570.
- “Infant Baptism: Making the Most of the Rite,” *Today’s Parish*, vol. 24, no. 4 (April/May 1992), pp. 4-7; no. 3 (March 1992), pp. 4-6.
- “Uncover a Theology for Marriage,” *Pastoral Music*, vol. 16, no. 2 (December-January 1992), pp. 28-30.
- “Inclusive Language: Criteria and Pastoral Practice,” *Liturgical Music News* (Advent/Christmas 1991), pp. 1 & 5.
- “The Pastoral Challenge of Marriage and Infant Baptism,” *Liturgy 90*, vol. 22, no. 1 (January 1991), pp. 4-7.
- “Parents in Infant Baptism” and “Times for Baptism,” *The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship*, ed. Peter E. Fink (Collegeville MN: The Liturgical Press/Glazier, 1990), pp. 101-102, 122-123.
- “Ideas and Illustrations,” *Homily Service*, vol. 23, no. 2 (May 1990), pp. 7-8; no. 6 (September 1990), pp. 24-26; vol. 22, no. 9 (December 1989), pp. 55-56; no. 1 (April 1989), pp. 14-15; vol. 21, no. 8 (November 1988), pp. 45-46; no. 4 (July 1988), pp. 40-41; no. 2 (May 1988), pp. 23-24; vol. 20, no. 9 (December 1987), pp. 6-7; vol. 19, no. 8 (November 1986), pp. 15-16; no. 6 (September 1986), pp. 28-29; vol. 18, no. 6 (September 1985), pp. 15-16; no. 2 (May 1985), pp. 19-21.
- “The Celebration of Catechetical Sunday,” *Catechesis: Know and Share the God of Mercy* (Washington DC: United States Catholic Conference, 1989), co-author.
- “The Rites of Marriage: For Better or Worse?,” *Today’s Parish*, vol. 21, no. 4 (April/May 1989), pp. 13-15; no. 3 (March 1989), pp. 17-19.
- “Sex, Gender and Love: Telling the Catholic Version,” *Commonweal*, vol. CXVI, no. 6 (March 24, 1989), pp. 171-172.
- “Putting Faith into Words: What is ‘Liturgy?’,” *Faith Today* (April 11, 1988).
- “The Relationship of Clergy, Staff and Parish Members,” *Life Gifts*, vol. IV (December 1983), no. III.
- “Infant Baptism After the R.C.I.A.,” *Christian Initiation Resources*, no. 3 (1983) no. 4, section E.
- “The Arts and Liturgical Scholarship: A Reflection on Liturgical Reform,” *Journal of the National Institute for Campus Ministries*, vol. 7 (Fall 1982), no. 4, pp. 11-16.
- “The Postconciliar Infant Baptism Debate in the American Catholic Church,” *Worship* 56 (May 1982) no. 3, pp. 240-260. [Reprinted in *Living Water, Sealing Spirit*, ed. Maxwell Johnson (Collegeville MN: The Liturgical Press, 1995), pp. 327-

349. Translated into French and reprinted as “Le débat postconciliaire sur le baptême des enfants dans l’église catholique aux Etats-Unis,” *La Maison-Dieu* 152 (1982), pp. 111-141.]

## **Reviews**

Monthly book review column in *Pastoral Music* and *Notebook*, National Association of Pastoral Musicians (1987-1994).  
“Shorter Notice: *Worship: Wedding to Marriage*,” *Theological Studies*, vol. 55, no. 3 (September 1994), p. 601.

## **Interviews and News Reports**

*The Detroit Free Press*; *The Worcester Telegram and Gazette*; *USA Today*.

Diocesan Newspapers: *The Catholic Free Press*, Worcester, Massachusetts; *The Catholic Herald*, Madison, Wisconsin; *The Catholic Review*, Baltimore, Maryland; *Seasons*, Saginaw, Michigan.

*Overhead* (audio-magazine, Paulist Communications).

Student Newspapers: *The Crusader* (College of the Holy Cross); *Le Provocateur* (Assumption College).

## **Professional Organizations, Honor Societies, Committees and Awards**

2019-present TATENDA International Board of Directors (President 2022-president)

2010-present Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit Honor Society)

2006 Alumni Honoree, Annual Gala, St. John’s High School, Shrewsbury MA

2000 Cardinal Wright Award for Service to the Diocese and the Church, Diocese of Worcester

1997-present Catholic Common Ground Initiative Advisory Committee

1997-2000 Coordinator, Confirmation 2000, Diocese of Worcester

1996-1999 Task Group on American Adaptations of the *Order for Celebrating Marriage*, Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy, U.S. National Conference of Catholic Bishops

1989-1994 Religious Conference Management Association

1988-2006 National Committee, FORM/REFORM: The National Conference on Environment and Art for Catholic Worship

1985-present *Who’s Who in Religion*

1984-present The North American Academy of Liturgy

1984-2003 The National Association for Lay Ministry

## **Community Involvement**

2014-present John 21 Community Breakfast Program, St. Patrick’s Church, Whitinsville MA

2010-2019 Board of Trustees, St. John’s High School, Shrewsbury MA (Chair, Educational Programs Committee 2017-2019)

2006-2014 Catholic Schools Board, Diocese of Worcester (Vice Chair 2011-2013, Chair 2013-2014)

2002-2009 Interviewer, Alumni Admissions Program, Georgetown University

2001-2014 Chair, Liturgy Formation Team, St. Patrick’s Church, Whitinsville MA

2001-2017 Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, St. Patrick’s Church, Whitinsville MA

2001-2005 Parents’ Association, St. John’s High School, Shrewsbury MA

2001-2005 Service Day Committee, St. John’s High School, Shrewsbury MA

1995-2006 Advisory Board, Office of the Permanent Diaconate, Diocese of Worcester

1991-2000 R.C.I.A. Steering Committee, Diocese of Worcester

1991-1995 Pastoral Planning Steering Committee, Diocese of Worcester

1982-1984 Sacramental Guidelines Committee, Archdiocese of Washington

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