

# Reverend Joseph M. Mele, Ph.D.

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## *Curriculum Vitae*



***Born:*** 8 January 1948  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

***Parents:*** Joseph J. Mele  
Rose Bonacci Mele

***Home Parish:*** Madonna del Castello Parish, Swissvale/Rankin, Pennsylvania

***Education:*** Swissvale Elementary School, Swissvale, PA (1953-1961)  
Saint Anselm High School Swissvale, PA (1962-1965)  
Saint Gregory Seminary, Lower Division of the Athenaeum of Ohio (1965-1967)  
Saint Francis College, Loretto, PA (1967-1969)  
Saint Francis Seminary, Loretto, PA (1969-1973)  
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (1977-1980)  
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (1981-1986)  
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (1983)  
Marian Family Institute Center, Sewickley, PA (1992-1993)  
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (1996-2008)  
Oxford Foundation Fellowship, Oxford, England (1998)

***Degrees:*** Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (B.A.) (1969)  
Master of Divinity (M.Div.) (1973)  
Master of Arts in Formative Spirituality (M.A.) (1980)  
Oxford Foundation Fellowship, Appointed in Perpetuity with All Rights and Privileges Pertaining Thereunto (1998)  
Master of Arts in Communications and Rhetoric (M.A.) (1999)  
Doctorate in Communications and Rhetoric (Ph.D.) (2008)  
Thesis: Homiletics at the Threshold: Pope Benedict XVI's Invitation  
Honorary Doctorate from Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA (2013)

***Seminary:*** Saint Gregory Seminary, Lower Division of the Athenaeum of Ohio (1965-1967)  
Saint Francis Seminary, Loretto, PA (1967-1973)

### ***Sacrament of Holy Orders:***

25 March 1972                      Order of Deacon  
Epiphany Church, Pittsburgh, PA  
Bishop John B. McDowell, Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh

5 May 1973

Order of Presbyter  
Saint Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA  
Bishop Vincent M. Leonard, Bishop of Pittsburgh

**Priestly Assignments:**

1973-1976	Parochial Vicar	Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Hopewell, PA
1976	Parochial Vicar	Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Butler, PA
1976-1981	Parochial Vicar	Saint Malachy Parish, Kennedy Township, PA
1981-1982	Parochial Vicar	Saint Sebastian Parish, Ross Township, PA
1982-1987	Parochial Vicar	Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Beechview, PA
1987-1991	Pastor	Christ the King Parish, Ambridge, PA
1991-1999	Pastor	Saint John the Baptist Parish, Unity, PA
1999-2001	Director, Department for Clergy Personnel	Diocese of Pittsburgh
1999-2001	Residence	Saint Paul Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
2001-2008	Pastor	Saint Sebastian Parish, Ross Township, PA
2008-2011	Director of Spiritual Formation	Saint Paul Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
2008-2014	Residence	Saint Paul Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
2008-2019	Director, Department for Post-Ordination Formation	Diocese of Pittsburgh
2009-2011	Vicar General	Diocese of Pittsburgh
2009-2011	Vice Rector	Saint Paul Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
2011-2014	Rector	Saint Paul Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
2012-2016	Secretary for Leadership Development	Diocese of Pittsburgh
2014-2016	Residence	Saint Raphael Parish, Pittsburgh, PA

2014-2015	Administrator <i>Pro-Tem</i>	Saint Raphael Parish, Pittsburgh, PA
2015-2016	Episcopal Vicar for Leadership Development	Diocese of Pittsburgh
2016-2019	Episcopal Vicar and Secretary for Leadership Development and Evangelization	Diocese of Pittsburgh
2016-2019	Residence	Saint Mary of the Mount Parish, Pittsburgh, PA
2019-2021	Administrator	Parish Grouping #112 – Saint Raphael Parish and Sacred Heart Parish, Pittsburgh, PA
2021-Present	Pastor	Saint Jude Parish, Pittsburgh, PA

**Additional Responsibilities:**

Current:

- Member, Deacon Candidate Admissions Board
- Member, Deacon Formation Board
- Spiritual Advisor, The Ark and The Dove

Past:

- Deanery Director CCD
- Assistant Spiritual Director, Saint Paul Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
- Assistant Spiritual Director, Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA
- Assistant Spiritual Director for Diaconate Candidates, Pittsburgh, PA
- Member, Diocesan College of Deans
- Member of Advisory Board for Diocesan Institute for Lay Ministries
- Member of Advisory Board For Diocesan Family Life and Family Concerns
- Member of Ad Hoc Committee of Diocesan Office for Black Catholic Ministry; Sunday Homily Resource and Writing
- Professor of Homiletics, Saint Vincent Seminary
- Member, Vincentian Home Board
- Member, Priest Council
- Member, College of Consultors
- Member, Pastoral Council
- Member, Administrative Board
- Member, Episcopal Council
- Member, Priestly Formation Board
- Member, Saint Paul Seminary Advisory Board
- Member, Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
- Chaplain, Pittsburgh Serra Club
- Member, Pursuers of Peace Jewish/Catholic Dialogue

- Member, Diocesan Theological Commission
- Member, Theology and Education Committee, Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania
- Chair, Diocesan Academic Council
- Member, Bishop's Cabinet
- Member, Bishop's Curia
- Member, Clergy Personnel Board
- Chaplain, Pittsburgh Legatus Society

**Miscellaneous:**

- Presenter, *How To Make Catholic Preaching Better: Conference in Homiletics*, Saint Augustine Seminary of Toronto, Ontario, Canada (July 2014)
- Keynote Presenter, *The Ministry of Preaching*, 2015 Assembly of Priests, Archdiocese of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (May 2015)
- Instructor, Homiletics Course for Deacon Candidates, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas (July 2015, July 2016, July 2018)
- Author, *The Sacred Conversation: The Art of Catholic Preaching and the New Evangelization*, Emmaus Road Publishing, May 13, 2013