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### EDUCATION

**M.Ed.** in English Education, Kutztown University, May 1973  
**B.S.** in Secondary Education, Kutztown University, May 1970

### TEACHING and WRITING EXPERIENCE

***Adjunct Instructor***, Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA  
Fall 2016-Present

- Taught “Introduction to Religious Education Online Class.”
- Developed lesson plans that included activities for all age-groups.

***Adjunct English Instructor***, Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, PA  
Fall 1993-Present

- Taught all levels of English composition classes and literature classes.
- Designed and taught a Human Development class called College Success.
- Developed workshops for adjunct faculty.

***Writer for God With Us Publications***, Eastern Catholic Conference of Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED), Woodland Park, NJ  
Fall 2000-2016

- Edited the revised books for Grades K, 1, 2, and 6 for the God With Us textbook series.
- Wrote the revisions for Grades 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 for the God With Us textbook series.

***Writer for Generations of Faith for Byzantine Churches***, Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox Eparchies of the United States  
2008-2013

- Wrote lesson plans for all the sessions in this five-year series.
- Developed activities for all age groups.

***Supervisor for Student Teachers***, Pennsylvania State University, Middletown Campus  
1995-2001

- Observed English and history teachers during their student teaching experience.
- Wrote evaluations and recommendations for student teachers.

***Eastern Christian Formation Teacher***, St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church, Harrisburg, PA  
1983-Present

- Taught grades 7-12.
- Volunteered at church summer camp.

**English Teacher**, St. Clair Area High School, St. Clair, PA  
1970-1979

- Taught grades 9-12.
- Advised the National Honor Society and Drama Club.

## PRESENTATIONS

**Regional Family Days of Recollection**, (Fall 2015) Eparchy of Passaic

- Developed children's activities that enhanced discussions about God's love
- Presented these activities as part of the Days of Recollection

**Using the Beatitudes to Lead: A Day of Reflection**, (September 2015) Ukrainian Catholic Church,  
Sybertsville, PA

**Webinar: ECED Catechist Formation for Grade 7**, (Spring 2015) Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors  
of Religious Education

**Byzantine Catholic Catechists' Workshop**, *Book 8: We Journey with God and Each Other*,  
(August 2016) Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary

**Day of Reflection**, "The Great Fast: A Time to Become God-Like," (March 2017) St. Mary's  
Byzantine Catholic Church, Hillsborough, NJ

**Ukrainian Catholic Catechists' Workshop**, The God With Us series, (January 2018) Basilian  
Spirituality Center, Fox Chase

## PUBLICATIONS

**Editor** of the following God With Us revised textbooks:

- Kindergarten *God Is with Us!* (2000)
- Grade 1 *God Is Love* (2001)
- Grade 2 *God Gives Life!* (2002)
- Grade 6 *We Respond to God* (2007)

**Writer** of the following God With Us revised textbooks:

- Grade 3 *God Calls Us Together!* (2002)
- Grade 4 *God's Promise Is Fulfilled* (2003)
- Grade 5 *We Are God's People* (2004)
- Grade 7 *We Become God-Like* (2011)
- Grade 8 *We Journey with God and Each Other* (2016)

**Journey through the Great Fast**, (2001) Office of Religious Education, Archeparchy of Pittsburgh  
Wrote the following meditation: "Practical Insights on Saint John Climacus"

**Christ Is Born**, (2005) Office of Religious Education, Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

Wrote the following meditation: "The Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of God"

**AWARDS and HONORS**

*Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award*, Harrisburg Area Community College, May 2012

*Member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*, Honorary Teacher Organization, 1975-present