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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS - GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Arts, Major in Philosophy

Manila, Philippines
January 2026 – present

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MAJOR SEMINARY - GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Master of Arts in Theology, Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry (units)

Guiguinto, Bulacan, Philippines
June 2024 – October 2025

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MAJOR SEMINARY - PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Guiguinto, Bulacan, Philippines
June 2019 – April 2023

- Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS

A. Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Canaria, Justin Sean Luis. "The Primal We: Person and Community as Co-Constitutive in Karol Wojtyła's Philosophy." *Forum Philosophicum* Volume 31, No. 1 (June 2026): 69-85. [Scopus-Indexed]

_____. "A Saint and A Sage: St. Karol Wojtyła and Confucius on Heaven." *Roczniki Kulturoznawcze (Annals of Cultural Studies)*: Volume 17, No. 2 (June 2026): 129-142.

B. Other Publications:

Canaria, Justin Sean Luis. "He Lives in You: Recovering the Irreducible in Man in the Age of Artificial Intelligence." *Vita: A Journal of Philosophy and Arts* 17, No. 1 (2025): .

_____. "Towards an Integral Understanding of Love in Karol Wojtyła's Anthropology." *Vita: A Journal of Philosophy and Arts* 16, No. 1 (2024): .

_____. "Karol Wojtyła on Transcendence Towards God: Its Importance and Relevance Today." *Vita: A Journal of Philosophy and Arts* 16, No. 1 (2023): .

_____. "A Critique of Gender Transitioning through the Lens of St. Karol Wojtyła's Personalistic Anthropology." *Vita: A Journal of Philosophy and Arts* 15, No. 1 (2022): 71-95.

_____, Joshua Cabrera Cueva, and Francis Miguel Panday. "Pinoy Pride: Filipino Philosophy and Its Struggle for Identity." *Vita: A Journal of Philosophy and Arts* 15, No. 1 (2022): 25-47.

C. Book Reviews:

Canaria, Justin Sean Luis. "BOOK REVIEW: Reimers, Adrian. The Ethos of the Christian Heart: Reading Veritatis Splendor." *Philippiniana Sacra* 61, No. 185 (May 2026): 337-338.

_____. "Book Review: *Karol Wojtyła's Acting Person: In Philippine Contexts* by Rolyn Francisco, 2025." *Wojtyła Studies: Volume 3, No. 1 (February 2026)*: 38-40.

_____. "Book Review: *The Good is Love* by Adrian J. Reimers, 2020." *Talisik: An Undergraduate Academic Journal of Philosophy* 9, No. 1 (August 2023): 33-37.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Recovering the Flesh: Maurice Merleau-Ponty's Bodily Synthesis as a Critical Voice Against the Tyranny of Metricized Selfhood

Presented at the **John Paul II International Conference: *Emerging Technologies and Nature: Philosophical and Theological Perspectives in the Thought of John Paul II and Beyond***

University of Santo Tomas, España, Manila

June 18-19, 2026

Models of the Priesthood

Presented at the **Catholic Christianity in the Philippines Study Conference *Lumina et Umbrae: Charting Synodal Pathways in the Philippines***

University of Santo Tomas, España, Manila

June 9-10, 2026

Reality Check: Virtual Reality and the Personalism of Karol Wojtyla

Presented at the **John Paul II International Conference: *God and the World: Dialogues on Culture, Science, and Religion***

University of Santo Tomas, Manila

June 28, 2024

He Lives in You: A Wojtylian Response to the Death of God in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Presented at the **3rd Philosophy, Communication, and Culture Conference: *Nagkatawang Tao: AI, Transhumanism, Incarnation in Philosophy, Communication, and Culture***

St. Paul Seminary Foundation, Silang, Cavite

May 9, 2024

Experience is the Best Teacher? Aquinas and Wojtyla on Human Experience

Presented at the **8th Thomasian Philosophers' Reunion Convention:**

St. Thomas Aquinas and the University: In Commemoration of the 750th Death Anniversary of St. Thomas Aquinas

University of Santo Tomas, Manila

March 19, 2024

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA, AND LECTURE SERIES ATTENDED

Ethics, Society and Education: Empowering Early Career Philosophers in the Philippines

De La Salle University – Durham University – British Academy International Writing Workshops Programme

August 10-11, 2026

UPD-Cambridge Philosophy Lecture Series 2026

University of the Philippines Diliman Department of Philosophy

May 4, 11, and June 30, 2026

Aquinas Symposium 2026: Aquinas and MacIntyre on Politics and the Common Good

University of Santo Tomas, España, Manila

April 16, 2026

Dalumataan 2026: "Ethics in Crisis: Confronting the Culture of Individualism"

University of Santo Tomas, España, Manila

February 11, 2026

9th Thomasian Philosophers' Reunion Convention: "Philosophy Beyond Academia: Conversation with Alumni"

University of Santo Tomas, España, Manila

February 10, 2026

Canon Law Week 2026

University of Santo Tomas - Faculty of Canon Law, Manila, Philippines

February 4, 2026

Schillebeeckx Lecture Series 2026: "Vatican II@60: Theology Intersecting with AI, Ecology, Gender, and Family"

University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines

February 3, 2026

SEMINARS AND FORMATION LECTURES ATTENDED

7th Lectio Magistralis

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Isidro Maranay
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan
June 2025

Seminar on the Ministry of Spiritual Liberation

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Jose Francisco C. Syquia
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan
November 19, 2024

Segullah Lectures: St. Titus Bransman A Model of Prayer

Speaker: Sis. Anne Maries Bos, OCarm, PhD
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan
July 29, 2024

6th Lectio Magistralis: "Great Symphony of Prayer Towards Universal Fraternity and Solidarity"

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Norlan Julia, S.J., PhD.
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan
June 10, 2024

5th Lectio Magistralis: "Synodality: The Challenge of Communion, Participation, and Mission Towards a Humble and Inclusive Church of the Poor"

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Vladimir M. Echalas, SOLT, SThD
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan
January 20, 2023

Updates on Climate Change

Speaker: Mr Yolando T. Velasco, United Nations Climate Change Secretariat
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan
January 12, 2023

Segullah Lectures: "Beyond Presence: Friendship and Dialogue as Horizons of Authentic Encounter"

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Ferdinand Santos, MBA, PhD
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan
October 2022

4th Lectio Magistralis: "Treasures of the Quincentenary"

Speaker: Most. Rev. Dennis C. Villarojo. D.D., PhD.
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan
November 19, 2021

Segullah Lectures: "Gifted to Give: Victory and Humanity in the 500 Years of Philippine History"

Speaker: Mr Michael Charleston "Xiao" Briones Chua, M.A.
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan
March 13, 2021

Segullah Lectures: "Translacion: Jesus Christ in the 500 Years of Philippine History"

Speaker: Mr Michael Charleston "Xiao" Briones Chua, M.A.
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan
January 30, 2021

Segullah Lectures: "The Importance of the Attitude of the Youth in the Relativism in the Post-Truth Era"

Speaker: Most. Rev. Dennis C. Villarojo. D.D., PhD.
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan
February 2020

Philosophy Week 2019 Symposium:

What it Means to be Man and Woman: Seeing God's Design through Divine Illumination in the Midst of Moral Relativism

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Rudolf Steven N. Seño, O.P., Ph.L.
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan
January 2020

Theology Week 2020: "Christus Vivit: Towards 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines"

Pamahalaan at Simbahan: Magkatuwang sa Kaunlaran ng Sambayanan

Speaker: Atty. Romulo B. Macalintal
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan
January 17, 2020

Halaga: Ang Gampanin ng Wikang Filipino tungo sa Paghubog at Pag-Unlad ng Kabataan sa Kasalukuyan

Speaker: Mr Raymond Galvez, M.A.
Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan
September 2019

3rd Lectio Magistralis: The Youth and the Challenges of the New Evangelization: Preparing Seminarians for the Pastoral Accompaniment of Young Peoples (Cf. RFIS 124)

Speaker: Most. Rev. Teodoro C. Bacani, O.P., D.D.

Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Guiguinto, Bulacan

June 2019

WORKSHOP ATTENDED

The Rudiments of Research Manual Preparation

Dr Yanga's Colleges, Bocaue, Bulacan

February 24, 2025

WORK EXPERIENCE

PASIG CATHOLIC COLLEGE

College Instructor

Pasig City, Philippines

June 2026 – present

- Taught undergraduate courses in Theology, Ethics, and the Humanities, managing multiple high-volume lecture cohorts and cultivating analytical thinking through structured classroom dialogue.
- Drive curriculum development initiatives by designing syllabi, authoring original instructional materials, and aligning pedagogical outcomes with institutional core values and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) mandates.
- Collaborate actively with the Research and Development Office (RDO), contributing to institutional research workflows, interdisciplinary academic studies, and administrative data collection.
- Formulate outcome-based assessment frameworks that effectively bridge abstract theological and philosophical concepts with real-world, practical ethical decision-making for modern learners.

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

BULACAN MEDICAL CENTER

Associate Chaplain

Malolos City, Philippines

September 2025 – October 2025

- Provided spiritual care and emotional support to patients and families in critical units such as the ICU and ER.
- Applied pastoral counselling skills in one-on-one conversations and crisis situations.
- Delivered reflections, assisted in liturgical services, and documented pastoral encounters.
- Strengthened interpersonal awareness through individual and group supervision.

ESCUELA DE STO. ROSARIO

Pastoral Regent

Pasig City, Philippines

August 2023 – May 2024

- Completed a dedicated pastoral regency program focused on institutional service and community logistics.
- Managed facility maintenance operations and event logistics, demonstrating high-level discipline, cross-functional teamwork, and organisational humility

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MALOLOS

Major Seminarian

Bulacan, Philippines

June 2019 – October 2025

- Assisted in pastoral work across various parishes in the Diocese of Malolos, participating in liturgical ministries, catechetical activities, and community formation programs.
- Designed and facilitated theological modules and spiritual formation programs for youth and adult demographics
- Lectured on applied Christian spirituality, foundational catechesis, and scriptural exegesis for lay leadership groups
- Supported and co-led team-building sessions for youth ministries, parish volunteers, and school groups using structured activities and guided discussions.
- Assisted priests in organising parish events, including feast day celebrations, sacramental preparations, and community outreach.
- Gained experience in pastoral counselling basics, active listening, and accompanying individuals through personal and spiritual difficulties.
- Collaborated with fellow seminarians in weekly community tasks, formation activities, and academic-ministerial requirements under the seminary's holistic formation program.

LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MAJOR SEMINARY

Music Committee Chairman

November 2024 – March 2025

Sports Committee Chairman

November 2021 – March 2022

Secretary Committee Chairman

November 2020 – March 2021

- Coordinator of various committees within the seminary Executive Committee.

VITA: A JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY AND ARTS

February 2020 – January 2022

Managing Editor

- Managed editorial coordination, proofreading, and style review of journal submissions.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Philosophical Association of the Philippines (PAP)
Philippine National Philosophical Research Society (PNPRS)
Australasian Association of Philosophy (AAP)

June 2026 – present
June 2026 – present
June 2026 – June 2027

SKILLS SUMMARY

Academic Skills: Academic writing, research assistance, classroom facilitation, student engagement

Pastoral Skills: Pastoral counselling, active listening, group facilitation, spiritual accompaniment

Technical Skills: Microsoft Office, Excel, document formatting, and editorial proofreading

Professional Skills: Communication, leadership, organisation, problem-solving, adaptability

CERTIFICATES & LICENSES

Certificate of Research Manual Preparation | Dr Yanga's College Inc. | *Issued February 2025*

Certificate of Civil Service Eligibility | Civil Service Commission | *Issued June 2023*

AWARDS RECEIVED

Consistent Dean's Lister | Immaculate Conception Major Seminary – Graduate School of Theology | *A.Y. 2024 to 2025*

Consistent Dean's Lister | Immaculate Conception Major Seminary – Philosophy Department | *A.Y. 2019 to 2023*

Cum Laude | Immaculate Conception Major Seminary – Philosophy Department | *April 2023*

Second Place Comprehensive Examinations | Immaculate Conception Major Seminary – Philosophy Department | *April 2023*

Second Best Thesis | Immaculate Conception Major Seminary – Philosophy Department | *April 2023*

Best in Critical Thinking | Immaculate Conception Seminary | *March 2019*

Best in Research | Immaculate Conception Seminary | *March 2019*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Karol Wojtyła and Personalism
- Philosophical and Theological Anthropology
- Ethics and Moral Theology
- Socio-Political Philosophy
- Theodicy
- Catholic Social Thought

REFERENCES

Rev. Fr. Adriand Emmanuel L. Layug, PhD

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