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### CURRICULUM VITAE

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1972	Ordained priest of the Society of Mary, Australian Province Assistant priest at Marist Chapel and St Patrick's inner city churches, Sydney
1973-77	Teacher, Marist Regional College, Burnie (including REC for three years)
1977-79	Duquesne University, Pittsburgh for postgraduate studies under Adrian van Kaam at the Institute of Formative Spirituality; gained MA in 1979
1979	Aquinas Academy Sydney; Marist Fathers' formation community, Toongabbie
1980-81	Lecturer in Spirituality, Catholic Theological Union (CTU), Hunters Hill and Aquinas Academy
1981-84	Duquesne University, Pittsburgh for doctoral studies; gained PhD in 1984
1984-95	Lecturer in Spirituality, Head Spirituality Department, CTU
1986-88	Deputy Principal, CTU
1989-90	President, Sydney College of Divinity
1989-94	Principal CTU
1995	Lecturer in Spirituality CTU
1996-98	Superior of the Marist Community at Villa Maria, Hunters Hill; Executive Director of Catalyst for Renewal; Editor of <i>The Mix</i> - journal of Catalyst for Renewal Various engagements for preached retreats, adult education lectures and seminars in spirituality and counseling.
2000-	Director of Aquinas Academy Adult Education Centre, Sydney, Australia
2004-2007	Member of Provincial Council, Australian Province of the Marist Fathers
2016	Parish Priest of St Patrick's, Church Hill, NSW

#### Special interests

Michael enjoys time at the Aquinas Academy's hermitage, "Nazareth" on the Colo River, near Windsor in NSW. He believes renewal in the Catholic Church will not happen until/unless we recover the mystical heart of our faith. This means a wholehearted commitment to fostering contemplation for all. He finds his pastoral compass in the words of the founder of the Marist Fathers: "Once they have tasted God everything else will look after itself". Michael believes people and relationships are far more important than doctrine and law, absolutely necessary as doctrine and law are.

#### Publications include:

- "Prayer and Spirituality for Today" - A series of 12 lectures on audio cassette, published by the Daughters of St. Paul, Sydney, 1979.
- "Towards a Contemporary Christian Spirituality" - A series of 30 lectures on audio cassette, with Study Notes, published by Malgriff Media, Sydney, 1980.
- "Religious Life Today: Some Foundational Considerations", Religious Life in the Australian Church Today, St. Paul Publications, Sydney, 1985, 9-28.
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- "Death and Resurrection" - ABC Radio Talk, March 25th, 1989, published as audio cassette.
- "Life as Possibility" - ABC Radio Talk, June 10th, 1989, published as audio cassette.
- "Rigid Expectation Versus Creative Anticipation" - ABC Radio Talk, October 6th, 1989, published as audio cassette.
- "Parents, Children and the Search for Values" - Audio Cassette (Transmission Media Productions, Lane Cove), August, 1989.
- Five Lenten Presentations - previously given on ABC TV, February 1990 - published in *Inspirational Talks From World of Worship*, ABC Enterprises, 1991, 1-33.
- "When Anomalies Constantly Appear At The Interface Between Learning And Experience We Must Act: Reflections On The Emergence Of A New Science", in *Studies in Formative Spirituality*, XIV, 2 (May 1993), 271-286.
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- "Counterfeit Elements in Christian Spirituality: A Challenge for Theological Educators", *Journal of Spiritual Formation*, Volume XV, 2 (May 1994), 211-230.
- The Call To Be, Society of St. Paul, Sydney, 1986.
- Living Strings: An Introduction to Biblical Spirituality, E J Dwyer, 1994.
- Without God All Things Are Lawful, Society of St Paul, 1995.
- Issues for Church and Society in Australia, Editor and contributor, St Paul's, 2005.
- "Moralism versus Mysticism - The Struggle to gain the Mystical Heart of our Faith" *Australasian Catholic Record*, Volume 81:1, October 2004.
- "The Human Ground of Hope - A Pastoral Reflection", *Australasian Catholic Record*, Volume 82:4, October 2005.
- "Being Loved into Freedom - A Christian Perspective on Detachment", *Australasian Catholic Record*, Volume 88:3, July 2011.
- A Friendly Guide to Prayer, John Garratt Publishing, 2011.