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Curriculum Vitae

Personal

Born 20 August 1948 in New York City.
Married 1970 to John Gatta, Professor of English at the University of the South, Sewanee.
One child: Mary Gatta, (b. 1993)
Ordained to Episcopal diaconate, June 1980; priesthood, May 1981.
Canonical residence: Diocese of Connecticut. Licensed in the Diocese of Tennessee.

Education

B.A. *magna cum laude*, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, June 1970.
Undergraduate majors: Humanistic Studies: The Rise of Western Culture;
Philosophy.
M.A. (Medieval Studies) Cornell University, May 1973.
Ph.D. (Medieval Studies) Cornell University, January 1979.
Primary field of graduate study: Medieval intellectual and religious history.
M.Div. Episcopal Divinity School, May 1979.
Field Education: Training in Spiritual Direction, 1978-79, supervised by
the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
Clinical Pastoral Education, Norwich Hospital (Psychiatric), summer 1978.

Academic and Pastoral Experience

Professor of Pastoral Theology, The School of Theology,
The University of the South, Sewanee, TN, 2004-present.
Vicar, St. Paul's Church, Windham CT, 1991-2004.
Interim Pastor, St. Paul's Church, Plainfield, CT, 1990-1991.
Lecturer, Yale Divinity School, 1986-1990.
Courses in "Medieval Spirituality" and "The Practice of Prayer and Christian Discipline."
Spiritual Director, The Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, 1984-1989.
Associate Priest, Church of the Resurrection, Norwich, CT 1986-1990.
Visiting Faculty Member, St. Bede's Theological College, Umtata, Transkei,
Southern Africa, fall 1987.
Sabbatical Year, Dakar, Senegal, 1987-88.
Faculty Member in Medieval Church History, The School for Deacons,
Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, 1983.
Assistant Missioner, Middlesex Area Cluster, 1983-85.
Curate, St. Paul's Church, Willimantic, CT 1980-82.
Intern Minister, Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford, 1979-80.

Ecumenical and Intra-Anglican Service

The Archbishop of Canterbury's International Commission on Communion and Women in the Episcopate (Eames Commission), 1989-95.

One of two American representatives and the only ordained woman represented on this commission.

Consultant to ARCIC (Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission) subcommittee on the ordination of women, Oxford, England, April 1996.

The Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations of the Episcopal Church, 1988-94.

The Presiding Bishop's Working Group on Communion and Women in the Episcopate, 1989-1990.

Anglican-Orthodox Theological Consultation (USA), 1989-91.

Delegate, Commission on Faith and Order, World Council of Churches, 1985-93.

One of two representatives from the Episcopal Church in the USA, having taken part in proceedings in Norway, Greece, Hungary, and Spain.

Delegate, Commission on Faith and Order, National Council of Churches, 1982-89.

Member, Executive Committee, Commission on Faith and Order, National Council of Churches, 1985-1989.

General Editor and Member, Theological Committee to evaluate *The COCU Consensus* [Consultation on Church Union] for the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations of the Episcopal Church, 1987.

Retreats, Conferences, and Special Seminars

Numerous quiet days and retreats for parishes, seminaries, clergy, dioceses, and religious communities including:

Retreat Leader, Advent Quiet Day: "Christ Will Come Again," St. Michael and All Angels Church, Dallas, Texas, November 30, 2019.

Speaker, "Life in Christ/Praying in Christ": Education for Ministry Graduates' Retreat, September 20-22, 2019, St. Mary's Conference Center, Sewanee

Preacher for the Triduum, Christ Church, Grosse Point, Michigan, April 18-20, 2019.

Diocese of Southwest Florida, preacher for Chrism Eucharist and speaker on "The Ministry of Healing," April 16, 2019.

Diocese of East Tennessee Clergy Retreat, April 1-3, 2019.

Preacher for All Souls' Day, Holy Trinity Church, Decatur, Georgia, November 2, 2018.

Retreat Leader for St. David's Roswell, Georgia, at St. Mary's Conference Center, Sewanee, October 12-14, 2018.

Vestry Retreat, "Parish Discernment," Thankful Memorial Church, Chattanooga, October 28, 2017.

Clergy Conference Leader, Diocese of Florida, September 29, 2015.

Clergy Conference Leader, Diocese of Montana, April 21-23, 2015.

Deanery Event Discussion Leader at Virginia Theological Seminary with Martin L. Smith on our book, *Go in Peace: The Art of Hearing Confessions*, December 3, 2013.

Pre-ordination Retreat, St. Mary's Conference Center, Sewanee, November 13-15, 2013; and November 12-14, 2014 with the Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley, Bishop of Alabama (retired).

Retreat Leader for Clergy of the Diocese of Louisiana, January 23-25, 2013.

Retreat Leader for the Stephen Ministers of Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville,
September 17-18, 2010.

Retreat Leader for Clergy of the Diocese of Missouri, April 15-17, 2008.

Retreat Leader, Diocese of Louisiana's Women's Silent Retreat, September 7-9, 2007.

Principal Speaker, Diocese of Georgia Clergy Conference, September 12-14, 2005.

Preacher for Holy Week and Easter, Christ Church, New Haven, CT, March 2005.

Quiet Day Leader, The School of Theology, The University of the South, Sewanee,
Ash Wednesday 2005.

The Berkeley Divinity School at Yale; Bexley Hall Seminary; The Seminary of the
Southwest; The Society of St. John the Evangelist; the Order of St. Anne; Order of
St. Helena; Community of St. John Baptist; Order of Julian of Norwich; and the
Fellowship of the Way of the Cross.

Headmasters and Chaplains of New England Episcopal Boarding Schools at St. Paul's
School, Concord, New Hampshire.

Leader for Clergy Retreat for the Dioceses of Connecticut, Northern Indiana,
Massachusetts, Utah, Chicago, Ohio, and Southeast Florida.

Seminar on "The Diaconate in Relation to the Other Orders of Ordained Ministry" for the
Ordinands' Training Program, Diocese of Connecticut, offered 2001-03.

Seminar on "The Sacrament of Reconciliation," the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale,
regularly offered for the senior class between 1994 and 2001.

Short Courses on "Beginning Spiritual Direction" and "Approaches to Prayer: Julian of
Norwich," Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, fall 1984 and winter 1985.

Seminar on Julian of Norwich and *The Cloud of Unknowing*, St. Helena's Novitiate, Vails
Gate, New York, November 1984.

Courses taught at the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge, Massachusetts:

Seminar on the Fourteenth-Century English Mystics, fall term 1983.

Seminar on Cistercian Spirituality, spring term 1979.

Seminar on Desert Monasticism, fall term 1978.

Invited Lectures

"Appropriating the Monastic Tradition," Breck Conference on Monasticism and the
Church, Nashotah House, June 14, 2019.

"The Priestly Art of Hearing Confessions," Clericus of the Diocese of Tennessee,
January 9, 2018.

"Advent," St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga, December 14, 2017.

"Practicing Christian Spirituality" (four classes), Thorne Sparkman School of Religion at
St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga, February 24, March 2, 9, and 19, 2016.

"Transformative Vision: Praying with Icons," St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga,
September 18, 2013; and Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, March 12, 2014.

“Holy Baptism,” St. Paul’s Church, Franklin, Tennessee, September 15, 2013.

“The Benedictine Roots of Anglican Spirituality,” St. Paul’s Church, Chattanooga, April 28, 2013.

Respondent to papers by Bernard McGinn (University of Chicago), “‘The Violent Are Taking It by Storm’: Reflections on a Century of Women’s Contributions to the Study of Mystical Spirituality” and Susan Abraham (Harvard Divinity School) “Purifying Memory and Dispossessing the Self: Spiritual Strategies in the Classroom,” Symposium on “The Next Century of Women’s Study of Christian Spirituality,” Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana, October 25-26, 2012.

Invited Participant, Faith and Finance Symposium, Auburn Theological Seminary, June 21, 2007, held at the ATS Offices, Pittsburgh.

Respondent Paper for “Medieval Pastoral and Religious Literature,” Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, March 2007.

“Julian of Norwich” (March 2006) and “Evelyn Underhill” (May 2006): Spiritual Foremothers Program, Otey Memorial Parish, Episcopal Churchwomen.

“The Baptism of our Lord and the Baptismal Covenant” and “Catholicity and Community,” two lectures for the Affirming Anglican Catholicism Conference, “Towards Catholicity: More Than We Can Ask or Imagine,” Santa Barbara, California, January 2001.

“The Vocation of Bishop” for the Diocese of Connecticut’s Search Committee for Diocesan Bishop, April 1999.

“Discernment of Vocation” for the Diocese of Connecticut’s Search Committee for Diocesan Bishop, September 1998.

“The Lutheran-Episcopal *Concordat of Agreement*,” Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Palm Beach, Florida, January 1997.

“The Present State of Anglican-Roman Catholic Relations,” Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Palm Beach, Florida, February 1996.

“Spirituality” for *Being Well in Christ: A Conference on Clergy Health and Wholeness*, sponsored by the Cornerstone Foundation. For Province I: September 1992. For the Dioceses of Albany, Rochester, and Western New York: September 1993.

“An Anglican Response to *Confessing One Faith*,” WCC Consultation on Christology, Rhodes, Greece, January 1988.

“Anglican Spirituality,” The Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, October 1988.

“New Approaches to Mary,” North American Academy of Ecumenists, New York City, September 25, 1988.

“Conversion in Ecumenical Dialogue,” Bilateral Dialogues Sub-Group, Commission on Faith and Order, New Orleans, March 1987.

“The Historic Episcopate: An Anglican and Ecumenical Perspective,” Faith and Order Commission Meeting, Pasadena CA, October 1986.

“The Threefold Rule of Prayer: A Paradigm for Ecumenical Spirituality,” The Washington Institute for Ecumenics, June 1986.

With William Petersen, “The Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral: One Hundred Years Later,” National Workshop on Ecumenism, Hartford CT, April 1986.

“Justification and Sanctification: Classical Concerns and Contemporary Context,” Bilateral Dialogues Sub-Group, Commission on Faith and Order, Washington D.C., October 1984.

“Catholic Feminism,” the School of Theology, University of the South, April 1984, and the University of Chicago Divinity School, May 1984.

On Julian of Norwich:

At St. Paul’s Church, Chattanooga, May 6, 2012.

At the Diocese of Alabama ECW Conference, October 11-12, 2007

At the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, May 1984.

At Nashotah House, Nashotah, Wisconsin, May 1984.

At the School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, TN, April 1984.

At Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana, October 1983.

At the General Theological Seminary, New York, The Whittingham Society for Ecclesiastical History, October 1982.

At the first “Julianfest,” Church of the Resurrection, Norwich, CT, May 1982.

At the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, spring 1979.

Honors

University Fellowship, Cornell University, 1970-73

One of Ten Winners, Best Sermon Competition, Episcopal Evangelism Foundation, 1995

Publications

Life in Christ: Practicing Christian Spirituality (New York: Church Publishing, 2018).

With Martin L. Smith, *Go in Peace: The Art of Hearing Confessions* (New York: Morehouse, 2012); in the UK (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2013).

The Nearness of God: Parish Ministry as Spiritual Practice (New York: Morehouse, 2010).

The Pastoral Art of the English Mystics (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2004); first published as *Three Spiritual Directors for our Time* (Cambridge, MA: Cowley Publications, 1986) and in the UK as *A Pastoral Art: Spiritual Guidance in the English Mystics* (London: Darton, Longman & Todd, 1987).

“Forward” to *Spiritual Counsel in the Anglican Tradition*, eds. David Hein and Charles Henery (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2010).

“Divine Longing” (September 6, 2015), “Baptism: Reliving Death and Resurrection” (September 20, 2015), “Community and Communion” (October 4, 2015), “Praying the Daily Office through the Church Year” (October 18, 2015), “The Grace of Solitary Prayer” (November 1, 2015), “Forms of Christian Meditation” (November 15, 2015), *The Living Church*.

“The Hour is Coming and Is Now Here,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 57:2 (Easter 2014), 188-90.

“This is My Body That is for You,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 56:3 (Pentecost 2013), 281-83.

“Palm Sunday,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 56:2 (Easter 2013), 149-52.

“Good Friday,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 56: 2 (Easter 2013), 153- 55.

“‘And He Showed Them His Hands and His Side’ (John 20:20),” *Sewanee Theological Review* 55:2 (Easter 2013), 165-68.

“All Faithful Departed,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 55:4 (Michaelmas 2012), 412-14.

“The Wounded Surgeon,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 55:3 (Pentecost 2012), 243-46.

“Grace upon Grace: On Being a Priest,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 53:2 (Easter 2010), 117-120.

Sermons: “Zacchaeus,” “Saint Augustine of Hippo,” and “Saint Remigius of Rheims,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 53:1 (Christmas 2009), 78-85.

Review of *Beloved Dust: Tides of the Spirit in the Christian Life* by Robert Davis Hughes III, *Sewanee Theological Review* 52:2 (Easter 2009), 193-97.

“The Confession of St. Peter,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 52:2 (Easter 2009), 174-75.

“Looking for the Christ,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 52:1 (Christmas 2008), 3-5.

Review of *Compass and Stars* by Martin L. Smith, *Sewanee Theological Review* 51:3 (Pentecost 2008), 349-51.

“The New Creation,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 51:1 (Christmas 2007), 3-5.

- Review of *Being Salt: A Theology of an Ordered Church* by George R. Sumner, *Sewanee Theological Review* 50:4 (Michaelmas 2007), 580-83.
- “Grant Us to Sit, One at Your Right Hand and One at Your Left, in Glory,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 50:4 (Michaelmas 2007), 546-49.
- Review of *The Dominican Tradition* by Thomas C. McGonigle and Phyllis Zagano, *Anglican Theological Review* 89: 1 (January 2007), 149-52.
- “‘If You Are the Son of God, Throw Yourself Down’: The Temptations of Christ in the Practice of Ministry,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 50:1 (Christmas 2006), 65-79.
- Review Article: “Harry Potter and Friends: The Moral and Spiritual Vision of J.K. Rowling,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 49: 2 (Easter 2006), 257-63.
- Review of *Francis of Assisi: Performing the Gospel Life* by Laurence S. Cunningham, *Sewanee Theological Review* 49:2 (Easter 2006), 267-68.
- Review of *Two Worlds Are Ours: An Introduction to Christian Mysticism* by John Macquarrie, *Sewanee Theological Review* 49:2 (Easter 2006), 272-73.
- “Faith amid Tragedy: The Martyrs of Memphis,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 49: 1 (Christmas 2005), 23-25.
- Review of *Priesthood in a New Millennium: Toward an Understanding of Anglican Presbyterate in the Twenty-first Century* by R. David Cox, *Sewanee Theological Review* 48: 4 (Michaelmas 2005), 517-21.
- “Increase Our Faith!” *Sewanee Theological Review* 48: 1 (Christmas 2004), 3-6.
- “Towards Catholicity: More Than We Can Ask Or Imagine,” *The Anglican Catholic: The Journal of Anglican Catholicism in North America* 13 (Winter 2001-2002), 1-15.
- “Discerning Ordained Ministry as Life in Christ”: Addresses and Sermons for the Connecticut Clergy Retreat, October 2000, printed and distributed by the Diocese of Connecticut.
- Contributor to *Pioneers of the Spirit: Julian of Norwich*, Trinity Church Television and Video, 1997.
- Review Article: “Orthodoxy and the Renewal of Christian Identity,” on *Reclaiming Faith: Essays on Orthodoxy in the Episcopal Church and the Baltimore Declaration*, eds. Ephraim Radner and George R. Sumner, *The Christian Century* 3.23 (August 10-17, 1994), 751-755.
- Review Article: “Mysticism and Incarnation,” on *Teresa of Avila* by Rowan Williams, *Sewanee Theological Review* 36: 2 (Easter 1993), 259-263.

- “Interest in Spirituality Renewed,” *The Living Church* 207.19 (May 9, 1993), 10, 12.
- “The Marriage of the Bride and the Lamb: The Celebrant’s Prayer in the Eucharist,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 35: 2 (Easter 1992), 173-81. Reprinted in *Magnificat: Reflecting Women Priests*, ed. Frances Ward (Croydon, UK: The Jubilee Group, 2001), 23-31.
- “George Herbert’s Poetry of Transformation,” in *This Sacred History: Anglican Reflections for John Booty*, ed. Donald S. Armentrout (Cambridge, MA: Cowley Publications, 1990), 31-46.
- “Reception and Women’s Ordination: A South African Experience,” *Cowley* 16.1 (Winter 1990), 18-21.
- “The Threefold Rule of Prayer: A Paradigm for Ecumenical Spirituality,” *Vision: Oikoumene* 4 (March, 1987), 6-11. Reprinted in the *Ecumenical Bulletin* (Episcopal Church), 83 (May/June 1987), 15-23.
- “Justification and Sanctification: Classical Concerns and Contemporary Context,” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 23.3 (Summer 1986), 513-17.
- “The Catholic Feminism of Holy Mother Church,” *The St. Luke Journal of Theology*, 29.1 (December 1985), 9-23.
- Interview on Women in the Priesthood, *Seek: Newspaper for Anglicans in Southern Africa* (October 1985), 11.
- With Kirk Smith, *Foundations of Christian Faith and Practice*, an eight-week course sponsored and distributed by the Diocese of Connecticut for use in parishes, 1984.
- With Eleanor McLaughlin, “What Do You Call a Woman Priest?” *Episcopal Times*, (October 1981), 4, later reprinted in *The Episcopalian*.
- “Julian of Norwich: Theodicy as Pastoral Art,” *Anglican Theological Review*, 63: 2 (April 1981), 173-81.
- Review Article: “A Revelation of Julian of Norwich” on *Wisdom’s Daughter: The Theology of Julian of Norwich* by Joan M. Nuth, *Sewanee Theological Review* 35:4 (Autumn 1992), 401-05.
- Review of *Participation in God: A Forgotten Strand in Anglican Tradition* by A.M. Alichin, *Religious Studies Review* 16.3 (July 1990), 241-42.
- Review of *John Keble: Saint of Anglicanism* by John R. Griffin, *Religious Studies Review* 16.1 (January 1990), 80.
- “So Ancient and So New: Recent Books on Spirituality,” *Ultra* (The Berkeley Divinity School at Yale), 1.1 (Fall 1987), 22-27.

Review of *Christian Spirituality in the Catholic Tradition* by Jordan Aumann,
Religious Studies Review, 13.1 (January 1987), 74.

Review of *Unity of the Churches: An Actual Possibility* by Heinrich Fries and Karl Rahner,
Religious Studies Review, 12.314 (July/October 1986), 271.

Committee and University Service

Presenter, Sewanee Ministry Collaborative, September 11-12, 2019.

Faculty representative, Episcopal Church Foundation working group, "Teaching Parish
Financial Responsibilities to Seminarians," 2018-2020.

Vice-Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Council, Advent term 2016.

University Benefits Committee, 2012-present.

Advanced Degrees Committee, 2009-10.

Strategic Planning Committee, 2004-06; 2008-09.

Curriculum Committee, 2008-12.

Budget Priorities Committee, 2006-2010.

Budget Advisory and Review Committee, 2006-10.

Admissions Committee, 2005-present.

Lectures and External Affairs Committee, 2004-present. Chair, 2010-present.

Pastoral Issues Committee, 2005-06.

Spirituality Committee, 2004-06. Chair: 2005-06.

Worship Committee, 2004-12.

Board Member, *Sewanee Theological Review*, 2004-present.

Priest Associate, All Saints' Chapel, 2008-present.

ASC Faculty Advisor for Taizé worship services.

Sewanee Preacher at Warren Chapel, Monteagle Assembly, August 7, 2016.

Chaplain, Holy Land Pastoral Renewal Program, 2008 and 2009.

Chair, Session on "Piety and the Urban Community," Sewanee Medieval Colloquium,
April 4, 2009.

Chair, Session on "Conflict and Identity in the Orders and the Wider Church,"
Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, April 11, 2008.

Adult Forum on End-of-Life Issues, Otey Memorial Parish, November 18, 2007

Panelist and Speaker on End-of-Life Issues, Sewanee Alumni Weekend, October 7, 2005.