

## Prof. Thomas H. Groome

### **Present Position:**

Professor of Theology and Religious Education, Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry

Director, BC's PhD in Theology and Education

Former Director: BC's Church in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Center

Long serving Director of BC's Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry

Appointed Assist. Prof. Theology Dept., Boston College, 1976

Appointed Assoc. Prof. Theology Dept., Boston College, 1982

Appointed Professor of Theology and Religious Education, Boston College, 1992

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### **Academic Background**

\* Completed seminary education, St. Patrick's College, Carlow, Ireland (1968)

\* MA in Religious Education, Fordham Univ. (1973)

\* Doctorate in Theology and Education, Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University Teachers College, New York (1975)

### **Books:**

*What Makes Education Catholic: Spiritual Foundations* Orbis Books: NY: 2021

*Faith for the Heart: A "Catholic" Spirituality*, Paulist, Mahwah, NJ, 2019

*Catholic Spiritual Practices: Treasures Old and New*, Ed. with Colleen Griffith, (Brewster, MA: Paraclete Pub. 2013)

*Will There Be Faith*, Harper One; San Francisco, 2011

*Reclaiming Catholicism: Treasures Old and New*. Editor with Michael Daley, Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2010

*Horizons and Hopes: The Future of Religious Education*, Editor with Harold Daly Horell, New York: Paulist Press, 2003

*What Makes Us Catholic: Eight Gifts for Life*, Harper: San Francisco, 2002

*Educating for Life: A Spiritual Vision for Every Teacher and Parent*. New York: Crossroads, 2000

*Empowering Catechetical Leaders*, Editor with Michael Corso, Washington, DC: National Catholic Educational Association, 1999

*Sharing Faith: A Comprehensive Approach to Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry*. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1991.

*Language for a Catholic Church*. Kansas City: Sheed and Ward, 1991, 1995.

*Christian Religious Education: Sharing our Story and Vision*. San Fran: Harper, 1980.

Many of the above works have been translated into various languages (Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, Swedish, etc.)

### **Religion Curricula:**

Primary author of *God With Us* religion curriculum (K to 8), Sadlier, 1984.

Primary author of *Coming to Faith* religion curriculum (K to 8), Sadlier, 1989.

Primary author of *New and Revised Edition of Coming to Faith* religion curriculum (K to 6), Sadlier, 1995.

*God is Here When Bad Things Happen*, with Martha Moss, Boston: Pauline Books, 2002

Primary author/editor of *The Credo Series*. A high school Theology curriculum published by Veritas and RCL?Benziger. Eleven text books in all on varied themes. Used widely in US Catholic high schools and in some beyond the US.

### **Essays:**

Author of some 200 articles and essays that have appeared in scholarly journals and popular publications on religious education, practical theology and pastoral ministry. Complete bibliography available through STM website, [www.bc.edu/content/bc/schools/stm/](http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/schools/stm/) and hit on "Faculty."

### **Video and Audio:**

*What Makes Us Catholic*, a series of nine half hour videos and audio cassettes from Silver Burdette, 2006. Also available from Books on Tape, read by author.

### **Public Lectures**

In past 45 years, made over 1000 presentations, including keynote addresses at all the major conferences of religious educators in North America.

Guest lecturer at many major universities, including: Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Emory, Chicago, Claremont, Notre Dame, Georgetown, Villanova and Fordham.

Lectured widely beyond the US, including Canada, Ireland, England, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, the Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Pakistan, Jamaica, Lithuania, Sweden, Peru, Ecuador, Germany, Holland, South Africa, Holland, China, Malta.

### **Media Work**

Have appeared on many local and national TV channels and radio programs including CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN, Fox News, BBC, RTE, NECN and NPR (many times).

### **Honors and Achievements**

- \* Master's Teaching Award, Boston College Grad A&S, 2008
- \* The Christian Culture Gold Medal Award, Assumption University, Windsor, 2006
- \* National Association of Parish Religious Educators, Emmaus Award, 2000.
- \* National Conference of Catechetical Leaders Annual Award, 1997.
- \* *Sharing Faith* received First Place Award from the Catholic Press Association, 1992
- \* *God is Here* received First Place Award for Children's Books, CPR, 2003
- \* *What Makes Education Catholic* won First Place Award, Catholic Press Assoc. 2022
- \* Past President of the Association of Professors and Researchers of Religious Education