

James A. Thibodeau

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PROFILE OVERVIEW

Known for leadership; interpersonal communication; strong relationship building skills; public speaking; creative problem solving; adaptability to new environments; mentoring; ability to learn and teach new concepts; passionate about sharing the Catholic faith with youth and young adults; interested in furthering knowledge about Catholic Theology and Catholic Education; a collaborative leader who is passionate about building community founded on Jesus Christ.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Benedictine College, Campus Ministry

December 2023 - Present

Atchison, KS

Summer Conferencing Specialist - BCYC

- Responsible for the running of all Benedictine College Youth Conferencing programs, such as: BCYC Immersion; BCYC Leadership; BCYC Encounter.
- Responsible for the programming of BCYC, such as: writing scripts and content, acquiring conference spaces on Benedictine College's campus, liturgy spaces, inviting speakers, contracting catering, audio, musicians, transportation services, reserving residence halls, rooming assignments for all high school participants, staff, undergraduate mentors and school chaperones.
- Responsible for mentoring undergraduate work study students in faith practices, sharing their testimonies, checklists, by employing Patrick Lencioni's leadership principles.
- Responsible for working with the BC marketing on specific BCYC marketing campaigns, writing copy for materials, reviewing the BCYC website and brand guidelines.
- Attending SEEK and the NEC to promote BCYC to parents, interested students and the general public. collecting contact information, establishing relationships and clearly communicating what BCYC has to offer.

Catholic Speaker:

- As a part of the role at Benedictine, self promotion as a Catholic speaker to local parishes within the Archdiocese of Kansas City to assist them in their ministry efforts.
- Past speaking engagements include, 8th grade retreats, mens talks, confirmation talks.
- Future events include Benedictine College's October Underground, the talk will be based on the Call of Bartimaeus from Mark's Gospel.

Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies, Boston College

June 2022–December 2023

Brighton, MA

Program Director of Ever to Excel

- Responsible for running both sessions of the Ever to Excel program, which is based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola.
- Responsible for the programming of Ever to Excel: such as; writing scripts and content, acquiring conference spaces on Boston College's campus, liturgy spaces, inviting speakers, contracting catering, audio, musicians, transportation services, reserving residence halls, rooming assignments for all high school participants, staff, undergraduate mentors and school chaperones.
- Responsible for managing and working collaboratively with the Assistant Program Director on all tasks related to Ever to Excel.
- Responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with high schools and parishes, both domestic and international in order to promote the Ever to Excel program.
- Responsible for the interviewing, hiring and training of undergraduate student leaders called "Mentors" who are responsible for the high school students through the program's activities.

- Responsible for writing narrative style after action reports for Boston College, as well as the Lily Foundation.
- Responsible for promoting of the Ever to Excel program for Boston College by helping to build the marketing material with the Assistant Program Director, as well as many other tasks related to the the running the Ever to Excel program.

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

July 2018 - May 2021

Schertz, TX

Catholic Theology Teacher

- Responsible for teaching 9th grade Old Testament, New Testament; 10th grade Catholic Church History; and 11th grade Catholic Morality
- Responsible for building and teaching the curriculum of each course as well as assisting the development of a department wide integrated curriculum with other members of the Theology Department
- Responsible for all aspects of classroom management

Extracurricular Activities: Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, Faculty Advisor for student-led Pro-Life Club, Faculty Advisor for INTERACT Club, faculty lead on the Rally for Life in Austin, TX and faculty lead for freshmen boys overnight retreat

Trinity Catholic High School

July 2017 - June 2018

Manchester, NH

Catholic Theology Teacher

- Responsible for teaching 11th and 12th grade, Church History, Salvation History, World Religions and Catholic Social Teaching
- Responsible for learning and teaching the curriculum as well as all aspects of classroom management with very little guidance
- Responsible for creating Intro to Christianity curriculum for foreign exchange students

Extracurricular Activities: Head Tennis Coach, and Faculty Advisor for Habitat for Humanity, Faculty Advisor for the Pro-Life Club and faculty lead on the March for Life in Washington D.C

EDUCATION

Masters in Theological Studies, Spring 2024

Boston College, School Of Theology and Ministry

-Focus in Systematic Theology

Non-Degree Seeking Student, Fall 2019-Summer 2020

Franciscan University of Steubenville - Steubenville, OH

-Courses from the Masters in Education

12 Credit Hours to date

Bachelor of Arts Theology, May 2017

Benedictine College – Atchison, KS

-Koinonia Retreat Leader, FOCUS prayer team member

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Delivering a Paper at the *Transforming Culture in America* Symposium, March 2023

Benedictine College – Atchison, KS

Conference Theme: The Real Presence of the Eucharist

-Paper Title: *Henri De Lubac: And What the Eucharist is For*