

Saint Paul University
Faculty of Canon Law

May 20, 2026

CURRICULUM VITAE

a) **NAME:** rank, status (tenured, contract, Member of FGPS, Graduate Faculty, core member, etc.)

KOWAL, Wojciech, associate professor, tenured
Member of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

b) **DEGREES:** designation, institution, discipline, year

J.C.D., Canon Law, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, 1998
Ph.D., Canon Law, University of Ottawa, 1997
J.C.L., Canon Law, Saint Paul University, 1994
M.C.L., Canon Law, University of Ottawa and Saint Paul University, 1994
B.C.L., Canon Law, University of Ottawa and Saint Paul University, 1993
M.Ph., Philosophy of Nature (cosmology), Catholic University in Lublin, Poland, 1991
M.Th., Theology, Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Poznań, Poland, 1986

c) **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:** dates, rank/position, department, institution/firm, current full-time position

2007–	Associate professor, Faculty of Canon Law, Saint Paul University, Ottawa
2000–2007	Assistant professor, Faculty of Canon Law, Saint Paul University, Ottawa
1998–2000	Lecturer, Faculty of Canon Law, Saint Paul University, Ottawa
1997–1998	Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas, Manitoba
1991–1992	Teacher of physics, philosophy and religion, Minor Seminary of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Markowice, Poland
1986–1987	Teacher of religion, Roman Catholic Parish, Iława, Poland Associate priest in the Roman Catholic Parish in Iława, Poland

d) **ACADEMIC HONOURS:** (F.R.S., F.R.S.C., Governor Generals Award, honorary degree, or equivalent).

e) **SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:** past 8 years only (eg. executive and editorial positions but not memberships in societies; invited presentations at national or international conferences. Please do not list manuscript and grant application reviews)

2024–2025	JCL Admission Committee
2020–2024	Senate of Saint Paul University
2019	Ad hoc committee planning a celebration of book publications of SPU professors
2019–	Committee on Interdisciplinary PhD in Contemporary Social Issues
2019–2022	University of Ottawa Graduate Program Evaluation Committee
2018–2019	Doctoral Program Revision Committee
2018–2023	Coordinator of the Faculty of Canon Law Webinars; Webinar Committee
2017–	Faculty of Canon Law Publications Board
2017–2020	Research Committee

2017–	Faculty Teaching Personnel Committee (Faculty of Canon Law)
2017	Search Committee for New Professor of the Faculty of Canon Law
2016–2020	JCL Admission Committee
2016–2020	Executive Committee of the Faculty of Canon Law
2016–2020	Vice-dean of the Faculty of Canon Law, Saint Paul University
2016–2018	Strategic Planning Committee (SPU)
2015–2021	Senate Library Committee, Saint Paul University
2015–2018	Chair of Research Committee at Canadian Canon Law Society
2015–2017	Faculty Teaching Personnel Committee (Faculty of Canon Law)
2019–2022	Substitute member of the Research Ethics Committee
2013–2018	Research Committee at Canadian Canon Law Society
2013–	Scientific Committee of <i>Ephemerides iuris canonici</i> (Venice, Italy)
2011–	Editorial Board of <i>Studia canonica</i> (Faculty of Canon Law, SPU)
2010–	JCD/Ph.D. Admission Committee

f) GRADUATE SUPERVISIONS: (career numbers): master's/doctoral/postdoctoral, completed/in progress. Please distinguish between supervisor, or co-supervisor.

Completed: 13 Ph.D.

In progress: 7 Ph.D.

NAME OF STUDENTS supervised within the past eight years, title of thesis or project (specify), year of first registration and year of completion:

1. Marren Rose AWITI, *Formation of Women Religious during Temporary Vows with Particular Reference to the Religious Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Sisters)*, Ph.D./J.C.D., Sept. 2014 – April 2017 (supervisor).
2. Alexandre DE LA TAILLE, *L'exercice de l'autorité et l'obéissance volontaire dans les instituts religieux : Implications pratiques pour le respect de la personne humaine*, Ph.D./J.C.D., Sept. 2014 – May 2017 (supervisor).
3. Prajak BOONPHAO, *Canonical Considerations in Pastoral Care of Persons in Marriages between Roman Catholics and Buddhists in Thailand*, Ph.D./J.C.D., Sept. 2016 – June 2020 (supervisor).
4. Lua T. TRAN, *The Canonical Authority of the Diocesan Bishops over the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Saint Rose of Lima (CIC, cc. 586, 594, 595)*, Ph.D./J.C.D., Jan. 2017 – May 2021 (supervisor).
5. Dieudonné NTUMBA DIPA, *Le vœu d'obéissance dans le contexte de la liberté individuelle du membre d'un institut religieux*, Ph.D./J.C.D., Sept. 2017 – October 2021 (supervisor).
6. Clyde MUROPA, SJ, *The Account of Conscience and the Right to Privacy in the Governance of the Society of Jesus*, Ph.D./J.C.D., Sept. 2017 – December 2022 (supervisor).

7. George Chidi IHEANACHO, *Statut canonique et civil des œuvres des Missionnaires Oblats de Marie Immaculée au Cameroun à la lumière de l'accord-cadre avec le Saint-Siège et la reconnaissance civile de la Congrégation*, Ph.D./J.C.D., Jan. 2019 – March 2024 (supervisor).
8. Médard KWANGO MBAY, *L'obligation au secret par le supérieur et son conseil dans un institut de vie consacrée*, Ph.D./J.C.D., Sept. 2019 – in progress (supervisor).
9. Lodewicus BARNARD, *The Selection of Bishops in China and Related Canonical Challenges*, Ph.D./J.C.D., Sept. 2021 – [2026] (supervisor).
10. Vincent GARDINER, *The Canonical Institute of the Separation of the Spouses with the Bond Remaining and Civil Separation and Divorce in the United States of America: Canonical Developments since the Late Nineteenth Century until the Present*, Ph.D./J.C.D., Sept. 2022 – April 2026 (supervisor).
11. Eliaster Ramagashanya LEDWABA, *The Canonical and Pastoral Response of the Church in Africa to Persons Living in Polygamous Marriages: A Case Study of Bapedi People in South Africa*, Sept. 2022 – in progress (supervisor).
12. Thomas Elijah NYAMBUNDE, *The Missionary Purposes of Temporal Goods of the Church in the Administration of the Patrimony of Societies of Apostolic Life with Particular Reference to the Congregation of the Mission – Vincentians*, Ph.D./J.C.D., Sept. 2021 – in progress (supervisor).
13. Natasha RIOS, *An Analysis of Canon 220 in relation to the Protection of the Rights of Deceased Members of the Faithful*, Ph.D./J.C.D., Sept. 2024 – in progress (supervisor).
14. Nkem Atehnkeng JOSIANE, *The Canonical Process of Establishing and Revising Proper Law of Religious Institutes (Canon 587)*, Ph.D./J.C.D., Sept. 2025 – in progress (supervisor).
15. Patrick CHONGO, *Small Christian Communities in AMECEA Region in the Light of Canon 225 in a Church Embracing Synodality*, Ph.D./J.C.D., Sept. 2025 – in progress (supervisor).
16. Adaeze Olive Muoh, *Continuous Formation of Religious after Perpetual Vows in the Light of Canon 661, with Reference to the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary*, Ph.D./J.C.D., January 2026 – in progress (supervisor).

External examiner for 2 doctoral theses at the École doctorale de théologie et de sciences religieuses, Faculté de théologie catholique, Université de Strasbourg, France, 13 May and 14 June 2022.

g) GRADUATE COURSES: past 8 years, by year

2025-2026

- DCA 5136W Introduction to Canon Law (3 cr.)
- DCA 6112W Administrative Procedures (3 cr.)
- DCA 9997 Ph.D. Thesis Project (1.5 cr.)
- DCA 6116W Foundations of Law (3 cr.)
- DCA 8101W Understanding and Interpretation of Ecclesiastical Laws (3 cr.)

2024-2025

- DCA 5203 Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, BBI-Australia (3 cr.)
- DCA 5136W Introduction to Canon Law (3 cr.)
- DCA 6112W Administrative Procedures (3 cr.)
- DCA 9997 Ph.D. Thesis Project (1.5 cr.)
- DCA 5138W Special Matrimonial Cases and Procedures (1.5 cr.)

2023-2024

- DCA 5136W Introduction to Canon Law (3 cr.)
- DCA 6112W Administrative Procedures (3 cr.)
- DCA 9997 Ph.D. Thesis Project (1.5 cr.)
- DCA 6116W Foundations of Law (3 cr.)
- DCA 8101W Understanding and Interpretation of Ecclesiastical Laws (3 cr.)

2022-2023

- DCA 5136W Introduction to Canon Law (3 cr.)
- DCA 6112W Administrative Procedures (3 cr.)
- DCA 9997 Ph.D. Thesis Project (1.5 cr.)
- DCA 5138W Special Matrimonial Cases and Procedures (1.5 cr.)

2021-2022

- DCA 5136W Introduction to Canon Law (3 cr.)
- DCA 6112W Administrative Procedures (3 cr.)
- DCA 9997 Ph.D. Thesis Project (1.5 cr.)
- DCA 8101W Understanding and Interpretation of Ecclesiastical Laws (3 cr.)
- DCA 6363W Special Problems in Canon Law III: Special Topics in Administrative Procedures (1.5 cr.)
- DCA 5203W Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (3 cr.)

2020-2021

- DCA 5136W Introduction to Canon Law (3 cr.)
 DCA 6112W Administrative Procedures (3 cr.)
 DCA 9997 Ph.D. Thesis Project (1.5 cr.)
 DCA 5138W Special Matrimonial Cases and Procedures (1.5 cr.)

2019-2020

- DCA 6112W Administrative Procedures (3 cr.)
 DCA 9997 Thesis Project (1.5 cr.)
 DCA 6116W Foundations of Law (3 cr.)
 DCA 8101W Understanding and Interpretation of Ecclesiastical Laws (3 cr.)
 DCA 5203 Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (3 cr.)

2018-2019

- DCA 5136W Foundations of Canon Law, part I: Methodology of Canon Law (1.5 cr.)
 DCA 6112W Administrative Procedures (3 cr.)
 DCA 5138W Special Matrimonial Cases and Procedures (1.5 cr.)
 DCA 6395 Research Seminar (1.5 cr.)
 DCA 9997W Thesis Project (1.5) (Fall 2018)
 DCA 9997W Thesis Project (1.5) (Winter 2019)

- h) **EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING:** past 8 years only, by year, indicating source (granting councils, industry, government, foundations, other); amount; principal investigator; purpose (operating, travel, publications, equipment, etc...) (Include information on principal- or co-investigator)
- i) **INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING:** past 8 years only, by year (university funds, SSHRC minor grants awarded through the university, etc.)

Year	Source	Amount	Purpose
2025-2026	Personal Development Fund	797.44	membership fees
2024-2025	Personal Development Fund	4,488.77	conference participation; other
2023-2024	Personal Development Fund	1,777.73	conference participation; other
2022-2023	Personal Development Fund	1,551.22	conference; books, etc.
2019-2020	Personal Development Fund	758.12	conference participation; other
2018-2019	Personal Development Fund	931.55	conference participation; other
2017-2018	Personal Development Fund	1,483.04	conference participation; other
2016-2017	Personal Development Fund	1,053.57	conference participation

- j) **PUBLICATIONS:** The Publications should be listed in the categories shown below and include the following information: books authored, books edited (a list of the chapters contributed by the editor must follow each title), chapters in books (other than those listed in the above category), papers in refereed journals, papers in refereed conference proceedings, major invited contributions and/or technical reports, abstracts and/or papers read, and others. Please give full citation, including page numbers for books, chapters, journal articles, conference proceedings and names of authors in the order in which they appear on the publication. Publications submitted, but not yet accepted, must be listed separately within the various categories.

1) Life-time summary:

- Books authored	1
- Books co-authored	1
- Books edited	
- Refereed chapters in books	5
- Non-refereed chapters in books	
- Papers in refereed journals	12
- Papers in refereed conference proceedings	3
- Major invited contributions and/or technical reports	19
- Abstracts and/or papers read	1
- Others (workshops presented).....	11
- Book reviews	13
- Peer reviews of scholarly articles	14

2) Details for past eight (8) years same categories as above:

Books authored:

Books co-authored (in preparation):

1. W.H. WOESTMAN and W. KOWAL, *Canon Law Compendium for Canonists and Other Faithful*, Ottawa, Faculty of Canon Law, Saint Paul University, 2027, ca 400 p.

Papers in refereed Journals:

1. "Brief Note on a Decree of the Secretary of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura Rejecting Recourse for Revocation of an Election in an Association of the Faithful," in *The Jurist*, 77 (2021), 465–478.
2. "Celerity of Marriage Nullity Processes and the Mandatory Review of Judgments Declaring the Nullity of a Marriage," in *Studia canonica*, 55 (2021), 425-462.

Chapters in Referred Books:

1. “Dissolution of the Bond [cc. 1141–1150],” 8500 words, accepted for publication in R. JENKINS (ed.), *Commentary on the Code of Canon Law*, Washington, DC, Canon Law Society of America, to be published in 2026.
2. “The Convalidation of Marriage [cc. 1156-1165],” 7000 words, accepted for publication in R. JENKINS (ed.), *Commentary on the Code of Canon Law*, Washington, DC, Canon Law Society of America, to be published in 2026.
3. „Synodalność w świetle prawa kanonicznego” (Synodality in Light of Canon Law), in S. STRUZIŁ and T. SZYSZKA (eds), *Droga synodalna w kościołach pozaeuropejskich, Rozprawy i Monografie*, tom 33, 2023, Warszawa, Wydawnictwo Naukowe UKSW, 2023, 13-23.

Papers in Refereed Conference Proceedings:

1. “Custom as an Expression of the Canonical Creativity of a Community of the Faithful,” CLSA Proceedings, 82 (2020), 217-233.

Major invited contributions and/or technical reports:

1. „The Ecclesiastical Legal System in the Service of Justice, Truth and Mercy,” online conference presented at the International Scientific Conference, Colloquia Gedanensia 16, *Justice: Whose and What Kind?* Gdańsk, Poland, 22 November 2024.
2. Questions and Answers Session – participation in the panel of experts at the 58th Canadian Canon Law Convention, Quebec, Qc, 23 October 2024.
3. “Love for the Truth” and the Admission of the Divorced and Remarried Persons to Holy Communion: A Reading of CIC c. 915 in Light of *Amoris Laetitia*, conference presented at the 58th Annual Convention of the Canadian Canon Law Society, Edmonton, AB, 17 October 2023.
4. « Le débat récent sur l’admission des personnes divorcées et remariées à la communion : une relecture du c. 915 à la lumière d’*Amoris laetitia* », conference presented at the 58th Annual Convention of the Canadian Canon Law Society, Edmonton, AB, 18 October 2023.
5. « Admission de nouveaux candidats aux Instituts », conférence au programme de Formation légale pour le leadership des instituts religieux, 7 juin 2022, Université Saint-Paul, Ottawa.
6. “Wkład Kongregacji Rozkrzewiania Wiary w tworzenie prawa kanonicznego w dziedzinie małżeństwa [The Contribution of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith in the Formation of Canon Law concerning Marriage],” online presentation at the convention of the Association of Polish Missiologists: 400 years of the *Congregatio de*

Propaganda Fide, organized in cooperation with the Department of Missiology of the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, 7 February 2022.

7. „Synodalność w świetle prawa kanonicznego [Synodality in Light of Canon Law]”, presentation at the Symposium “Synodal Way in Non-European Churches,” organized by the Department of Missiology of the University of Cardinal Wyszyński in Warsaw, 16 December 2021.
8. “Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic for Church - State Relations,” online presentation for the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Kazimierz Pułaski University of Technology and Humanities in Radom, Poland, 28 January 2021.
9. “Custom as an Expression of the Canonical Creativity of a Community of the Faithful Canonical;” seminar presented at the 81th Annual Convention of the Canon Law Society of America, Atlantic City, NJ, 15 October 2019.

Major invited contributions and/or technical reports (in preparation):

1. “Les références croisées entre les normes du *CIC* et du *CCEO* sur la séparation des époux et les canons modifiés par le motu proprio *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus* et *Mitis et misericors Iesus* [Cross-referencing the Norms of the *CIC*/1983 and *CCEO* on the Separation of Spouses with the Canons Modified by the Motu Proprio *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus* and *Mitis et misericors Iesus*],” seminar to be presented at the conference presented at the 61th Annual Convention of the Canadian Canon Law Society, Toronto, ON, October 2026.

Abstracts and/or papers read:

Others (workshops presented):

1. Special Marriage Cases: Dissolution, Validation of Marriage, Faculty of Canon Law online webinar, December 7, 2022.
2. John Paul II’s Spiritual Heritage (Duchowe dziedzictwo Jana Pawła II-go), conference, 9 March 2019, St. Hyacinth Parish, Ottawa.

Book Reviews:

1. Denis BAUDOT, *La justice ecclésiale au service de la vérité* [Ecclesial Justice in the Service of the Truth], Paris, Les Éditions du Cerf, 2025, review to be published in *The Jurist*, 2026.
2. Gian PAOLO MONTINI, *I ricorsi gerarchici* (cann. 1732-1739), Rome, Gregorian & Biblical Press, 2023, review in *Studia canonica*, 59 (2025), 266-267.

3. Enrico MASSIGNANI, *L'istituto della convalidazione automatica: Un confronto tra l'ordinamento canonico e quello statuale con speciale riguardo alla convalida del matrimonio*, Tesi Gregoriana, Serie Diritto Canonico, no. 113, Rome, Gregorian and Biblical Press, 2019, review in *Studia canonica*, 57 (2023), 339-341.

Peer Reviews of Scholarly Articles:

1. "Theology and Canon Law: Örsy and Lonergan," for *Theological Studies*, journal of academic theology, Washington, DC (21 August 2025).
2. "Instrukcja procesowa *Dignitas connubii* po liście apostolskim motu proprio *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*," for *Biuletyn Stowarzyszenia Kanonistów Polskich* [*Bulletin of the Association of Polish Canonists*], peer reviewed journal of law and canon law, published yearly by the Association of Polish Canonists, Lublin, Poland (31 May 2024).
3. "Prawnokanoniczne aspekty wychowania do celibatu w wyższych seminariach duchownych w Polsce," for *Biuletyn Stowarzyszenia Absolwentów i Przyjaciół Wydziału Prawa Katolickiego Uniwersytetu Lubelskiego* [*Bulletin of the Association of Alumni and Friends of the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Lublin*], scholarly journal of law and canon law, published by the Association of Alumni and Friends of the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Lublin, Poland (31 May 2024).
4. "Efficacy of Dispensations Granted without a Just Cause and Under the Influence of Error, Deceit and Force," for *Roczniki Nauk Prawnych* [*Annals of Juridical Sciences*], scholarly journal of law, canon law and administration, published by the Catholic University in Lublin, Poland (21 December 2023).
5. "Przyczyny całkowitej symulacji zgody małżeńskiej w wyrokach *pro nullitate* Sądu Metropolitalnego w Krakowie w latach 2010-2020," for *Biuletyn Stowarzyszenia Absolwentów i Przyjaciół Wydziału Prawa Katolickiego Uniwersytetu Lubelskiego* [*Bulletin of the Association of Alumni and Friends of the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Lublin*] (23 September 2023).
6. "Przeszkoda małżeńska publiczna i tajna według prawa kościelnego po 1983 roku," for *Roczniki Nauk Prawnych* [*Annals of Juridical Sciences*], Catholic University in Lublin, Poland (29 June 2023).
7. "The Catholic Church and the Right to Privacy and a Good Reputation," for *Roczniki Nauk Prawnych* [*Annals of Juridical Sciences*], Catholic University in Lublin, Poland (28 March 2023).
8. "Sources of Inspiration in Understanding Missionary Spirituality in the Thought of John Paul II," for *Poznańskie Studia Teologiczne* [*Poznań Theological Studies*], scholarly journal of theology, published by the Faculty of Theology of the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland (21 March 2023).
9. "Ochrona dziecka w systemie prawnym Kościoła Katolickiego," for *Biuletyn Stowarzyszenia Absolwentów i Przyjaciół Wydziału Prawa Katolickiego Uniwersytetu Lubelskiego* [*Bulletin of the Association of Alumni and Friends of the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Lublin*] (31 December 2022).

10. “Papal Indult, Cult, Veneration and François du Puy’s *Vita* of Saint Bruno the Carthusian,” for *Biuletyn Stowarzyszenia Absolwentów i Przyjaciół Wydziału Prawa Katolickiego Uniwersytetu Lubelskiego* [*Bulletin of the Association of Alumni and Friends of the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Lublin*] (30 June 2022).
11. “Parafia i inne jednostki wewnętrzne diecezji, zwyczajne i nadzwyczajne formy powierzania pieczy pasterskiej nad wspólnotą parafialną oraz funkcje i posługi parafialne według Instrukcji Kongregacji Duchowieństwa *Nawrócenie pastoralne wspólnoty parafialnej w posłudze misji ewangelizacyjnej Kościoła z 29 czerwca 2020 roku*,” for *Roczniki Nauk Prawnych* [*Annals of Juridical Sciences*], Lublin, Poland (8 April 2022).
12. „Wykluczenie *bonum prolis* w najnowszym orzecznictwie Roty Rzymskiej,” for *Biuletyn Stowarzyszenia Absolwentów i Przyjaciół Wydziału Prawa Katolickiego Uniwersytetu Lubelskiego* [*Bulletin of the Association of Alumni and Friends of the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Lublin*] (26 March 2022).
13. „Teologia misji w kaznodziejstwie Misjonarzy Oblatów MN w świetle encykliki *Redemptoris missio*,” for *Poznańskie Studia Teologiczne* [*Poznań Theological Studies*], Poznań, Poland (12 December 2020).
14. “The First Evangelization of Indigenous Peoples of New France: The Radical Way to Martyrdom of Jesuit Missionaries,” for *Poznańskie Studia Teologiczne* [*Poznań Theological Studies*], Poznań, Poland (13 May 2020).

Membership in Professional Associations and Societies:

1. Canadian Canon Law Society
2. Canon Law Society of America



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