

THE “*CURRICULUM VITAE*” OF REV. DR RICHARD BRITTO

1. Vital Statistics

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Karnataka, India
Date of Ordination : 05.05.1998
Diocese : Mysore

2. Studies and Academic Credentials

- B.Ed., Akhil Bharatiya Shisha Sansthan, New Delhi.
- L. Ph. (Licentiate in Philosophy), St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.
- M.A. in Philosophy, Bangalore University, Bangalore, Karnataka.
- Doctorate in Philosophy, Salesian Pontifical University, Rome, Italy.
- Certificate in International Seminary Formators’ Course, Pontificio Collegio Maria Mater Ecclesiae, Rome, Italy (2018).
- *Nihil Obstat (Missio Canonica)* from the Congregation for Catholic Education, Vatican City, Italy.
- Major Seminary Formators’ (Rectors) Course, Pontifical Urban University, Rome (2022).

3. Ecclesiastical Assignments/Offices since the Priestly Ordination

1998-2001 : Assistant Parish Priest, Siddapur & Mandya, Mysore Diocese.
2000-2003 : Parish Priest, St. Joseph’s Church, P.G. Palya, Mysore Diocese.
2003-2006 : Studies and Teaching Staff on Probation at St. Peter’s Pontifical Seminary & Institute, Bangalore.
2006-2009 : Doctoral Studies at Salesian Pontifical University, Rome.
2009- : Permanent Professor of Philosophy at St. Peter’s Pontifical Seminary/ Institute, Bengaluru, India.
2010-2011 : Administrator, St. Peter’s Pontifical Seminary, Bengaluru
2010-2015 : Administrator, Indian Theological Studies & Studies in Church Law
2012-2015 : Treasurer, St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore
2014-2021 : Karnataka Regional Secretary, Karnataka Regional Council of Catholic Bishops’ Commission for the Regional Vocation and Formation, Priests and Religious.
2015- 2021 : Executive Member of Council of Diocesan Priests in India (CDPI).
2017- 2021 : Vice Rector, St Peter’s Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore.

- 2019- 2021 : Dean of Philosophy Faculty, St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.**
- 2021- : Rector, St Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore.**
- 2021- : President, Association of Rectors of Major Seminaries in India (ARMS).**

4. Scientific & Didactic Activities

Teachings Experience: Since 2003, Professor in the Faculty of Institute of Philosophy & Theology, Treasurer (2013-2016), St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore, India.

Seminary Formator: Since 2003, as a Formator, Administrator, Vice Rector, Rector, St Peter's Pontifical Seminary/Institute, Bangalore.

The Regular Courses Taught at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore

In the Institute of Philosophy (Baccalaureate Courses)

- 1) Introduction to Philosophy (1 Crs).
- 2) Ecology and Environmental Ethics (2 Crs).
- 3) *Fides et Ratio* (2 Crs).
- 4) Philosophy of Culture (2 Crs).
- 5) Political Philosophy (3 Crs).
- 6) Moral Philosophy (2 Crs).
- 7) Textual Study of Metaphysics (2 Crs).
- 8) Philosophy of Human Person (2 Crs).
- 9) Human Rights (1 Crs)
- 10) Bioethics (2 Crs)
- 10) Saivism and Virasaivism- Hinduism (3 Crs).
- 11) Hindu *Samskaras*-Hindu Sacraments (1 Crs).
- 12) Contemporary Indian Philosophy (3 Crs)

In the Institute of Philosophy (Licentiate Courses)

- 1) Social Ethics of St. John Paul II (2 Crs).
- 2) Philosophical Anthropology (3 Crs).
- 3) Bio-ethics (4 credits).
- 4) Virasaivism- Hinduism (2 Crs).
- 5) *Fides et Ratio* (2 Credits).
- 6) Philosophy of Man (3 Crs)

Publications

Books

Richard Britto, *The Concept of The Common Good in The Social Thought of John Paul II: An Appraisal in Comparison with Michael Novak and Amartya Sen*, Rome: Salesian Pontifical University, 2009.

_____, *A Priest Forever: Fiftieth Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of Rev. Msgr. James M. McDonald*, Richard Britto (Ed), New York: St. Aidan's, 2017.

_____, *St John Paul II: The Pope of the Common Good, A Birth Centenary Tribute*, New Delhi, Christian World Imprints, 2020.

_____, *The Gift of Wisdom: A Festschrift in Honour of Antony Kolencherry on his Fiftieth Anniversary of priestly Ordination*, Bangalore, TPI, 2021.

Articles

Richard Britto, "Il satyagraha Gandhiano: Il metodo nonviolento per la pace nel mondo", *La Pubblicazione Interculturale*, Dicembre, 2009, 22-24.

_____, "The Common Good: A Moral Category in the Social Thought of John Paul II", *Journal of Dharma* 35, 4 (October- December 2010), 259-275.

_____, "The Dignity of Human Work in the Social Teachings of Blessed John Paul II", *Mysuru Messenger*, May, 2012, 10-13.

_____, "Catholic Church and Bioethics", *Mysuru Messenger*, September 2012, 14-17.

_____, "Christian Death; The Doorway to Eternal Life", *Mysuru Messenger*, November, 2013.

_____, "Seminary and Religious Formation", *Renewing the Church: A Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Karnataka*, Bengaluru: Karnataka Regional Catholic Bishops' Council, 2014, 12-18.

_____, "A Missionary and Poor Church: A Vision of Pope Francis", *Mysuru Messenger*, October 2015, 17-20.

_____, "Christian Death and Life After", *The Tabor Kirana*, November, 2015, 13-14.

_____, "The Theology of 'Misericordiae Voltus' and the Celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy", *The Messenger*, November- December, 2015, 6-9.

_____, “The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Context of Jubilee Years in the Church”, *Dhyana*, March, 2016, 23-34.

_____, “A Message for the World Day of the Sick”, *New Leader*, Vol. 131, no. 3 (2017), 16-17.

_____, “A Forgiving Christian is truly a Saintly Christian”, *Clarion*, 68, no.7 (2017), Mineola, New York, pp. 16-18.

_____, “The Centenary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima (13th May, 1917 – 13th May, 2017)”, *New Leader*, Vol. 131, no. 9 (May 2017), 5-9.

_____, “Who is a Catholic Priest?”, *A Priest Forever: Fiftieth Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of Rev. Msgr. James M. McDonald*, Britto Richard (Ed.), St. Aidan’s, Williston Park, NY, 2017, 9-30.

_____, “Rev. Msgr. James M. McDonld: A Zealous and Dedicated Minister of the Sacraments?”, “A Priest Forever: Fiftieth Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of Rev. Msgr. James M. McDonald”, Britto Richard (Ed.), St. Aidan’s, Williston Park, NY, 2017, 49-58.

_____, “Rev. Msgr. James M. McDonald: A 24X7 Pastor?”, *A Priest Forever: Fiftieth Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of Rev. Msgr. James M. McDonald*, Britto Richard (Ed.), St. Aidan’s, Williston Park, NY, 2017, 97-99.

_____, “One hundred Years of Grace from Our Lady of Fatima”, *Voice*, June 2017, 5-9.

_____, “Entwine Of Human Labour and Human Common Good in the Social Teachings of John Paul II”, *Indian Theological Studies*, Vol. Liv, June & September 2017, 53-78.

_____, “Pastoral Plan 2018-2020, Karnataka Regional Commission for Vocation and Formation, Priests and Religious, *Renewing the Church: A Pastoral Plan for the Dioceses of Karnataka*”, KRCBC, Bengaluru, 2018, 12-25.

_____, “Heavenly Vision and Earthly Mission; Pastoral Life of a Pastor”, *Voice*, November 2018, St Aidan’s, Williston Park, New York, pp. 8-12.

_____, “How to become a Catholic Priest?”, *Mysuru Messenger*, Vol.3, May 2019, 11-14.

_____, “Rejoice and Welcome New Changes in the Parish Community”, *Voice*, June 2019, 20-21.

_____, “Climate as the Common Good”, *Voice*, July 2019, 9-11.

_____, “You are a priest forever”, *The Tabor Kirana*, Vol.10, April 2020, 9-11.

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_____, “*Fratelli Tutti* by Pope Francis: A Brief Summary and Analysis”, *The Tabor Kirana*, Vol. 10, November 2020, 8-10.

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_____, “Incarnation and the Inculcation of Newness in the New Year”, *The Tabor Kirana*, Vol.11, January 2021, 35-37.

_____, “Pastoral Plan of the Karnataka Regional Commission for Vocation and Formation, Priests and Religious, in *Renewing the Church: A Pastoral Plan for the Dioceses of Karnataka, 2021-2023*, Bangalore, KRCBC, 2021.

_____, “The Social Wisdom of the Common Good for Building a More Resilient and Healthy Society in the Post COVID-19 Pandemic World”, in Richard Britto (Ed.), *The Gift of Wisdom: A Festschrift in Honour of Antony Kolencherry on his Fiftieth Anniversary of priestly Ordination*, Bangalore, TPI, 2021.

_____, “A Call to Denounce and Abolish the Death Penalty”, in Michael Amaldoss, Antony Lawrence & Joseph Victor Edwin (eds), *Fratelli Tutti: An Indian Reading*, Bangalore, ATC, 2021, 240-259.

_____, “The Principle of Participation in Synodality,” in *Church in India on the Synodal Path*, Anthony Lawrence, Stany C. Fernandes, Simon Pinto, eds., Bengaluru: ATC, 2023, 684-698.

Talks/Papers Presented

Richard Britto, “The Common Good and Respect for Human Rights in the Social Teachings of John Paul II”, Bangalore Association of Philosophers (BAP) Annual Meet, St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore, 23 September 2010.

_____, “Raimundo Panikkar’s Theory of “Cosmotheandric Intuition” as the Holistic Vision of the Reality”, Seminar in Memory of the First Death Anniversary of Raimundo Pannikar, St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore, 30th July, 2011.

_____, “Catholic Church and Bio-ethics: Moral Principles of Bio-ethics”, General Conference of all India Dominican Nuns at Indranagar, Bangalore, 16th May, 2012.

_____, “Moral Theology and Ethical Issues in the Religious Life”, Summer Course for the Apostolic Carmel Novices, St. Mary’s Hill, Mangalore, 23-28 May, 2013.

_____, “The Demands and Challenges of Promotion and Formation of Priestly and Religious Candidates as Enumerated in the Document “Pastoral Guidelines for Fostering Vocations to Priestly Ministry by Congregation for Catholic Education, Vatican ”, Vocation Promoters’ Meet, NBCLC, Bengaluru, 29th August 2015.

_____, “The Principle of Respect for the Sanctity and Dignity of Human Life in the Teachings of St. John Paul II”, Karnataka Regional Family Conference, NBCLC, Bengaluru, 19- 21 October 2015.

_____, “The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Context of Jubilee Years in the Church”, Seminary on “The Extraordinary Jubilee Year and Consecrated Life”, Pushphashrama, Mysuru, 21 February, 2016.

_____, “Choose Life- Catholic Bioethics”, Health Care and Medical Workers’ Pastoral Upgradation Program, St. Aidan’s Parish, New York, April 2017.

_____, “Religious Formation in the light of the Charter of Formation (Vatican 2016)”, Karnataka Regional Formators Meet 2017 (27th July,2017), Paalana Bhanvana, Bangalore

_____, “Rise of Hindu Religious Fundamentalism: A Threat and Challenge for the Church in India”, Karnataka Regional Young Clergy Meet 2017 (9th August 2017), Chaitanaya, Shimoga.

_____, “Annual Report of Karnataka Regional Commission for Vocations and Formation, Priests and Religious”, Annual Meeting of Karnataka Bishops’ Conference (14th September 2017), KROSS, Bangalore

_____, “St. John Paul II and Youth: A Pastoral Paradigm for the Care of the Youth in the Church”, Inter-Faculty Symposium for Professors (23rd November 2017), Dharmaram, Bangalore

_____, “Reviewing and renewing Novitiate Formation in the Light of Charter of Formation”, Meet of Karnataka Regional Novice Directresses (7 December 2017), Paalana Bhavana, Bangalore

_____, “Revitalizing Human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation in the light of Recent Church Documents on Priestly and Religious Formation”, All Major Superiors’ Meet 2018” of Karnataka Region, 9th August (Thursday), 2018 at NBCLC, Bangalore

_____, “Expectations and Opinions of the Laity regarding Priests”, Karnataka Regional Young Clergy Meet 2018 on 22nd – 24th August, 2018, Mysore

_____, “Initial Formation in the Novitiates in the Light of *Ratio Fundamentalis*”, All Karnataka Novice Directresses Meet 2018, August 30-31, 2018 at NBCLC Bangalore.

_____, Annual Report of the Karnataka Regional Commission for Vocation and Formation, Priests and Religious (2017-2018), September 13, 2018, KRPC, Bangalore

_____, “A Proposal of Revised Program of Priestly Formation in Karnataka Region in accordance with the Church Documents”, Annual KRCBC Meeting, September 13, 2018, KRPC, Bangalore

_____, “Moral Obligation of Implementation of VOS ESTIS LUX MUNDI” (You are the Light of the world)” and POCSO in Formation Houses, *Karnataka Regional Major Superiors’ Symposium*, 4th July, 2019, NBCLC Bangalore.

_____, “Annual Report of the Karnataka Regional Commission for Vocation and Formation, Priests and Religious (2018-2019)”, August 7, 2019, *KRCBC Annual Meeting*, KRPC, Bangalore

_____, “The Vision and Mission of Catholic Church in Karnataka”, 28th January 2020, *National Congress of Council of Diocesan Priests of India*, Velankanni.

_____, “The Challenges of Seminary Formation during and Post Pandemic Times in India”, 25th September 2021, Symposium of All Rectors in Karnataka, St Peter’s Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore.

_____, “Promotion of Council of Diocesan Priests in India”, 17th October 2021, Ongoing Formation Conference for the Young Clergy of Karnataka, Sannidhi, Shimoga, Karnataka.

_____, Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Treats to Priestly Formation India, A Paper presented at International Major Seminary Rectors’ Formation Program, Pontifical Urban University, Rome, 10th March 2022.

_____, Action Plan of ARMS for the Implementation of the Statement of National Synod on Synodal Process in India, A paper presented at The Joint Meeting of CCBI Commissions’ Secretaries, St John’s Academy of Health Sciences, Bangalore, 20th September 2022.

_____, Synodality in Major Seminaries: Summary of ARMS General Body Assembly Proceedings, ARMS XXI General Body Meeting, Seva Kendra, Kolkata, 24th November 2022.

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