

Curriculum Vitae

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Place and Day of Birth

De Rijp, the Netherlands, 22 July 1953

Religious Affiliation

Christian (Roman Catholic)

Civil Status

Married to Anna Grabowska (born 15 September 1955 in Warsaw, Poland)
Daughter: Hanna; Son-in-law: Jean Michel Elame Mbappou; Grandchildren: Joël Durcin and Milena Aaliyah

Knowledge of Languages

Dutch (mother tongue), English (fluent), German (fluent), French (fluent), Modern Greek (fluent), Italian (very good), Polish (fair)
Reading knowledge: Latin (very good), Ancient Greek (very good), Biblical Hebrew (fair), Spanish (fair)

Education, Scholarships, Fellowships and Professional Positions

1965-1971

Gymnasium A (Maurick-College, Vught, the Netherlands)
18 May 1971: Final examination

1971-1972

High School (Jamestown High School, North Dakota, USA)
25 May 1972: Graduation

April 1972: North Dakota State Champion in Speech, section Oral Book Review; second place at the North Dakota State Drama Contest

1972-1975

Study of philosophy, theology and Modern Greek, University of Nijmegen, the Netherlands

Member of the Faculty's Advisory Council for Education

18 April 1976: Public defense of the bachelor's thesis "Gebedsgenezing: Bijbels fundament en huidige praktijk" ("Faith Healing: Biblical Foundation and Current Practice"), Amsterdam-Nijmegen 1976, 78 pp., University of Nijmegen, and bachelor's examination in theology (*summa cum laude*). "Cand. Theol." ("Candidate of Theology")

1975-1980

Study of practical theology in Amsterdam (Catholic Theological University of Amsterdam and Protestant Theological Faculty of the University of Amsterdam)

Member of the University Council and the Committee for Scholarly Research

Managing editor of the university's internal periodical *Katharsis*

Assistant of liturgical studies (1975-1976 and 1979)

Clinical Pastoral Education in Amersfoort (March-April 1978) and pastoral internship in the "Elisabeth Gasthuis" Hospital in Haarlem (September 1977 - January 1978)

15 February 1980: Public defense of the master thesis "De viering van de ziekenzalving in een algemeen ziekenhuis" ("The Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick in a General Hospital"), Amsterdam 1980, VIII + 197 pp., Catholic Theological University of Amsterdam (*summa cum laude*). "Drs. Theol." ("Master of Theology")

1980-1981

Research in Trier, Germany: Liturgical studies and history of art (Theological Faculty Trier and German Liturgical Institute)

Grantee of the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation, Bonn

Follow-up courses in Byzantine and Modern Greek at the University of Bonn

1981-1984

Research in Thessalonica on Byzantine Orthodox liturgy, art and palaeography (Aristotle University and Patriarchal Institute for the Study of the Church Fathers)

Field research in Thessalonica, Athens, on Mount Athos and in villages of Macedonia on rituals for the sick and dying

Grantee of the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation (4 months) and of the Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs (3 years)

1984-1985

Research in Nijmegen: Redacting and editing the results of the Greek field work

Grantee of the Netherlands' Organization for Scientific Research

1987-1991

Junior lecturer at the University of Nijmegen (project financed by the University and the Congregation of the Assumptionists)

Main task: Preparation of the foundation of a new scholarly institute, viz. the Institute of Eastern Christian Studies

Activities:

- Organization of teaching, research, staff and library
- Acquisition of financial means and other financial affairs
- Integration of the new institute within the university

16 January 1991

Public defense of the dissertation "*Ter genezing van ziel en lichaam*": *De viering van het oliesel in de Grieks-Orthodoxe Kerk* ("For the Healing of Soul and Body: The Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick in the Greek Orthodox Church", see my list of publications) at the University of Nijmegen

15 November 1991

Official inauguration of the Institute of Eastern Christian Studies

1991-1995

Director of the Institute of Eastern Christian Studies

Main tasks:

- Management of the institute
- Coordination of teaching and research
- Publicity
- Acquisition of financial means
- Integration of the scholarly periodical *Het Christelijk Oosten* within the institute
- Extension of the library

1995-2002

Senior lecturer (research and teaching) at the University of Nijmegen and the Institute of Eastern Christian Studies

Member of the editorial team of the periodical *Het Christelijk Oosten*, later (from 2002) entitled *The Journal of Eastern Christian Studies*;

Editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* (2001-2002)

Member of the editorial team of *Eastern Christian Studies* (series of monographs)

Librarian of the Institute (1998-2002). Size of the library: about 30,000 volumes

October 1996-March 1998

Visiting Professor of Eastern Christian Studies and Ecumenism at the Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Münster, Germany

November 1997 - May 1998: Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation for research on 'Nationalism in South-Eastern European Orthodoxy' at the University of Münster

2002-present

Full Professor of liturgy and sacramental theology at the University of Graz, Austria
 Director of the Institute for Liturgy, Christian Art and Hymnology at the University of Graz

UNESCO-Professor of Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue in South-Eastern Europe (from 2007)

Dean of Research and Vice-Dean of the Theological Faculty (October 2005-September 2007)

Main tasks:

- Coordination of research
- Setting up new research programs
- Management of the theological faculty (together with the dean and the dean of students)

Head of the Library Committee of the Theological Faculty (2003-2007)

Main task: uniting fourteen autonomous libraries into one new faculty library; organization of staff and finances

28 September 2008: Inauguration of the new library (size: about 150,000 volumes)

Head of the Graz section of the ecumenical Pro Oriente Foundation, Graz-Vienna (2005-2009) and member of the foundation's board of governors in Vienna (from March 2005)

Consultor of the Dutch Bishops' Conference for ecumenism (2003-2012)

March-September 2008

Sabbatical stay in Rome: Research at the Pontifical Oriental Institute and the "Ateneo Sant'Anselmo" (Theological Faculty and Pontifical Liturgical Institute)

2011-2012

Senior Research Fellow and Visiting Professor of Liturgical Studies at Yale University, Institute of Sacred Music, New Haven, USA

Guest Fellow of Branford College, Yale University

Resident of Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven

Organization of International Conferences (selection)

The Empress Theophano, Byzantium and the West 950-1050, joint conference of the Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, the A.A. Bredius Foundation for Byzantine Studies, and the Institute of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies of the University of Groningen, 30-31 May 1991, Hernen Castle near Nijmegen

Palästina im Laufe der Jahrhunderte, joint conference of the A.A. Bredius Foundation and the Institute of Byzantine Studies of the University of Münster, May 1992, Hernen Castle

Four Hundred Years Union of Brest (1596-1996): A Critical Re-evaluation, joint conference of the Institute of Eastern Christian Studies and the Interuniversity Institute for Missiological and

Ecumenical Research (Utrecht) in cooperation with the A.A. Bredius Foundation and the University of Nijmegen, 28-30 March 1996, Hernen Castle

Réconciliation et conversion dans les églises orientales, l'islam et le judaïsme, organized together with the other members of the executive committee of the 'Commission Oecuménique Internationale de l'Assomption' (Congregation of the Assumptionists), 20-29 August 1999, Jerusalem

Liturgie und Trinität: Internationaler Kongress der Arbeitsgemeinschaft Katholischer Liturgiedozenten und -dozentinnen, 6-10 September 2004, Seggau near Graz

Second International Congress of the Society of Oriental Liturgy, organized together with some other members of the executive board of the Society of Oriental Liturgy, 17-21 September 2008, Rome

Fourth International Congress of the Society of Oriental Liturgy, organized together with some other members of the executive board of the Society of Oriental Liturgy, 10-16 July 2012, University of Notre Dame at Louaize, Zouk Mosbeh (near Beirut) and University of Balamand (near Tripoli), Lebanon

Membership of Associations and Committees

Society of Oriental Liturgy (2012-2014: president; 2010-2012: vice-president; 2006-2010: Euro treasurer)

Societas Liturgica

North American Academy of Liturgy

Arbeitsgemeinschaft katholischer Liturgiedozenten und -dozentinnen im deutschen Sprachgebiet (chairman of the Austrian section)

Liturgiewissenschaftliche Gesellschaft Klosterneuburg

Genootschap voor Liturgiestudie ("Dutch Society of Liturgical Studies")

Liturgical Committee of the Austrian Bishops' Conference

Diocesan Liturgical Committee, Diocese of Graz-Seckau

UNESCO / UNITWIN Network of Chairs for Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue (regional European coordinator)

Austrian UNESCO Commission

Societas Oecumenica

Ecumenical Pro Oriente Foundation, Vienna (member of the board of governors; head of the Graz section (2005-2009); theological expert and consultant)

Gesellschaft für das Studium des Christlichen Ostens

Saint Irenaeus International Joint Catholic-Orthodox Theological Study Group (founding member and member of the Steering Committee)

Katholieke Vereniging voor Oecumene Athanasius en Willibrord ("Dutch Catholic Association for the Promotion of Ecumenism")

Ecumenical Forum of the Styrian Christian Churches (2004-2008)

Diocesan Ecumenical Committee, Diocese of Graz-Seckau

Commission Oecuménique Internationale de l'Assomption (member of the executive committee, Congregation of the Assumptionists, 1993-2001)

Apostolaat voor de Oosterse Kerken / Actie en Ontmoeting Oosterse Kerken ("Apostolic Care of Eastern Churches") (1986-1998) (member of the board of governors)

Oost-West-Beraad ("East-West Consultation: Advisory Committee of the Dutch Bishops' Conference regarding Christianity in Eastern Europe") (1989-2000)

European Society of Catholic Theology, Austrian section

Netherlands Research School for Theological and Religious Studies, NOSTER (1997-2002)

"Humboldtians": Alumni of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Vereniging van Afgestudeerden van de Katholieke Theologische Universiteit ("Association of Alumni of the Catholic Theological University", Utrecht)

European Association for Modern Greek Studies, Austrian and Dutch sections

Association Internationale des Amis de Nikos Kazantzakis (2008-2011: chairman of the Austrian section)

Association Internationale des Études Byzantines, Austrian section

A. A. Bredius Foundation of Byzantine Studies (member of the board of governors)

Christian-Jewish Society in Trier (1980-1981)

Styrian Christian-Jewish Committee (2002-2005: member of the executive board)

Afro-Asian Institute, Diocese of Graz-Seckau (2009-2012: member of the board of governors)

Katholiek Studiecentrum voor de geestelijke volksgezondheid ("Catholic Center for Public Mental Health")

Pax Christi Internationalis, Dutch section (1985-2002), Austrian section (from 2003)

National Honor Society (top students at American High Schools, 1971-1972)

Ranger School Club (Youth section of the World Wildlife Fund), chapter Vught (chairman and editor-in-chief, 1969-1971)

Nederlandse Jeugdbond ter Bestudering van de Geschiedenis ("Dutch Youth Association of Historical Studies"), chapter Vught (chairman, 1969-1971)

Klassieke Luisterclub ("Association of Classical Music") (chairman, 1969-1971)

Participation in the Eighth and Ninth General Assemblies of the World Council of Churches, at Harare, Zimbabwe (1998) and Porto Alegre, Brazil (2006); planned participation in the Tenth General Assembly at Busan, South Korea (October-November 2013)

Participation in the Second and Third European Ecumenical Assemblies, at Graz, Austria (1997) and Sibiu, Romania (2007).

Numerous study trips throughout Southeastern Europe and the Middle East.