

## **Rev. Gregory Gresko, O.S.B., S.T.D.**

Rev. Gregory Gresko, O.S.B., a Benedictine monk priest and theologian, serves as professor of theology at the Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant'Anselmo in Rome. He earned his Doctorate in Sacred Theology (S.T.D., 2015) from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Pontifical Lateran University in Vatican City (Rome), with his doctoral work, "The Consecration of the Family to the Heart of Jesus in Light of the Pastoral Ministry of Father Mateo Crawley-Boevey, SS.CC." He also teaches as visiting professor for the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Changanacherry, Kerala, India. Prior to these endeavors, Fr. Gregory served as Chaplain of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. and was responsible for the sacramental, pastoral, and spiritual care of its staff and pilgrims, as well as for theological and pastoral consultation in its exhibit development and construction projects.

Born in Towson, Maryland, Fr. Gregory grew up in Richmond, Virginia and received his Bachelor of Science degree (1992) from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, with a double concentration in Psychology and English. For several years in the 1980s and 1990s, Fr. Gregory served as a program analyst for the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality in its pollution prevention, toxic release inventory regulation, and small business assistance ombudsman programs. He completed his Master of Arts in Education degree at William and Mary (1998) with a specialization in Secondary English Education, writing his master's thesis on C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. Fr. Gregory holds his Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) from the Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant'Anselmo (Rome, 2005). He earned his Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L., 2008) in marriage and family studies from the John Paul II Institute at the Lateran with his licentiate work, "Educating to Love: Foundational Pedagogy in Light of Karol Wojtyła's *Love and Responsibility*".

Fr. Gregory was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at the Primatial Abbey of Sant'Anselmo (Rome) on February 2, 2005. He was ordained to the Catholic Priesthood on December 17, 2005 in Richmond, Virginia. Fr. Gregory has served as a Catholic priest for the United States Army Garrison (Camp Darby) in Livorno, Italy (2006 – 2008) and with the Benedictines at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Virginia (2008-2011). He also served in the administration of the Benedictine Society of Virginia (2008 – 2011), during which time he was a member of the Board of Trustees of now Benedictine College Preparatory School in Richmond, having responsibilities also as Interim Headmaster of the same school (2008 – 2009).

Fr. Gregory has over 25 years of experience ministering to students and young adults, including through journeys abroad as a lay missionary in the Czech Republic, Poland, and Ukraine. He was a contributing founder of *Cirkevní Gymnázium Plzeň*, a Roman Catholic school in Plzeň, Czech Republic. During the late 1990s, Fr. Gregory was responsible for developing a new English literature curriculum at the XIV Liceum in Wrocław, Poland. He is fluent in French and Italian and is working avidly towards language proficiency in Spanish and German. Besides the study of foreign languages, Fr. Gregory enjoys music, culinary arts, swimming, and mentoring young adults so as to position them for the greatest personal success and for the most significant contribution to society's common good. Fr. Gregory is engaged regularly in various entrepreneurial endeavors involving the intersection of technology and ethics, education, and evangelization, as well as to build a stronger Catholic ethos in strategic business development across a wide breadth of industry sectors internationally.

Father Gregory's theological work has been featured by the *Indian Journal of Family Studies*, *Ecclesia Orans*, *Catholic World Report*, *Catholic News Agency*, *Inside the Vatican*, *Catholic Online* and *BeliefNet* (including his former blog called *The Blogging Monk*) and has been interviewed by numerous international media outlets including EWTN and *Our Sunday Visitor*. He also currently serves as News Editor of OSB.ORG, as part of his responsibilities working in the Curia of the Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Confederation in Rome.