

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## CURRENT POSITION

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- 2014 – **Head of Formation Program for Seminarians, Religious men, Deacon candidates and Priests,** International Theological Institute, Trumau, Austria
- 2006 – **Lecturer,** International Theological Institute, Trumau, Austria

## EDUCATION

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- 2004 – 2007 International Theological Institute, Gaming, STL  
Field of study: Sacred Theology
- 1996 – 2001 International Theological Institute, Gaming, STM  
Field of study: Sacred Theology
- 1996 – 2001 Ukrainian Catholic University / St. Paul Catholic University, Ottawa - Summer Theological School  
Field of study: Sacred Theology
- 1991 – 1996 State University of Lviv, Dipl.-Ing.  
Field of study: Economics and Management
- 1981 – 1991 Primary, Secondary & High School № 36, Lviv

## LICENTIATE THESIS

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**Title:** Sacrament of Marriage – True Orthodox Perspective

**Abstract:** In our study of the true Orthodox perspective on the Sacrament of Marriage we have focused on the Orthodox concept of marriage as a Sacrament (Mysterion), that is, on an aspect of Marriage which reveals a complementarity between the two traditions and unfolds the beauty of Christ's Church – its unity in diversity. Our thesis is that the current marriage rites in the Orthodox Churches are an expression of the positive view that the Fathers held of marriage, sexuality, and procreation. A theological analysis of the prayers of the marriage service yields a positive vision of marriage, its goodness and holiness, and in fact implies the same concept and reveals the same purpose and properties of Marriage as in the Roman Catholic Church. This all culminated in a very important conclusion – the teaching of the two Churches specifically on the Sacrament of Marriage should not disclose any substantial disagreements. In our work we tried to prove this very claim, attempting to resolve some of the disputed questions that seem to divide East and West.

**Committee chair/members:** Prof. Dr. Peter A. Kwasniewski, Prof. Dr. Michael Waldstein, Prof. Dr. Nicholas Healy, Prof. Dr. Larry Hogan

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2006 – **Lecturer**, International Theological Institute, Gaming / Trumau, Austria
- 2001 – 2004 **Lecturer**, Institute for Marriage and the Family, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv
- 2001 – 2004 **Lecturer**, Catechetical Institute, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv

## OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 2012 – **Member of the Commission for Marriage and the Family**, Austrian Bishops Conference
- 2007 – 2014 **Prefect of Formation Program for Seminarians, Religious men, Deacon candidates and Priests**, International Theological Institute, Trumau, Austria
- 2002 – 2004 **Head of the Commission for Marriage and the Family**, Lviv Archeparchy, UGCC
- 1994 – 1996 **Head of the Student Catholic organization “Obnova”** Lviv, Ukraine

## UNIVERSITY AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

None.

## ECCLESIAL FUNCTIONS or APPOINTMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

- 2011 – **Protosyncellus / Vicar general for the Byzantine Catholics in Austria**
- 2004 – **Chaplain**, Paroeciae personales for the Ukrainian Greek-Catholics in Linz, Krypta der Karmeliterkirche, Linz
- 2001 – 2004 **Chaplain**, Church of all the Saints of Ukraine, Lviv, UGCC

## PUBLICATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2014). How is marriage to be understood as a vocation? How is it connected to the clerical state? “The Disciples’ Call: Theologies of Vocation from Scripture to the Present Day.” Published: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2014, 187 – 205.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2013). The Mission of the Eastern Catholic Churches in the Life of the Universal Church and for the Modern World. Acts of the International Symposium, March 2009, Kartause Gaming, Austria. Published: Lviv, Svichado, 2013.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2013). Importance and Blessedness of the Unity of the Church. Manual for the priests, Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church – Vision 2020. Published: Vibrant Parish, Lviv, 2013 (in Ukrainian), 90 – 92.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2012). Brücke zwischen zwei „Welten.“ Der Sonntag, die Zeitung der Erzdiözese Wien, Ausgabe Nr. 51 - 23.12.2012.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2012). Die katholischen Ostkirchen – an der Grenze zweier Welten. Kath. Verein zur Förderung des geistlichen Lebens e.V., „Feuer und Licht“ Magazin, Nr. 203, *Byzanz als Quelle*, Oktober 2012, 15 – 19.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2012). Die Verlobung in der Byzantinischen Tradition. Kirchliche Verlobung, Reflexionen und Impulse. Be&Be Verlag Heiligenkreuz im Wienerwald, 2012, 123 – 130.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2010). From Communism to Catholicism to Priest. Interview with Father Yurko Kolasa of Ukraine by Traci Osuna, Vienna, Austria, June 4, 2010. Published: (Zenit.org).

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2009). Religious education. First Catholic-Orthodox Forum – The Family: a good for Humanity, Trento, Italia, 11-14 December 2008. Published: Edizioni Dehoniane Bologna, 2009, 151 – 158.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2008). Die Wahrheit ist immer anziehend. Published: Consortio, Summer 2008.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2006). Fr. Guido Gockel, MHM, *A Prophetic Vision*, a Catholic Course on Marriage, translated into Ukrainian by Rev. Yuriy Kolasa, Vudavnyztvo Takoprint, Lviv, 2006.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2004). Immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. Manual for instructors of marriage preparation courses in the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church. Published: Spiritual News, Lviv, 2004 (in Ukrainian).

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2003). Sex before Marriage. Published: Periodic of the Institute for Marriage and Family, Ukrainian Catholic University, 2003.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (1994). The Prayer Book of a Pilgrim. Collection of the prayers for the youth. Published: Lviv City Hall Publishing House, (in Ukrainian), 1994.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2016). Das Spezifikum der Theologie und Liturgie des Ehe- Sakrament im byzantinischen Ritus. Unterschiede und mögliche Annäherung zum Eheverständnis im lateinischen Ritus.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2015). Was heißt es heute, Christ zu sein? Aus den Erfahrungen des Märtyrertums der Ostkirchen. Akten des Internationalen Symposiums vom 9. November 2013. Großer Festsaal der Universität Wien.

## PRESENTATIONS

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**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2014). Wie kann Ehe als Berufung verstanden werden? Die 3. Fachtagung des Instituts für Ehe und Familie (IEF) gemeinsam mit dem Internationalen Theologischen Institut (ITI), „Ehe als Entscheidung und Geschenk“ am 25. Jänner 2014 in Trumau.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2013). Eindrücke von der Ehevorbereitung in der Ukraine. Die 2. Fachtagung des Instituts für Ehe und Familie (IEF) gemeinsam mit dem Internationalen Theologischen Institut (ITI), "Umfassende Ehevorbereitung" am 26. Jänner 2013 in Trumau.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2013). Was ist die griechisch-katholische Kirche, und ihre Rolle im Leben der universalen Kirche heute. Puchberger Kreis - Jahrestreffen 2013, Sonntagberg, 6. Oktober 2013.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2011). Unierte Kirchen – Mittler der Wahrheit und die Mission für die Einheit der Kirche. Tag der Begegnung. Das Zentrum ostkirchlicher Spiritualität "Byzantinische Gebetszentrum" Salzburg, 19. November, 2011.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2008). *Humanae Vitae als prophetische Schrift*. Tagung des Forums Moraltheologie Mitteleuropa, Lemberg, 26 bis 29. August 2008.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2003). *St. John Chrysostom on Marriage*. International Conference on Marriage, 2003, Truskavec', Ukraine.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2002). *The primacy of Peter*. Summer School, June 2002, Lviv Theological Academy, Ukraine.

**Kolasa** Yuriy, (2002). *God as the highest common good of every human society*. Summer School of Philosophy, June 2002, Lviv Theological Academy, Ukraine.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS** \_\_\_\_\_

Theology: sacramental theology, moral theology, theology of the Orthodox Church

## **TEACHING INTERESTS** \_\_\_\_\_

The teachings of the Church Fathers  
Christology  
Spiritual theology  
Marriage and family

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS** \_\_\_\_\_

None.

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS** \_\_\_\_\_

None.

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ukrainian:** mother tongue  
**English:** fluent in reading, speaking and writing  
**Russian:** fluent in reading, speaking and writing  
**German:** good in reading, speaking and writing  
**Polish:** good in reading, speaking