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Biography

Francis J. Beckwith, Ph.D., is Professor of Philosophy & Church-State Studies at Baylor University, where he also serves as Associate Director of the Graduate Program in Philosophy and Co-Director of the Program on Philosophical Studies of Religion in Baylor's Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR). With his appointment in Baylor's Department of Philosophy, he also teaches courses in medical humanities, political science, religion, and church-state studies. From July 2003 through January 2007, he served as the Associate Director of Baylor's J. M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies. A graduate of Fordham University (Ph.D. and M.A. in philosophy), he also holds the Master of Juridical Studies (M.J.S.) degree from the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, where he won a CALI Award for Academic Excellence in Reproductive Control Seminar. His books include *Taking Rites Seriously: Law, Politics, and the Reasonableness of Faith* (Cambridge University Press, 2015); (w/R. Sherlock) *The Catholic Invitation to Latter-Day Saints* (Ignatius Press, forthcoming); (w/ R. P. George, S. McWilliams) *A Second Look at First Things: A Case for Conservative Politics* (St. Augustine Press, 2013); *Politics for Christians: Statecraft as Soulcraft* (InterVarsity Press, 2010); *Return to Rome: Confessions of an Evangelical Catholic* (Brazos Press, 2009), among many others. Professor Beckwith has been quoted in a variety of publications including the *New York Times*, the *Dallas Morning-News*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Christianity Today*, *World Magazine*, the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, the *Las Vegas Sun*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Waco Tribune-Herald*, the *Washington Times*, *Touchstone Magazine*, the *National Catholic Register*, *Commonweal*, *Moody Magazine*, *Christian Research Journal*, the *Baptist Standard* and the *Salt Lake Tribune*.

Industry Expertise

Public Policy, Writing and Editing, Religious Institutions, Judiciary, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Faith, Law, Church and State Issues, Philosophical and Theological Ethics, Ethics & Values, Politics, Religion Politics & Culture, Religion, Philosophical Ethics, Political Ethics, Church, Religious Ethics

Education

Fordham University
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