




**INFORMAZIONI PERSONALI/Personal Information**

Fr. Michael Baggot is a Professor Agregato of Bioethics at the [Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum](#) and an Invited Professor of Theology at the [Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas](#) (the Angelicum) and the [Catholic Institute of Technology](#). He also serves as a professor for the Joint Diploma in [Leadership: Service through Virtues](#) and the [Catholic Worldview Fellowship](#) summer program. He was an Adjunct Professor of Theology at the Christendom College Rome program from 2018-2022. In addition, Baggot is a Research Scholar at the [UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights](#) and a member of the Scholarly Advisory Board for Magisterium AI. He is also a fellow of the Fr. James L. Heft, SM Generations in Dialogue program at the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California. His writings have appeared in *First Things*, *Studia Bioethica*, *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, and *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*. Baggot is the chief editor of and a contributor to the book [Enhancement Fit for Humanity: Perspectives on Emerging Technologies](#) (Routledge, 2022). His areas of academic specialization and interest include the following themes: Transhumanism and the ethics of emerging technologies; AI at the service of human flourishing (physical, mental, and spiritual well-being); Natural theology in secular societies; The history, art, and theology of Rome; Thomistic virtue-centered approaches to moral and spiritual growth. His media work includes appearances on [Pints with Aquinas](#), [ETWN](#), and on his co-hosted YouTube channel [Those Two Priests](#). Baggot also frequently serves as chaplain for [The Catholic Traveler](#) pilgrimage organization.

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**ISTRUZIONE E FORMAZIONE/Education**

<b>Doctorate in Bioethics</b>	2017-2021
Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum	
<i>titolo della tesi:</i> “Transhumanism, Thomism, and True Perfection: A Thomistic Evaluation of the Admirable Aspirations and Lamentable	

Limitations of the Technocentric, Postmodern, Secular, Liberal  
Worldview of the Oxford Transhumanists”

*Awarded a Medal for Academic Excellence*

**Licenza in Teologia**

Pontificia Università San Tommaso d'Aquino

2022-2023

**Diploma Experto en docencia universitaria**

Universidad Francisco de Vitoria

2019-2022

**Baccalaureato in Teologia**

Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum

2014-2017

**Diploma in Bioetica**

Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum

2014-2015

**Licenza in Filosofia**

Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum

2012-2014

**Bachelor's in Philosophy**

Christendom College

2003-2007

**MADRELINGUA** English  
/mother tongue

**ALTRE LINGUE/Other**  
languages

Italiano  
Español

**ESPERIENZE PROFESSIONALI DI**  
**INSEGNAMENTO /Teaching**

**Transhumanism and the Ethics of Emerging Technologies**  
*Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum)*

2024-present

**Grazia**  
*Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum)*

2024-present

**Rome, City of Saints**  
*Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum)*

2024-present

**Introduction to Moral Theology**  
*Catholic Institute of Technology*

2025

<b>Introduction to Spiritual Theology</b> <i>Catholic Institute of Technology</i>	2025
<b>The History and Philosophy of LGBTQ+ perspectives</b> <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i>	2023-present
<b>The Meaning of and Responses to Climate Change</b> <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i>	2023-present
<b>An Analysis of the Oxford Transhumanists</b> <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i> <a href="#">Syllabus</a>	2022-present
<b>Teologia morale</b> <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i> <a href="#">Sillabo</a>	2021-present
<b>Introduction to Moral Theology (THEO 302)</b> <i>Christendom College</i> <a href="#">Syllabus</a>	2018-2021
<b>Etica Generale (BIOP 2051)</b> <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i> <a href="#">Sillabo</a>	2018-presente
<b>Apologetics and the New Evangelization (THEO 301)</b> <i>Christendom College</i> <a href="#">Syllabus</a>	2017-2022
<b>Catholic Worldview (summer course)</b> <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i> <a href="#">Syllabus</a>	2017-present
<b>Philosophy Synthesis Seminar (FILS1A02)</b> <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i> <a href="#">Syllabus</a>	2016
<b>Catholic Religion</b> <i>Pinecrest Academy</i>	2011-2012
<b>PUBBLICAZIONI/ Publications</b>	

Baggot, Michael. "Catholic Counsel for the Virtuous Use of AI in Physical, Mental, and Spiritual Health Care." In *Emerging Issues in Catholic Bioethics* ed. Jason T. Eberl. Cham, Switzerland. Springer. Forthcoming 2025.

Baggot, Michael. "The Daring and Disappointing Dreams of Transhumanism's Secular Eschatology." *Nova et Vetera* 22 no. 3 (Summer 2024).

Baggot, Michael. "Training Transhumanists at Oxford University." *Europe in the World (Notre Dame University)*. March 8, 2024. <https://eitw.nd.edu/articles/training-transhumanists-at-oxford-university/>.

Baggot, Michael. "Consciousness and the Acting Person," in Gómez, Alberto García, and Alberto Carrara, eds. *Decoding Consciousness and Bioethics: Perspectives on Consciousness and Its Altered States*. Newcastle upon Tyne. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2023.

Baggot, Michael. "Five Best Books on Bioethics." *Five Books for Catholics*. May 8, 2023. <https://www.fivebooksforcatholics.com/bioethics/>.

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Baggot, Michael, Alberto García Gómez, Alberto Carrara, Joseph Tham, eds. *Enhancement Fit for Humanity: Perspectives on Emerging Technologies*. New York. Routledge, 2022.

Tham, Joseph, Louis Melahn, and Michael Baggot. "Withdrawing critical care from patients in a triage situation." *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*. January 4, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11019-020-09999-4>.

Baggot, Michael. "The Human Person: A Bioethical Word by Francis Etheredge." *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*. Autumn 2020. <https://doi.org/10.5840/ncbq202020354>.

Baggot, Michael, Sarah Bindi, Lucia Cosmano, and Marilena Pisani. "After Quantum Physics: Shaping a New Cosmology." in Sangalli, Samuele ed. *Beyond the Limits: Consequences of Technological Revolution in Society*. Rome. Gregorian & Biblical Press, 2017.

Baggot, Michael. "No, Junior, the Catholic Church is not the same as ISIS." *First Things*. December 16, 2016. <https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2016/12/no-junior-the-catholic-church-is-not-the-same-as-isis>.

Baggot, Michael. "Between the Capitals of the World." *First Things*. September 30, 2016. <https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2016/09/between-the-capitals-of-the-world>.

Baggot, Michael. "On Roman Holy Days." *First Things*. September 14, 2016. <https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2016/09/on-roman-holy-days>.

Baggot, Michael. "Mother Teresa's Inspiration Day and Ours." *First Things*. September 8, 2016. <https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2016/09/mother-teresas-inspiration-day-and-ours>.

Baggot, Michael. "Dottore della Chiesa Subito!" *First Things*. September 2, 2016. <https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2016/09/dottore-della-chiesa-subito>.

Baggot, Michael. "Lectio Divina and the Facebook Newsfeed." *First Things*. August 25, 2016. <https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2016/08/lectio-divina-and-the-facebook-newsfeed>.

Baggot, Michael. "The Nones and the Buffered Self." *First Things*. August 24, 2016. <https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2016/08/the-nones-and-the-buffered-self>.

Baggot, Michael. "The Digital Triptych." *First Things*. August 19, 2016. <https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2016/08/the-digital-triptych>.

Baggot, Michael. "Dressing for Others." *First Things*. August 17, 2016. <https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2016/08/dressing-for-others>.

Baggot, Michael. "Cardinal Sarah's Liberal Liturgical Vision." *First Things*. August 15, 2016. <https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2016/08/cardinal-sarahs-liberal-liturgical-vision>.

Baggot, Michael. "What Men who Left Seminary Taught me about Women's Ordination." *First Things*. August 9, 2016. <https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2016/08/what-men-who-left-seminary-taught-me-about-womens-ordination>.

Baggot, Michael. "The Danish Girl: Transgender Apologetic, or Rebuttal?." *First Things*. August 5, 2016. <https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2016/08/the-danish-girl-transgender-apologetic-or-rebuttal>.

Baggot, Michael. "Review of *Living the Truth in Love: Pastoral Approaches to Same-Sex Attraction*." *First Things*. March 2016.

Baggot, Michael. "Pope Francis and the Promotion of the Human Person in Mass Media." *Studia Bioethica*. Vol. 9. January 2016. <https://riviste.upra.org/index.php/bioethica/article/view/3576/2696>.

BAGGOT, M. "Review of *Not God's Type: An Atheist Academic Lays Down Her Arms.*" *First Things*. November 2015.

Baggot, Michael. "Are Science and Faith in conflict? From Galileo and Darwin to current bioethical debates." *Studia Bioethica*. Vol. 6. No. 2. March 2014.  
<https://riviste.upra.org/index.php/bioethica/article/download/3104/2300/>.

#### **PRESENTAZIONE/PRESENTATIONS**

Baggot, Michael. "Learning to Love Humans in the AI Apocalypse." Presentation at the Conference "Existential Threats to Humanity: What are They and How to Address Them." Budva, Montenegro. May 30, 2024.

Baggot, Michael. Panelist at the book presentation of "Homo Novus: From Technological Captivity to New Freedom." The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. Rome, Italy. May 23, 2024.

Baggot, Michael. "Tech Frontiers - Beyond the Doom and Boom Binary." Panelist at the 2024 Human Flourishing Forum. Pontifical Academy of Sciences. Vatican City. May 23, 2024.

Baggot, Michael. "From Transfiguration to Transhumanism and Back Again." Guest lecture at the Katholische Hochschule ITI. Trumau, Austria. April 25, 2024.

Baggot, Michael. "AI: Challenges and Opportunities for the Church." Keynote address at the AI Serving the Church's Mission forum at the Pontifical Oriental Institute. Rome, Italy. April 18, 2024.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/tExEpFNEePs?si=us2ZEqp5g3gi7XIE>

Baggot, Michael. "Engineering Eden: Technology and Ethics in the Light of Faith." Conference at Georgia Tech. Atlanta, Georgia. April 2, 2024.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=xUn2X0xdGNY>

Baggot, Michael. "Making All Things New." Presentation at St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Crowley, Louisiana. March 27, 2024.

Baggot, Michael. "How Transhumanism Seeks a Counterfeit Crown." Conference at Benedictine College. Atchison, Kansas. March 25, 2024.

Baggot, Michael. "Beyond Natural Selection: The Human-Driven Future of Technological Evolution." Keynote address at the Evolution and Theism Thomistic Institute event at the University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, Scotland. March 20, 2024.

Baggot, Michael. "A Thomistic Critique of Transhumanism's Technocratic Paradigm." Aquinas After 750 Years: Still the Common Doctor? Conference. September 15, 2023.

Baggot, Michael. "La búsqueda del sentido y la felicidad en la época de la IA." Acto de clausura del curso Razón Abierta. La Universidad Francisco de Vitoria. Madrid,

España. 28 de junio 2023.

Baggot, Michael. "The Daring and Disappointing Dreams of Transhumanism's Secular Eschatology." The Second Annual Pinckaers Chair Conference: Eschatology and the Human Person. December 2, 2022.

Baggot, Michael. "The Thomistic Metaphysics of Creation as a Corrective to Transhumanism's Technocratic Paradigm." The de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference "And It Was Very Good: On Creation." November 10, 2022.

Baggot, Michael. "Improving upon Transhumanism: A Thomistic Natural Moral Law Virtue Ethics Assessment of Moral Enhancement Proposals." Eleventh International Thomistic Congress. September 19, 2022.

Baggot, Michael. "Procreative Beneficence's Disregard for Dignity in the Pursuit of an Improved Humanity." The de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference "I Have Called You by Name: Human Dignity in a Secular World." November 13, 2021.

Baggot, Michael. "A Thomistic Proposal to Move Beyond the Posthuman and Toward Human Perfection." Congreso Razón Abierta 2021. June 18, 2021.

Baggot, Michael. "Thomism, Transhumanism, and True Perfection." Congresso Online de Tomismo. January 29, 2021.

Baggot, Michael. "From Transgenderism to Transhumanism to Transfiguration." Catholic Apologetics Virtual Conference. October 23-25, 2020.

## **SERVIZI PROFESSIONALI/Professional Services**

### **Chaplain and Tour Guide (Italy study abroad program)**

2018-present

*Benedictine College*

- Celebrate Masses, hear confessions, offer spiritual guidance to study abroad students.
- Organize Rome itinerary with Program Directors.
- Explain important historic sites.

### **Art and Faith Tour Guide**

2016-2017

*Vatican Museums*

- Guided tours on an itinerary that included the Pio Clementino Museum (classical antiquity), the Gallery of the Candelabras, the Gallery of the Tapestries and the Gallery of the Geographical Maps (Renaissance Art), the Raphael Rooms, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.

**Assistant** 2010-2011  
*Lumen Institute*

- Organized bible studies, film discussions, retreats, and other formative activities for local businessmen interested in growing in their faith in an environment of fraternal support.

**Pharmacist Assistant** 2008  
*CVS Pharmacy*

- Identified and distributed patient prescriptions in accord with company privacy policies.

**Resident Director (Rome campus)** 2007  
*Christendom College*

- Mentored junior students during their Italian study-abroad program through personal contact that addressed various areas of spiritual, academic, and emotional growth the program facilitated.
- Assisted program directors by organizing tours, grading quizzes, and implementing discipline policies.

**Head Resident Assistant** 2006-2007  
*Christendom College*

- Mentored college students and guided the activity of fellow male resident assistants on campus.
- Responsibilities included consistent, personal contact with all enrolled male students; scheduling and directing duties of other male resident assistants; active participation in student council activities; promotion of healthy dormitory life; prudent enforcement of campus disciplinary policies.

**Summer Camp Counselor** 2006-2007  
*Christendom College*

- Mentored high school seniors and juniors attending the two-week college programs.  
Responsibilities included organizing cultural, athletic, and recreational trips; altar server training; personal dialogue with students.



**SERVIZI IN UNIVERSITÀ/University Service**

**Bioethics summer course director**

2022, 2023

- Coordinated the speakers and small group activities for the 2022 and 2023 bioethics summer courses
- Overview the preparation of publications based on the 2022 and 2023 summer courses

**Research Scholar**

2021-present

*UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights*

- Conducted research on in the field of emerging technologies.
- Was main editor of a collection of chapters devoted to themes of emerging technologies and human enhancement.

**Correspondent**

2011-2019

*UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights*

- Wrote news articles for the organization's website [www.unescobiochair.org](http://www.unescobiochair.org) and scholarly articles for the journal *Studia Bioethica*.
- Reviewed a series of talks for the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion in Rome.

**Assistant of the *Curso de Hispanidad***

2011

*Sacerdos Institute*

- Accompanied US diocesan priests and seminaries during their immersion program in the Spanish language.
- Helped to organize tours and other cultural activities in Mexico City.

**REFERENZE/References**

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