

INFORMAZIONI PERSONALI/ Personal Information

Fr. Michael Baggot is an Associate Professor 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 is also 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](#), 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, and a member of the Scholarly Advisory Board for Magisterium AI. His writings have appeared in [First Things](#), [Studia Bioethica](#), [The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly](#), [Nova et Vetera](#), and [Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy](#). He is also a member of the Editorial Review Board of the [Journal of Ethics and Emerging Technologies](#) and the [International Journal of Technoethics](#). Baggot is the chief editor of and a contributor to the book [Enhancement Fit for Humanity: Perspectives on Emerging Technologies](#) (Routledge, 2022). His media work includes appearances on [NBC](#), [ETWN](#), [The Future of Life Institute](#), [PBS](#), [Pints with Aquinas](#), and on his co-hosted YouTube channel [Those Two Priests](#). Baggot also frequently serves as chaplain for [The Catholic Traveler](#) pilgrimage organization.

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.

**ISTRUZIONE E
FORMAZIONE/Education**

Doctorate in Bioethics	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”	
<i>Awarded a Medal for Academic Excellence</i>	
Licenza in Teologia	2022-2023
Pontificia Università San Tommaso d'Aquino	
Diploma Experto en docencia universitaria	2019-2022
Universidad Francisco de Vitoria	
Baccalaureato in Teologia	2014-2017
Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum	

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**

Psychology II: A Thomistic Perspective on Integral Human Flourishing <i>Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum)</i> Syllabus	2025-present
Symbols, Transformations, and Landmarks in the History of the City of Rome <i>European University of Rome</i>	2025-present
Transhumanism and the Ethics of Emerging Technologies <i>Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum)</i> Syllabus	2024-2025
Grazia <i>Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum)</i> Syllabus	2024-2025
Rome, City of Saints <i>Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum)</i> Syllabus	2024-2025

Introduzione alla Teologia (BIPI 2056) <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i> Sillabo	2025-present
Bioethical Perspectives on Contemporary Questions of Gender Identity (BIOO2149) <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i> Syllabus	2023-2025
The Meaning of and Responses to Climate Change <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i> Syllabus	2024
An Analysis of the Oxford Transhumanists <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i> Syllabus	2022
Teologia morale <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i> Sillabo	2021-present
Introduction to Moral Theology (THEO 302) <i>Christendom College</i> Syllabus	2018-2021
Etica Generale (BIOP 2051) <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i> Sillabo	2018-presente
Apologetics and the New Evangelization (THEO 301) <i>Christendom College</i> Syllabus	2017-2022
Catholic Worldview (summer course) <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i> Syllabus	2017-present
Philosophy Synthesis Seminar (FILS1A02) <i>Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum</i> Syllabus	2016
Catholic Religion <i>Pinecrest Academy</i>	2011-2012

PUBBLICAZIONI/ Publications

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. "Theology of the Enhanced Body: A Catholic Approach to Biotechnological Enhancements." In *Religion and Human Enhancement in Western Traditions* eds. James J. Hughes, Steven Umbrello, and Cristiano Calì. Boston, MA. De Gruyter. Forthcoming 2025.

Baggot, Michael. "St. Thomas Aquinas as a Common Doctor of Bioethics: The Thomistic Metaphysics of Creation as a Corrective to the Technocratic Paradigm." In *Thomas Aquinas Today: Still the Common Doctor?* ed. Andrew Hofer. Washington, D.C. The Catholic University of America Press. Forthcoming 2025.

Baggot, Michael. "Transhumanism, Technological Evolution, and Theosis." *Principles*. X no. 2. https://www.getprinciples.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Principles-10_2.pdf

Baggot, Michael. "The Daring and Disappointing Dreams of Transhumanism's Secular Eschatology." *Nova et Vetera* 22 no. 3 (Summer 2024). <https://stpaulcenter.com/06-nv-22-3-baggot/>.

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. "A Thomistic Assessment of Contemporary Transhumanism as a Postmodern, Secular, Liberal Movement" in Michael Baggot et al., eds. *Enhancement Fit for Humanity: Perspectives on Emerging Technologies*. New York. Routledge, 2022.

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. Panelist "AI Faith and Ethics at a Crossroads: Discerning the Way Forward." The Catholic Union. London, England. May 18, 2025.

https://www.youtube.com/live/cpXXWc65O_E

Baggot, Michael. Panelist "Transhumanism: The Last Heresy?" The Institute for Human Ecology at the Catholic University of America. Webinar. May 15, 2025.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JaYI8eFTYhM>

Baggot, Michael-Persico, Tony. "Can AI Make Ethical Decisions? Let's Experiment Together." *Communitas: AI and the Common Good*. The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. Rome, Italy. May 7, 2025.

Baggot, Michael. Panelist "From Source to Classroom: Theological Uses of Magisterium AI." Pontifical Gregorian University. Rome, Italy. May 5, 2025.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3h_jw9uJJM

Baggot, Michael. "Ratzinger as Evangelist and Spiritual Master of Beauty." Presentation for the conference "A 60 anni dal Concilio. Temi scelti su J. Ratzinger e il Vaticano II." Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum. Rome, Italy. March 21, 2025.

Baggot, Michael. "A Thomistic Engagement with Posthuman Perspectives." Keynote for the Thomistic Institute Project for Science and Religion conference "Human Nature: Scientific, Philosophical, and Theological Perspectives." The Pontifical University of St.

Thomas Aquinas. Rome, Italy. March 14, 2025.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_GpmurYq-ts

Baggot, Michael. “Transhumanism, AI, and Human Happiness.” Impact Session at the FOCUS SEEK25 conference. Salt Lake City, Utah. January 2, 2025.

Baggot, Michael. “Why the Catholic Church needs to be a leader on AI.” Keynote for the Builders AI Forum 2024. Vatican City. October 24, 2025.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KB3-TZ16k8>

Baggot, Michael. “Transhumanism, AI, and Human Flourishing.” Conference for the Sorin Fellows of the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture. University of Notre Dame. South Bend, Indiana. September 26, 2024.

Baggot, Michael. “Enhancing the Virtues: A Thomistic Evaluation of Proposals for Moral Bioenhancement.” Aquinas at 800 conference. University of Notre Dame. South Bend, Indiana. September 23, 2024.

Baggot, Michael. “Apologetics in the 21st Century.” Keynote address for the EWTN Summer Academy. Rome, Italy. June, 25, 2024.

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.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vISvbAKuwv0>

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 businessman 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 and scholarly articles for the journal *Studia Bioethica*.
- Reviewed a series of talks for the 2nd International Conference on Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion in Rome.

Assistant of the *Curso de Hispanidad*
Sacerdos Institute

2011

- 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.

DATI PERSONALI/
Personal Details

Autorizzo il trattamento dei miei dati personali ai sensi del Decreto Legislativo 30 giugno 2003, n. 196 "Codice in materia di protezione dei dati personali".