

# Curriculum Vitae

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

First name(s) / Surname

**SALVATORE MAURIZIO SESSA**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

From academic year  
2020-2021 –  
academic year  
2021-2022

**Lecturer** of “Synoptic Gospels and Acts of Apostles” and “Johannine writings and Catholic Epistles” at the **Faculty of Theology** of the **Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum** (Rome).

From academic year  
2019-2020 –  
academic year  
2020-2021

**Lecturer** of “Old Testament Exegesis” (prophetic literature) at the **Faculty of Theology** at the **Pontifical Gregorian University** (Rome).

Academic year  
2013-2014

**Lecturer** of “General Introduction to the Sacred Scriptures and the Old Testament” at the **Alberto Hurtado Centre for Faith and Culture** in the “Macrothymia” course of study at the **Pontifical Gregorian University**.

From academic year  
2010-2011 –  
academic year  
2020-2021

**Lecturer** of “Old Testament and Consecrated Life” and “Sacred Scripture and Consecrated Life” at the **Claretianum Institute of the Theology of Consecrated Life**, affiliated with the **Pontifical Lateran University** as an Institute of Specialisation in Theology of Consecrated Life (Rome).

From academic year  
2009-2010 *to date*

**Lecturer** of “Old Testament Exegesis” (prophetic literature) at the **Higher Institute of Religious Studies “all’Apollinare” (ISSRA)**, an academic centre at the **Pontifical University of the Holy Cross** (Rome).

May 2009 –  
May 2010

**Collaboration** with publisher **Edizioni San Paolo** on the revision of the new “**Bibbia Via Verità e Vita**” (published 2012) on the integration of new exegetic-theological notes and additional biblical references, as well as the writing of new introductions to the books of Jeremiah, Lamentations, Baruch, The “book” of the Twelve minor prophets, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

Academic year 2008-2009	<b>Lecturer</b> of “Theology – Sacred Scripture” at the <b>Faculty of Literature and Philosophy</b> at <b>LUMSA University</b> (Rome).
2008	<b>Collaboration</b> with the publisher <b>Edizioni Dehoniane</b> of Bologna on the revision of the notes for the Italian edition of the new “ <b>Jerusalem Bible</b> ” (published 2009) on the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Baruch, and Lamentations.
From academic year 2007-2008 – academic year 2009-2010	<b>Lecturer</b> of “Theology – Sacred Scripture” at the <b>Faculty of Educational Sciences</b> at the <b>LUMSA University</b> .
<b>EDUCATION AND TRAINING</b>	
<b>JANUARY 23, 2019</b>	Obtained approval for Doctoral dissertation project in Dogmatic Theology, supervised by Prof. Dr. Volker Leppin, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen. Provisional title: <b>THE WORD THE LORD HAS (NOT) SPOKEN (DT 18:21). The Vow of Obedience and Ecclesial Mediation: The Roman Catholic Concept, Luther’s Critique, and New Perspectives for a Prophetic-theological Regrounding.</b>
From September 2017 – <i>to date</i>	<b>PhD</b> student in <b>Dogmatic Theology</b> at the <b>Pontifical Gregorian University</b> .
<b>June 21, 2017</b>	Awarded <b>PhD</b> with <b>MAGNA CUM LAUDE</b> (9,66/10) at the <b>Biblical Faculty</b> of the <b>Pontifical Biblical Institute</b> (Piazza della Pilotta 35 – 00187 Rome). Doctoral dissertation, supervised by Prof. Dr. Pietro Bovati, entitled: <b>CONSEGNARSI AL RE DI BABILONIA. Dal gesto simbolico alla “scelta profetica” nell’orizzonte tematico della fine di Gesusalemme (Ger 21,1-10; 27-28; 38,14-28a)” [SURRENDER TO THE KING OF BABYLON. From the Symbolic Gesture (of the Yoke) to the “Prophetic Choice” (to Consign Oneself) within the Thematic Horizon of the End of Jerusalem (Jer 21:1-10; 27–28; 38:14-28a)]</b> (pp. 816). The dissertation has been selected for publication in the <b>Peter Lang</b> series <b>Österreichische Biblische Studien (ÖSB)</b> , edited by Prof. <b>Georg Braulik</b> .
January 17, 2005	Passed the “ <b>experimentum finale pro anno ad doctoratum</b> ” at the <b>Biblical Faculty</b> of the <b>Pontifical Biblical Institute</b> before the academic committee formed by Prof. Jean Louis Ska, Prof. Paul Mankowski, and Prof. Pietro Bovati. Accepted as <b>CANDIDATUS AD DOCTORATUM</b> .

From January 2004

Accepted as a regular member of the **ABI** (Associazione Biblica Italiana).

**April 10, 2003**

Awarded **Licentiate in Sacred Scripture** at the **Biblical Faculty** of the **Pontifical Biblical Institute**, with **SUMMA CUM LAUDE**, after completion of the required curriculum.

October 1999

Completed the philosophical-theological *curriculum studiorum* at the **Studio Teologico Interdiocesano** “Mons. Enrico Bartoletti” in Camaiore (Lucca), to obtain the equivalence of a **Bachelor of Theology** required by the Pontifical Biblical University.

July 1991

Obtained his **High School Diploma in Classical Studies** at the Liceo-Ginnasio E. Repetti in Carrara (MS) with 55/60.

**SPECIALISATIONS,  
RESEARCH, AND  
OTHER ACADEMIC  
FIELDS OF INTEREST**

**BIBLICAL STUDIES**

**The Old Testament:** the entire prophetic corpus, and in particular the book of Jeremiah; the Book of Psalms and Deuteronomical literature.

**The New Testament:** Synoptic Gospels and Acts of Apostles; Johannine writings, with particular reference to the Book of Revelation; the Pauline epistles (main theological topics).

Having a deep interest in the biblical aspects of **justice** as it relates to the problem of **the violation of rights**, he has become well versed in the vocabulary and procedures necessary to **re-establish justice** and new and honest relationships between subjects. This, in reference to a reflection on possible ways to try to make rights, ethics, love, faith, and wisdom work together in contemporary society.

**THEOLOGY**

The dynamics of prophetic revelation and the inspiration of Sacred Scripture; Ecclesiology and Consecrated Life; Lutheran perspectives on monastic vows.

Has begun comparative research on the relationship between the concepts of **sacred text** and **normative ethics**, in particular as these appear in Islam and Christianity (and in comparison with Eastern religions).

## LINGUISTICS

Specific paths of inquiry in the biblical-theological field have increasingly stimulated interest and research in Pragmatics (particularly in reference to the Relevance Theory), Frame Semantics, and Cognitive Linguistics, along with study of the nature of metaphorical processes in natural languages and their biblical-theological implications.

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 *Surrender to the King of Babylon. Jeremiah's "Prophetic Choice" in the Face of Jerusalem's End* (Jer 21:1-10; 27-28; 38:14-28a), *Österreichische Biblische Studien* 56, Lausanne – Berlin 2024 (816 Pages).
- 2022 «“Che cosa farete quando verrà la fine?” Geremia e il dramma della libertà», in: *Attraversare la catastrofe*, *FedeLmente* 13 (2021) 105-123.
- 2019 «“Consecration” in Sacred Scripture and the “Consecrated Life”. Methodological Insights and Thematic Focalisations: Guidelines for debate», *Gregorianum* 100 (2019) 279-298 [translated and expanded version of the previous contribution].
- «La “consacrazione” nella Sacra Scrittura. Approssimazioni metodologiche e focalizzazione tematiche: tracce per un dibattito», in: *Consecratio et consecratio per evangelica consilia. Atti del Seminario Internazionale Pontificia Università Antonianum, Roma 1-3 Marzo 2018*, ed. CONGREGAZIONE PER GLI ISTITUTI DI VITA CONSACRATA E LE SOCIETÀ DI VITA APOSTOLICA, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Città del Vaticano 2019, 45-58.
- 2018 «“Per sapere quello che c’era nel tuo cuore” (Dt 8,2). Il cammino nel deserto come esperienza di verità e grammatica di comunione» in: *Il vessillo del Re*, ed. D. LIBANORI, ADP, ROMA 2018, 19-54.
- Review of G. PANI, *Lutero tra eresia e profezia*, Lapslazzuli, EDB, Bologna 2017, pp. 208, in *Gregorianum* 99 (2019) 670-671.
- 2017 «Accompagnare il destino di un popolo: il profeta Geremia», *Credere Oggi* 222 (2017) 87-96.
- Quando Dio non perdona. Una lotta corpo a corpo oltre la banalizzazione della misericordia*, AdP, Roma 2017 [104 Pages].

- «“Dacci un re che ci governi!” (1Sam 8,6). L’avvento della monarchia in Israele e la sua ambiguità», in: *Il Re delle schiere. L’esercizio del re temporale e del Re eterno* (ES 91-98), ed. D. LIBANORI, San Paolo, Cinisello Balsamo 2017, 17-44.
- «“Il Signore si è già scelto un uomo secondo il suo cuore”» (1Sam 13,14). La riconfigurazione profetica del potere regale in Israele», in: *Il Re delle schiere. L’esercizio del re temporale e del Re eterno* (ES 91-98), ed. D. LIBANORI, San Paolo Cinisello, Balsamo 2017, 45-78.
- 2016 «Geremia: testimonianza e passione di un corpo profetico», in: *Sguardi sulla vita consacrata*, ed. X. LARRAÑAGA, Collana Vita Consacrata, ed. Ancora, Milano 2016, 67-97.
- «La giustificazione nell’Antico Testamento. Per un primo orientamento a partire dal libro di Geremia», in: *Per mezzo della fede. Dottrina della giustificazione ed esperienza di Dio nella predicazione della Chiesa e negli Esercizi Spirituali*, ed. D. LIBANORI, San Paolo, Cinisello Balsamo 2016, 21-54 [the volume contains a previously unpublished interview with Pope Benedict XVI].
- 2015 *Profeti per le nazioni. Antico Testamento e vita consacrata*, Vita Consacrata 110, ed. San Paolo, Cinisello Balsamo 2015 [128 Pages].
- Translation into Spanish: *Profetas de las Naciones. Antiguo Testamento e vida consagrada*, Publicaciones Claretianas, Madrid 2015.
- Translation into Chinese in: S.M. SESSA – R. VOLO, *Parola di Dio e Vita Consacrata* [2016]
- «“Non rispondi nulla?”. Il silenzio di Gesù nel contesto processuale dei sinottici: una “nuova” proposta interpretativa alla luce del *riib* profetico», in: *La profetia tra l’uno e l’altro Testamento. Studi in onore del prof. Pietro Bovati in occasione del suo settantacinquesimo compleanno*, eds. G. BENZI – D. SCAIOLA – M. BONARINI, *Analecta Biblica Studia*, Gregorian & Biblical Press, Roma 2015, 285-309.
- 2014 «Tra voce e silenzio: Elia e il suo cammino di fede», in: *Come credono i consacrati?*, ed. S.M. GONZÁLEZ SILVA, Collana Vita Consacrata, ed. Ancora, Milano 2014, 33-75.
- 2013 «“Prima di formarti nel grembo materno ti ho (ri-)conosciuto” (Ger 1,5)”. La rivelazione del senso del nascere. Alcuni aspetti

- biblici», in: *Venire al mondo: i luoghi dell'invisibile*, eds. P. GRASSI – S. MODICA, Quaderni Netini di Bioetica 7, Rosolini 2013, 21-37.
- «“Chi si consegna...vivrà!”. Accettare la fine di una storia, perché ancora possa esserci storia” (Ger 21,1-10)», *Parole di Vita* 58/2 (2013) 22-27.
- «“Va’ e grida agli orecchi di Gerusalemme!”. Il *rib* contro la città amata (Ger 2,1-19)», *Parole di Vita* 58/1 (2013) 24-28.
- 2012 CUCCA, M. – ROSSI, B. – SESSA, S.M., “*Quelli che amo io li accuso*”. Il *rib* come chiave di lettura in alcuni testi dell’Uno e dell’Altro Testamento (Os 11,1; Ger 13,1-11; Gv 15,1-11/Ap 2-3), Commenti e Studi biblici. *Studi Biblici*, Cittadella editrice, Assisi 2012 [320 Pages].
- In addition to the portions shared by the authors, his personal contribution to this volume is: «“E i suoi occhi come fiamma di fuoco”. Dal *māšāl* de “la vite e i tralci” (Gv 15,1-11) al settenario di Ap 2–3. Il *páthos* del *rib* come rilettura unificante», pp. 179-265.
- General introductions to the books of Jeremiah, Lamentations, Baruch, The “book” of the Twelve minor prophets, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi in: *La Bibbia Via, Verità e Vita*. Edizione riveduta e ampliata, ed. San Paolo, Cinisello Balsamo 2012.
- Republished in the volume: *L’Antico Testamento*. Conoscerlo, leggerlo, viverlo, Cinisello Balsamo 2013, ed. G. RAVASI, 245-271, 287-400.
- «“Andranno in rovina le case d’avorio e scompariranno i grandi palazzi. Oracolo del Signore” (Am 3,15). Abitare il dono di Dio edificando sull’ingiustizia? Storie di progetti insensati», in: *Parola, Spirito e Vita* 64 (2012) 47-67 [volume dedicated to the subject of “La Casa” (The House)].
- 2011 «Sintomi per un discernimento della gioia (Lc 6,20-26)», in *Le differenze*, eds. P. CIARDELLA – M. GRONCHI, *Scritture. Percorsi critici attorno al testo biblico* 8, ed. Paoline, Milano 2011, 112-116.
- 2009 *Il Gesù di Paolo e il Paolo di Gesù*. Sei giorni in alta quota con il «prigioniero di Cristo», catturati dalla Parola di Dio, ed. San Paolo, Cinisello Balsamo <sup>2</sup>2009 [358 Pages].  
First edition January 2009. Second edition March 2009.
- 2008 P. BOVATI, «*Così parla il Signore*». Studi sul profetismo biblico, ed. S.M. SESSA, EDB, Bologna 2008, <sup>2</sup>2011 [264 Pages].

	<p>Translation from French into Italian of the article P. BOVATI, “Je ne sais pas parler” (Jr 1,6). Réflexions sur la vocation prophétique», Ouvrir les écritures, Mélanges offerts à P. Beauchamp (LD 162) Paris 1995, 31-52, published in the above-named volume.</p> <p>Second edition revised 2011 (fourth reprint 2018).</p>
2005	<p>«Sal 137: il ruggito della fede. Per una riconsiderazione del genere letterario imprecatorio come chiave di lettura fondamentale», <i>Rivista Biblica</i> 53 (2005) 129-172.</p>
<b>LANGUAGE SKILLS</b>	
<b>MOTHER TONGUE</b>	<b>ITALIAN</b>
<b>OTHER LANGUAGES</b>	<p><b>ENGLISH:</b> Level C1 Advanced (formerly known as Cambridge English: Advanced [CAE]).</p> <p><b>GERMAN:</b> a good level of spoken and written German (B2); studied for two years at the Deutsche Institut and three years at the Goethe Institut in Rome (with two scholarships), where he obtained the ZMP (Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung).</p> <p><b>FRENCH:</b> good reading skills; elementary writing and speaking skills; attended a course at the Saint-Louis Institute in Rome.</p> <p><b>SPANISH:</b> competent reading skills.</p>
<b>ANCIENT LANGUAGES</b>	<b>LATIN, GREEK, BIBLICAL HEBREW, BIBLICAL ARAMAIC</b>
<b>MINISTRY AND ECCLESIAL RESPONSABILITIES</b>	<p>Holds spiritual retreats, conferences, biblical formation groups, spiritual exercise groups, and bible study weeks for lay and consecrated people.</p>
From July 2023 to date	<b>Rector</b> of the church of SS. Stimmate di San Francesco (Largo delle Stimmate 1, 00186 Rome).
From September 2018 – July 2023	<b>Vice-Rector</b> of the church of SS. Stimmate di San Francesco (Largo delle Stimmate 1, 00186 Rome).
2017–2018	Collaborates with <b>don Fabio Rosini, Director of Vocational Services for the Diocese of Rome</b> , at the <b>Vocational Centre</b>

	<b>of the Diocese of Rome</b> at the church of SS. Stimmate di San Francesco.
September 2010 – September 2016	Re-elected <b>General Counselor</b> by the General Chapter of the Institute of Consecrated Clerical and Religious Life of diocesan law <b>“Missionari di Maria”</b> (Missionaries of Mary), located in the Diocese of Massa-Carrara Pontremoli.
October 2004 – October 2010	Elected <b>General Counselor</b> (with postulation, due to having not reached the minimum required age) by the General Chapter to the Institute of Consecrated Clerical and Religious Life of diocesan law <b>“Missionari di Maria”</b> .
<b>2003–2005</b>	<b>Private secretary to Cardinal Achille Silvestrini, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches.</b>
<b>September 2003 – June 2017</b>	<b>Spiritual assistant</b> at the college of excellence <b>“Fondazione Comunità Domenico Tardini” (Villa Nazareth)</b> , <b>coordinator</b> and <b>professor</b> of internal courses in Theology. ( <a href="https://villanazareth.org/">https://villanazareth.org/</a> )
August 11-18, 2001	Ecclesiastical assistant to the Campo di Formazione Metodologica (CFM) of the AGESCI [Association of Italian Catholic Guides and Scouts] (branch E/G) Guardiaregia (CB).
January 2-9, 1999	Attended the Campo di Formazione Metodologica (CFM) of the AGESCI (branch E/G) Guardiaregia (CB).
	Ecclesiastical assistant to the Boy Scout group “Carrara 1” of Carrara (AGESCI).
<b>June 29, 1999</b>	Ordained <b>presbyter</b> by S.E. Mons. Eugenio Binini, and incardinated at the Institute of Consecrated Clerical and Religious Life of diocesan law <b>“Missionari di Maria”</b> .
August 24-30, 1998	Attended the Campo di Formazione Metodologica (CFM) of the AGESCI (branch R/S).
	Ecclesiastical assistant to the Boy Scout group «Carrara 1» of Carrara (AGESCI).
<b>May 24, 1998</b>	Professed <b>Perpetual Vows</b> at the Institute of Consecrated Clerical and Religious Life of diocesan law <b>“Missionari di Maria”</b> , located in the Diocese of Massa-Carrara Pontremoli.