**Ann M. Garrido**

**Short General Introduction Options**

Ann Garrido is associate professor of homiletics at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri, where she previously directed the school’s Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching program.  She is the author of multiple books, including the award-winning *Redeeming Administration*, *Redeeming Conflict*, and *Let’s Talk About Truth*.  She travels nationally and internationally helping communities talk about the topics they find toughest to talk about—conversations that always involve questions of truth. She lives with her husband in Atlanta, Georgia.

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**Medium-length General Introduction**

Ann Garrido is associate professor of homiletics at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO where (at varying points in time) she has also held a variety of administrative roles including the school’s Director of the Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching, Director of the Masters of Pastoral Studies in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Director of Field Education, and Director of the Aquinas Ministry Integration Project.  Garrido is the author of numerous books, including the award-winning volumes *Redeeming Administration*, *Redeeming Conflict*, *Let's Talk About Truth*, and her most recent book *#Rules\_of\_Engagement: Eight Rules for Doing Good and Being Good Online*. In recent years, Ann has served as the Kilian McDonnell Fellow in Faith and Culture at the Collegeville Institute and the Marten Fellow in Preaching at the University of Notre Dame. She has spoken in over 300 diocesan, business, educational, social service, and health care environments across the United States and Canada. She is married to a very patient husband and has one young adult son who plays a mean ukulele.

**Longer General Introduction**

Ann is the oldest of eight children in a close-knit Catholic family from St. Louis, Missouri.  From a very early age, Ann displayed an unnatural attraction to writing with chalk.  Some of her earliest memories involve constructing elaborate lesson plans and schedules for an attic academy that her siblings refused to attend.  By the age of twelve, she was designing weeklong retreat experiences…. that her siblings also refused to attend.

Forced to ply her trade outside the home, Ann joined the ranks of Catholic educators in 1991.  After four years teaching middle school and high school on the Pacific island of Guam, she pursued her Master of Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching at Aquinas Institute of Theology.   Ann joined the Institute’s faculty in 2000.

Over the past two decades she has taught a range of courses in pastoral theology, homiletics, and catechetics while also serving in a variety of administrative positions including Director of Field Education, Director of Distance Learning, Director of the Aquinas Ministry Integration Project, Director of the Doctorate of Ministry program, and Director of the Masters of Pastoral Studies in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Ann’s ongoing reflection on her experience as an educator and administrator has led to a number of publications and speaking engagements.  She is the author of ten books, as well as numerous essays and articles.  She has visited all 50 states and 20 countries, having spoken in over 300 diocesan, health care, educational, social service, and business settings.

In 2013, Ann affiliated with Triad Consulting Group, a global corporate education and communications consulting firm founded by two members of the Harvard Negotiation Project.  Ann has a passion for bringing the best research and practice around healthy communication and conflict management from the business world into the church world.

Ann now splits her time between offices in St. Louis, MO and Atlanta, GA where she resides with her very understanding husband.  Their ukelele-toting son makes appearances during winter and summer breaks.  She has, unfortunately, developed an extreme aversion to chalk.  Something to do with a preference for wearing black.  She still loves her siblings and pesters them as often as she can.

**Introduction for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Courses and Events**

Ann has been a catechist of the Good Shepherd since 1996. She is the founding director of the MAPS-CGS program, a pastoral studies degree program with a concentration in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at Aquinas Institute of Theology. She now serves as the spiritual formation director for the program. Ann has been a member of the U.S. formation committee since 2004 and has offered over 50 formation courses across all three levels. She is the author of *Mustard Seed Preaching* (LTP, 2004), *A Year with Sofia Cavalletti* (LTP, 2017), and *Preaching with Children* (LTP, 2022).