

**Miguel H. Díaz**  
**The John Courtney Murray University Chair in Public  
Service**  
**Ambassador to the Holy See, Retired**

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**HIGHER EDUCATION**

- 2000            Doctor of Philosophy in Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana  
Dissertation: “A Study in U.S. Hispanic Theological Anthropology, 1972-1999”
- 1992            Master of Arts in Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

**HONORARY DEGREES**

- 2011            Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, Portland University, Portland, Oregon  
Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, St. Thomas University, Miami, Florida
- 2010            Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, Fordham University, New York, New York  
Doctor of Sacred Theology, Honoris Causa, Florida Center for Theological Studies, Miami, Florida

**EMPLOYMENT**

- 2014            Endowed Chair: John Courtney Murray University Chair in Public Service  
Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois
- 2012-14        Endowed Chair: University Professor of Faith and Culture  
University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio
- 2009-2012     U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, Rome, Italy
- 2004-2009     Professor, Department of Theology, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s  
University, St. Joseph and Collegeville, Minnesota, Saint John’s School of  
Theology Seminary, Collegeville, Minnesota
- 2003-2004     Associate Professor, Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida

- 2001-2003 Academic Dean, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Florida
- 1998-2001 Assistant Professor in Systematic/Philosophical Theology, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Florida
- 1996-98 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio
- 1995-96 Theology Instructor, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

## **LANGUAGES**

Reading ability: Greek, German, Latin

Fluency: English, Spanish, French, Italian

## **RECENT COURSES TAUGHT**

The Mystery of God (REL 654)

Thinking Theologically (THEO 201)

Hispanic Theology in the U.S. (THEO 329)

Trinity, Faith, and Revelation (DOCT 407)

Theological Anthropology (DOCT 411)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member, Karl Rahner Society

Member and former president, Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (ACHTUS)

Member and former board official, Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **BOOKS**

*Building Bridges: God, Diplomacy, and the Common Good (Forthcoming by Orbis Press)*

*God in Latina/o Theologies (Forthcoming by Fortress Press)*

*A series in Catholicism in the Common Good, editor (Forthcoming by Orbis Press)*

*On Being Human: U.S. Hispanic and Rahnerian Perspectives.* Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2001

Co-editor, *From the Heart of Our People: Explorations in Catholic Systematic Theology.* Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1999

### **SELECT ARTICLES/BOOK CHAPTERS/ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES**

“Building Bridges: Governing the Holy See in a pluralistic and globalized world,” *America*, 208/11 (2013): 21-23.

“The Life-Giving Reality of God from Black, Latin-American, and U.S. Hispanic Theological Perspectives,” *Cambridge Companion to the Trinity*. Ed. Peter Phan, 259-273. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011

“Seer of the Word: The Sacramental Imagination and the Human Vision of God,” University of Dallas Landregan Lecture Series.

“On Loving Strangers: Encountering the Mystery of God in the Face of Migrants,” *Word and world: Theology for Christian Ministry* 29/1 (Summer 2009): 234-242.

“Otherness in Black Catholic and Latino/a Catholic Theologies and the Otherness of God,” *E-journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*  
<http://www.latinotheology.org> (Accessed September 28, 2011)

“God,” *American Cultures*, ed. Miguel De La Torre. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLO Press, 2009.

“Outside the Survival of Community there is no Salvation,” in *Building Bridges, Doing Justice: Constructing a Latino/a Ecumenical Theology* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Press, 2009), 91-111.

“Life-Giving Migrations: Revisioning the Mystery of God through U.S. Hispanic Eyes,” *E-Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology* (April 2006), <http://www.latinotheology.org> (Accessed July 8, 2008).

“A Trinitarian Approach to the Community-Building Process of Tradition: Oneness as Diversity in Christian Traditioning,” in *Futuring our Past: Explorations into the Theology of Tradition*. Ed. Orlando O. Espín and Gary Macy, 157-179. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2006.

“Theological Anthropology,” in *Handbook of Latino/a Theologies*. Ed. Edwin D. Aponte and Miguel A. De La Torre. Danvers, MA: Chalice Press, 2006.

“Reading the Signs of the Time en *Conjunto*: Commissioning U.S. Hispanic Protestants and Catholics to Evangelize in the Image of God,” *Apuntes* 26/1 (2006): 4-14.

“Reading the Signs of the Time: A U.S. Hispanic Perspective on the Future of Theological Education,” in *New Horizons in Theology*. Ed. Terrence W. Tilley, 225-230. Maryknoll, Orbis Books, 2005.

“Mirroring the Life of God in *Medio Luporum*: Returning to the Heart of the Franciscan Mission,” *The Cord*, 55/6 (2005): 278-289.

“A Critical Reading, Appreciation, and Assessment of Responses to *On Being Human*,” *Philosophy and Theology*, 16/1 (2005): 151-162.

“U.S. Hispanics,” in *The Modern Catholic Encyclopedia*. Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 2004, 363-366.

“Turning to a Context: Latino/a Anthropology and its Communal Vision of Reality,” in *Perspectivas* (2002):9-27.

## **SELECT PUBLIC LECTURES AND PROMINENT THEOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS**

2014 Invited keynote speaker “St. Monica-St. George Lecture in Contemporary Catholicism” at the University of Cincinnati.

2014 Invited keynote speaker at the Mexican-American Catholic College on border reform and immigration issues, San Antonio, Texas.

2014 Invited keynote speaker at the CIT Lecture series at St. Mary’s University: “*Bridging the Divine and Human life: God’s Life-Giving migrations and our Human and Global life-Seeking Migrations.*”

2014 Invited to speak at the Loyola Symposium, “*Habemus Papam +1: The First Year*”

2014 Invited to deliver the “Who We Are” lecture at Dominican University: “*We are a People who Become with Others.*”

2014 Invited keynote speaker at Emory University, Aquinas Center of Theology’s “Major Catholic Speaker” series: “*Transforming Lives Through the Search for God’s Wisdom*”

2013 Invited to deliver the Landregan Lecture, University of Dallas: “*Hearer of the World: The Search for God, Diplomacy, and the Common Good,*”

2013 Invited keynote speaker, SMU-Perkins School of Theology Visiting Scholar series, lectures include “*Bridging Religion and Diplomacy: Reflections from my Service as Ambassador to the Holy See,*” “*Revisiting the Garden of Eden: God, Communal Relations, and the Quest for Peace,*” “*On Being Human from Rahnerian Perspectives.*” and “*Becoming God’s ambassadors to build the house of God.*”

- 2013 Invited to deliver the Robert Cardinal Bellarmine Lecture series, St. Louis University: “*On Being Human: God, Diplomacy, and the Common Good.*”
- 2013 Invited to participate in Catholic Charities USA conference, Washington DC.
- 2013 Invited Speaker, the international conference organized by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace at the Vatican, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Encyclical *Pacem in Terris*: “*Interdependence, Human Rights, and Order in the Americas*”
- 2013 Featured Panelist for the University of Dayton’s “Rites.Rights.Writes” program, discussing the intersection of the arts, culture, and human rights.
- 2013 Invited Speaker at the University of Dayton conference, “In the Lógos of Love: *Promise and Predicament of Catholic Intellectual Life Today*”
- 2012 Key note speaker: Duquesne University’s Founders Week: “*Pacem in Terris*: Exploring the Interpersonal Ordering of God’s Household, Questioning the World’s Disorder, and Building Bridges for the Sake of the Common Good”
- 2009 Changing Faces Lecture, Saint John’s University, Collegeville: “Jesus on the Border: Crossing into the Mystery of God.”
- 2008 Invited Colloquist, 2008-2009 Wabash Consultation on Excellence in Teaching for Latino/a Faculty at Colleges, Universities, and Theological Schools.
- 2007 Landregan Lecture, University of Dallas: “Seer of the Word: The Sacramental Imagination and the Human Vision of God.”
- 2006 ACHTUS Presidential Address: “Otherness in Black Catholic and Latino/a Catholic Theologies and the Otherness of God.”
- 2005 Keynote Speaker, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Franciscan Federation, San Diego, California: “Mirroring the Life of God in *Medio Luporum*: Returning to the Heart of the Franciscan Mission.”
- Lecture at Fiesta 2005, the National Convention on Evangelism within the Latino Community, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University: “Reading the Signs of the Time en *Conjunto*: Commissioning U.S. Hispanic protestants and Catholics to Evangelize in the Image of God.”
- 2002 Lecturer at Princeton Theological Seminary as recipient of the 2002 Book of the Year Award for *On Being Human*: “Turning to a Context: Latino/a Anthropology and its Communal Vision of Reality,” response to lecture by Dr. Daniel L. Migliore.

## **OTHER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS**

- 2014 Invited to become involved with Catholic Health Partners Board of Trustees as a Public Juridic Person (PJP) member – CHP’s connection to the Catholic Church.

- 2014 Invited to participate in the Human Rights Leaders event in New York to support funding from the Lilly Endowment for Hispanic Initiatives.
- 2008 Invited to deliver two presentations for St. Cloud's Diocesan Ministry Day on September 29, 2008: "God's Life, Hospitality, and Human Diversity" and "Jésus with an Accent: Voices in U.S. Hispanic Theology."
- Delivered a series of talks on behalf of Saint John's School of Theology Seminary: "Jesus with an Accent: Voices in U.S. Hispanic Theology," Collegetown, Minnesota.
- Delivered a presentation on Immigration and Catholic Social Teaching at the Church of Saint Joseph, St. Joseph, Minnesota, during Lent.
- Participated in a weeklong consultation and conversation with lay ministry leaders on community-building processes sponsored by Saint John's School of Theology Seminary (Victor Klimoski).
- 2007 Delivered a day-long workshop to the sisters of the Saint Benedict's Monastery, St. Joseph, Minnesota: "Jesus, the Hospitality of God."
- Delivered a series of talks on the Christology of the Gospels for participants in Saint John's School of Theology Seminary *Conversatio* Lifelong Learning weeklong retreat.
- Delivered keynote address to Catholic principals of the Diocese of St. Cloud, Minnesota: "God's Life, Hospitality and Human Diversity."
- Presented a paper at ACHTUS: "Outside the Survival of Community there is no Salvation."
- 2005 Public presentation on Trinitarian theology in the series "All Things Catholic," Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Presented in Minnesota and Florida on behalf of Saint John's School of Theology Seminary: "In the Trinity: Living the Life of God."
- Presented a paper at CTSA in response to Crowley's book, *Rahner Beyond Rahner: A Great Theologian Encounters the Pacific Rim*.
- 2004 Delivered a general address at the Eucharistic Congress in the Diocese of El Paso, Texas, Miguel H. Diaz, page 5.
- 2003 Delivered a paper at the University of Notre Dame, College of Arts and Letters Young Scholar Speaker Series, Notre Dame, Indiana.
- Responded to papers in a session organized by the Karl Rahner Society on *On Being Human*.
- 2001 Delivered a paper at the CTSA conventions: "Missionary Activity as Epiphany: Sacrament and Sacramentality in U.S. Latino/a Catholicism."

- 2000 Delivered a paper at the CTSA convention: “How we wrote From the Heart of Our People.”
- 1998 Delivered a paper at Harvard University conference on Latino/a Theology, “Tides of Change: *A Traves del Atlántico y del Rio Grande*,” Boston, Massachusetts.

### **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

- 2014 Conducting Graduate level discussions centered on the writings of Karl Rahner
- 2007 Chair, Saint John’s School of Theology Seminary Multi-Cultural Committee
- 2006 Co-Chair of Intercultural Directions Council, (IDC) 2006  
Member, Department of Theology assessment committee, 2006-07
- 2005 Member, Graduate Theological Studies Committee (GTS), 2005-06
- 2004 Member, Committee of Latin American/Latino Studies Program at CSB/SJU  
Presenter, Saint John’s School of Theology Seminary *Conversatio* Lifelong Learning Program and Theology Days  
Student mentor, adviser, director of graduate papers and theses

### **SERVICE TO ACADEMY, CHURCH, AND SOCIETY**

- 2011 Appointed by Secretary Clinton as Co-Chair of Religion and Foreign Policy Working Group: Development and Humanitarian Assistance
- 2009 Theological consultant on the Collegeville Ministry Seminar II (advancing the theology of vocation and authorization for lay ecclesial ministry) co-sponsored by Saint John’s School of Theology Seminary and the USCCB  
Appointed to serve on a diocesan panel to discuss issues of immigration within the Diocese of St. Cloud, Minnesota
- 2008 Appointed to serve on the National Catholic Advisory Council for the presidential campaign of Senator Barack Obama  
Elected to the Board of the Catholic Theological Society of America  
Theological consultant to the Catholic Association of Teachers of Homiletics (CATH) overseeing a commentary commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Fulfilled in Your Hearing*  
Appointed to a special task force to oversee the upcoming revisions of standards and procedures for the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) Commission on Accrediting Appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*

Appointed to editorial board of *Perspectivas*, a journal published by the Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI)

- 2007 Member, Diocese of St. Cloud's Multi-Cultural Committee
- 2006 President, Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States  
Hispanic Theological Initiative's doctoral mentor, 2006-08
- 2005 Consultant to Wabash Center on a national conversation held between librarians and theologians  
Vice-president, Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States
- 2004 Member of steering committee of the Karl Rahner Society, 2004-08
- 2002 Nominated and elected to the steering committee of the Academic Dean's Board for ATS  
Member of CTSA's nominations committee
- 2001 Elected to ACHTUS Board, 2001-08  
Member of ecumenical group on Latino/a missiology, Southern Methodist University

#### **SELECT LIST OF KEYNOTES AND SPEECHES AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE HOLY SEE**

- 2012 "Truth or Diplomacy, Truth of Diplomacy, or Diplomacy of Truth?" Invited Speaker at Court of the Gentiles, International Initiative by Gianfranco Ravasi, President of Pontifical Council for Culture, Vatican City  
Peace Sponsored by the Community of Sant'Egidio entitled: "Living Together is the Future: religions and Cultures in Dialogue," Sarajevo  
"Building Bridges of Opportunity: Women and Migration," Conference sponsored by U.S. Embassy to the Holy See, Rome  
"Building Bridges of Opportunity: Migration and diversity," Conference sponsored by U.S. Embassy to the Holy See, Rome  
"Building Bridges between Faith and Culture: Persons, Diversity, and Democracy in an Age of Globalization," International Conference entitled: "Democracy, Culture and Catholicism," Rome
- 2011 "Pushing into the Deep, Casting a Wide Net: Missionary Activity, Diplomacy, and the Common Good," Keynote address on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Catholic Mission Association, Miami, Florida  
"A Knoll for All: Rethinking the Common Good through Social Justice, Peace, and the Protection of Creation," Keynote address on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Maryknoll, Maryknoll, New York



“Building Bridges: Latino Identity, Religion, and the Pursuit of the Common Good,”  
Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

“Building Bridges: Religion, Diplomacy, and the Pursuit of the Common Good,”  
Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

“Human Identity, Diasporas, and the Internet,” Panelist at a Tony Blair Foundation  
Conference, London, England

“Hopes and Challenges for Catholic Higher Education in an Ecumenical and  
Interreligious Context,” Rome, Italy

2010 “Encountering Others in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Opportunities and Challenges in an Age of  
Migrations,” Community of Sant’Egidio, International Conference, Barcelona, Spain

“The Audacity to Hope in a World without Nuclear Weapons,” Rome, Italy

“The Truth about Charity: Interdependence, the United States, and Economic  
Diplomacy,” Conference sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace,  
Rome, Italy

“President Obama’s Cairo Speech: Creating new Recipes, Cooking on Behalf of the  
Common Good,” Rome, Italy

“The Path to Peace is a Dialogue of Diplomacies,” la Verna, Italy

“Building Communities of Hospitality: Cultural Diversity and Religious Freedom in an  
Increasingly Diverse World,” Rome, Italy

“Religion in a New Era of Global Responsibility,” Rome, Italy

“Faith Seeking Common Action: The Holy See Diplomatic Relationship in a New Era of  
Responsibility,” Miami, Florida

## **AWARDS**

2013 ACHTUS Virgilio Elizondo Award for Distinguished Achievement in Theology, Miami, FL

2012 Award in Recognition to Service as U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See,  
National Museum of Catholic Art and History, Washington, D.C.

2011 Premio Internazionale “Bonifacio VIII,” Anagni, Italy

2010 Blessed are the Peacemakers Award, Chicago Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois

2007 Recognized for service as president of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians  
Recognized for service to the Hispanic Theological Initiative on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
the organization

Educational Trailblazer Theologian of the Year Award, Houston, Texas

2002 Hispanic Theological Initiative Book of the Year Award, *On Being Human*