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Born in Mumbai (1954), he obtained his Doctorate in Theology (*Sacrae Theologiae Doctor*), with Specialization in Youth Ministry and Catechetics, at Salesian Pontifical University, Rome (1993), where he has been professor of Practical Theology since then until 2024. From 2009 to 2015, he was Director of the Institute of Pastoral Theology, Director of the Interfaculty Commission for Research, and Coordinator of doctoral programme in the Faculty of Theology. His areas of interest and research are: inculturation, interculturality, interreligious dialogue, human rights, religious education, youth ministry, migration, empirical theology, and public theology.

Noteworthy among his publications are: *Ecclesial Praxis of Inculturation. Toward an Empirical-theological Theory of Inculturizing Praxis* (LAS, Roma 1997); *Faith and Culture in Catholic Schools. An Educational-pastoral Research on Inculturation in the Tamil/Indian Cultural Context* (Deepagam, Chennai 1999). The empirical research among college students, *Religion and Conflict. Religious Beliefs and Conflict Attribution among Christian, Muslim and Hindu students in Tamil Nadu, India* (Brill, Leiden 2014) is in collaboration with professors Chris Hermans and Carl Sterkens of the Radboud University Nijmegen. Besides publishing over 125 articles in specialized journals and edited books, he has edited together with other scholars nine volumes. The latest one with prof. Hans-Georg Ziebertz is on: *Human Rights and the Separation of State and Religion*, Vol 10 of the Religion and Human Rights series (Springer, Cham 2023). More recently, together with prof. Gnana Patrick, he has edited a special issue of the online Journal "Religions" on the theme: *Theology 'In Exit' for a Better World: Consolidating the Intersecting Features of Public Theology* (https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special_issues/O26E323969).

Having participated in international empirical research projects such as Religious Experience of Youth in Italy (1994-1996), Religion and Conflict (2003-2014), Religion and Human Rights (2005-2013), Teaching Religion in a Multicultural European Society (2006-2009), and Believing and Communicating (2009-2016), Spirituality, Education and Leadership (2016-2018), and Religion and Human Rights 2.0 (2012-2023), he is now engaged in the promotion of Public Theology in the multireligious Indian context.

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