

Curriculum Vitae

Father J. Augustine Wetta, O.S.B.

Personal Information

- Full Name: Jason Augustine Wetta
- Date of Birth: January 20, 1971
- Place of Birth: Galveston, Texas, USA
- Religious Affiliation: Benedictine Monk, Saint Louis Abbey
- Ordination: September 27, 2003
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Education

- B.A., Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations – Rice University
- M.A., English – Middlebury College
- B.A. & M.A., Theology – Oxford University

Professional Experience

- Saint Louis Priory School, Saint Louis, Missouri (2003–Present):
 - - Teacher of English, Classics, and Theology
 - - Director of Chaplaincy
 - - Rugby Coach
- Portsmouth Institute (2019–Present):
 - - Senior Fellow

Publications

- Pray. Think. Act.: Make Better Decisions with the Desert Fathers (2023)
- Pray. Think. Act.: Make Better Decisions with the Desert Fathers, Ignatius Press (2023)
- The Eighth Arrow: Odysseus in the Underworld, Ignatius Press (2018)
- Humility Rules: Saint Benedict's Twelve-Step Guide to Genuine Self-Esteem, Ignatius Press (2017)
- *Saving Grace* (Children's Book), Saint Joseph Media
- His Wide Mouth Home, (NPR, All Things Considered, 1999)

Awards and Honors

- Judson Jerome Poetry Award, Antioch Writers' Workshop (2014)
- Bill Baker Award for Fiction, Antioch Writers' Workshop (2014)
- Taliaferro Award for Memoir Writers, San Francisco Writers Conference (2015)
- Finalist, Emerging Writer Award, San Francisco Writers Conference (2015)

Media and Public Engagements

- Regular guest on EWTN and Saint Joseph Radio, Sacred Heart Radio , [Pints with Aquinas](#), [Godsplaining](#), [Real Life Catholic with Chris Stefanick](#), and others
- Contributor to *Shalom Tidings*
- Contributor to Our Sunday Visitor
- Co-host of the podcast [Disagreement](#) with Islamic social activist Umar Lee
- Guest speaker at various conferences and events

Additional Interests and Activities

- Former professional juggler with “The Flying Fettuccine Brothers”
- Archaeological fieldwork at the Agora, Athens, Greece
- Former beach patrol lifeguard
- Supervisor of the Juggling Team, Mongolian Throat Singing Club, and Junior Knights of Saint Peter Claver at Saint Louis Priory School
- Hobbies include surfing, raising carnivorous plants and carpenter ants, and crafting armor