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Greetings - I was on the faculty at the [University of Notre Dame](#) for thirty-three years, 1971-2004. Previously I taught at the University of San Francisco, my first academic appointment after I received my PhD from the University of Chicago. I have also taught at the University of Chicago, University College, Cork, Ireland and Boston College. While at Notre Dame I founded the [Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism](#) in 1975 and was the director of the Center until 1993. To learn more about me, my publications, and what I have done over the years, you can consult my [vita](#).

As a member of the [Department of History](#), I taught both undergraduate and graduate students. Though I taught courses in a variety of areas, my field of specialty was American Catholic history. I have published a number of books in this field. My most recent book was *In Search of an American Catholicism: A History of Religion and Culture in Tension*, published by Oxford University Press in 2002. It is an interpretive study of the relationship between Catholicism and American culture over the course of the past two hundred years. I have also written a general

history entitled *The American Catholic Experience: A History from Colonial Times to the Present*. Published in 1985 it is regarded as the standard history of American Catholicism. Originally published by Doubleday, it is presently available in paperback from the University of Notre Dame Press. Both of these books as well as others can also be purchased through [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

One of my most recent publications was an essay on [Catholicism in the Midwest](#), entitled “A Different Breed of Catholics.” It appears in a volume on *Religion and Public Life in the Midwest*, (eds.) Philip Barlow and Mark Silk.

At Notre Dame I taught a course on the Irish American experience for more than fifteen years. Using this as a basis I wrote a history of Irish America- *The Irish Americans- A History*. This was published in 2008 by Bloomsbury Press. Be sure to check it out, it promises to be the definitive history of the Irish Americans. The paperback edition of this book will be available in 2010.

I am available for lectures on American Catholic history, past and present, as well as topics related to Irish American history. You may contact me at my e mail address, dolan.1@nd.edu .

Jay Dolan passed on to the Lord on May 7, 2023 in Salem, OR.