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### **Biographical Sketch**

Dr. D. John Romus completed Masters in Theology from Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth (JDV), Pune, and Masters in Philosophy from Madurai-Kamaraj University. He also received a dual Doctorate in Theology from Radbound University Nijmegen, The Netherlands. His doctoral thesis was on “Human Dignity in Indian Secularism and in Christianity.”

He was the former Dean of Theology at Morning Star College, Barrackpore, Kolkata, where he taught Philosophy, Theology and Church History for about 28 years. He has also been Visiting Professor in numerous institutions: Sacred Heart College, Poonamallee, Chennai (1981–1984); Madurai-Kamaraj University, Tamil Nadu (1997 – 2002); and the North India Institute of Post-Graduate Theological Studies (NIIPGTS) at Serampore Theological College, W. Bengal (2007–2016).

Dr. Romus was a member of the National Consultation Team for the Commission on Justice, Peace and Development of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India (2007 – 2010) as well as for its Commission on Dialogue & Ecumenism (2006 – 2012). He was also a member of the Managing Committee of the *Indian Journal of Theology* (2000-2016). He served as a Theological Censor of the Diocesan Enquiry for the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of St. Teresa of Kolkata. At present he is the Co-Editor of the Eighth Revised & Enlarged Edition of the theological resource book, *The Christian Faith in the Doctrinal Documents of the Catholic Church*. He presents research papers to journals on matters of religion, philosophy and culture.

### **Areas of Specialisation and Research**

Systematic Theology, Religious Pluralism and Dialogue, Ecumenism, Catholic Social Teaching (CST); Documents of the Second Vatican Council; Philosophy of Religion, Kantian philosophy, Postmodern philosophy & Hermeneutics, Modern and Contemporary Indian Thought.

## Teaching Experience

1. Professor of Theology and Philosophy at **Morning Star College**, Barrackpore, Kolkata-700121 (28 years: 1981-1986; 1991-2003; 2006-2016).
2. Visiting Professor of Theology and Church History at **Sacred Heart College**, Poonamallee, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (1981-84).
3. Visiting Professor of Value Education at the Post-Graduate Department of Interreligious Relations, Madurai-Kamaraj University, Tamil Nadu (1997-2002).
4. Visiting Professor of Intercultural Theology at **North India Institute of Post-Graduate Theological Studies (NIIPGTS)**, Serampore Theological College, W. Bengal (2007-16)

## Administrative Responsibility

1. Dean of Theology, **Morning Star College**, Barrackpore, Kolkata, (2009-2016)
2. Executive Secretary, West Bengal Bishops' Regional Commission for Interfaith Dialogue and Ecumenism (1993-2003)

## Publications

### Book(s) Authored/Edited

1. (2000) *Mother Teresa: A Paradigm of Divine Compassion*, (D. John Romus), Indian Journal of Theology, Vol. 42, No.1.
2. (2007) *Human Dignity in Indian Secularism and in Christianity: Christianity in Dialogue with Indian Secularism* (D. John Romus), Claretian Publications, Bangalore.
3. (2014) *Inclusive Development: An Indian Theological Response* (D. John Romus et al.) Asian Trading Corporation, Bangalore.
4. (2020) *Local Churches in South Asia And Evangelization* (D. John Romus et al.) Claretian Communications, Chennai.

### Chapter/Article published in Books

1. (2011) "Towards a Political Theology in the Ambit of Indian Secularism", *Indian Secularism: A Theological Response*, (D. John Romus), Edited by A. Kalliath & R. Irudaya, Asian Trading Corporation, Bangalore, pp.1– 31.
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5. (2013) “Indian Constitution”, *ACPI Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, (D. John Romus), Edited by J.J. Puthenpurackal, Asian Trading Corporation, Bangalore, Vol. I, pp. 670-674.
6. (2006) “The Concept of Evangelisation in Contemporary Roman Catholic Thought”, *Evangelization in The Third Millennium*, Third Millennium, Series No.1 (D. John Romus), Edited by George Karotemprel, et al., Deepti Publications, Rajkot, pp. 337–356.
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### Article published in journals

1. (1992) “Christology: Methodology in doing Christology”, *Kristu Jyoti*, (D. John Romus), Vol. 8 (3), pp. 52 – 57.
2. (1995) “Karma and Bhakti Ways of Salvation: Christological Perspective”, *Indian Journal of Theology*, (D. John Romus), Vol.37 (1), pp. 1 – 14.
3. (1998) “A Pastoral Approach to Dialogue in West Bengal”, *Fellowship*, (D. John Romus), Vol.3 (2) pp. 13 – 16.
4. (1998) “Voice of Dialogue at the Synod for Asia”, *Fellowship*, (D. John Romus), Vol.3 (4), pp. 11 – 13.
5. (1998) “Interreligious Dialogue Concern for National Integration”, *Indian Journal of Theology*, (D. John Romus), Vol.40 (1&2), pp. 71 – 83.
6. (2001) “Evangelisation in the Contemporary Roman Catholic Thought”, *Indian Journal of Theology*, Vol.43 (1&2), pp. 8 – 22.
7. (2007) “The Catholic Church in Bengal Region”, *Indian Church History Review*, Vol. XLI (2), pp. 105 – 125.
8. (2008) “Mission Dynamics in Bengal and Chotanagpur Regions”, *Sevartham*, Vol. 33 (1), pp. 37 – 66.
9. (2009) “Prophetic Methods in Catechetics”, *Word & Worship*, Vol. 42 (2), pp. 103–112.
10. (2009) “Church: A Place of Worship”, *Fellowship*, Vol.17 (2) , pp. 8 – 11
11. (2010) “Phenomenology in the Thought of John Paul II: Its Significance to Theology”, *Sevartham*, Vol. 35. Pp. 67 – 84.

12. (2012) “50 Years of Vatican II”, *The New Leader*, Vol.125 (16), pp. 10 –13.
13. (2013) “Faith in Christian Thought”, *The New Leader*, Vol.126 (20), pp. 10–13.
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