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Author, composer, educator, event designer, and liturgical musician, Tom Tomaszek is a sought after presenter for national and regional events and retreats. Tom's experience in teaching, pastoral ministry, and music publishing adds to presentations that are relevant, insightful, and inspiring. Tom is versed in a breadth of topics, and has a particular passion for spirituality, prayer, and worship for all ages. Currently, Tom and his wife, Katherine, direct *The Five Loaves*, a ministry that provides methods, event opportunities, and online resources for spiritual growth and renewal.

Education – Tom's dual degrees in theology and education, and his continuing work and studies in liturgy, music, and spirituality provide a solid background for presentations and conference leadership.

- Master of Theological Studies (1994), St. Francis Seminary Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Master of Science Education (1976), University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Bachelor of Arts (1972), Dominican College Racine, Wisconsin (Teaching Certificate)

Employment – Toms' employment history includes experience in teaching, ministry management, team development, event design and coordination, product ideation, and intergenerational learning.

- Director of Artist Relations & Product Development Oregon Catholic Press (2004-2012)
- Conferences Coordinator/Managing Editor Spirit & Song Oregon Catholic Press (1999-2004)
- Campus Minister Alverno University, Milwaukee, WI (1994-1999)
- Adjunct Faculty Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee WI (1990-1995)
- Adjunct Faculty Center for Ministry Development, Gig Harbor, WA (1990-Present)
- Director of Youth Ministry Archdiocese of Milwaukee, WI (1981-1995)
- Instructor-Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin-Parkside (1976-1977)
- Instructor-Secondary Schools, Unified School District of Racine, WI (1972-1981)

<u>Author/Editor</u> – Tom's writing and editorial skills add depth, insight and consistency to his programs and presentations. Here is a partial list of products he has shaped:

- Editor, Spirit & Song: A Seekers Guide to Liturgy and Prayer (1999) Oregon Catholic Press
- Editor, Choose Christ Contemporary Music Resource (2004) Oregon Catholic Press
- Editor, Spirit & Song, Volume Two (2005) Oregon Catholic Press
- Editor, Never Too Young: Spirit & Song for Young People (2006) Oregon Catholic Press
- Editor, From Age to Age (1997) National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry
- Author, Various Articles, Pastoral Music National Pastoral Musicians (2000-2006)
- Author, Various articles and columns, *Today's Liturgy* Oregon Catholic Press (1998- Present)
- Member, Editorial Board, *Today's Liturgy* Oregon Catholic Press (2004-2012)
- Member, Editorial Board, Breaking Bread/Music Issue Oregon Catholic Press (2004-2012)

<u>Composer/Liturgical Musician</u> – Composer of liturgical music widely used throughout the country and featured in various hymnals and songbooks, Tom continues to write, record, accompany and perform at events and conferences worldwide. Discography includes:

- Abundant Blessing: Songs From the Hillside CD, The Five Loaves (2012)
- Mass of A Joyful Heart (Revised) CD, OCP/Spirit & Song (2012)
- Live It! Compilation CD, OCP/Spirit & Song (2004)
- Pray Your Heart OCP/Spirit & Song/St. Mary's Press (2003)
- World Youth Day 2002 Light of the World/Lumière du Monde Collection (2002)
- Spirit & Song: A Seeker's Guide for Liturgy and Prayer, CDs OCP/Spirit & Song.com (1999)
- Make A Difference CD, OCP/Spirit & Song (1997)
- Multiple compositions in major hymnals and songbooks including: *Breaking Bread, Journey Songs Third Edition, Gather Third Edition, Spirit & Song 1 & 2, Choose Christ, and others.*

<u>Presenter/Event Designer</u> – Since 1981, Tom has lead and designed liturgical and formational conferences, training events, and institutes; presented at national, diocesan, and regional conferences; and facilitated OCP's involvement at major national events including:

- World Youth Days, created and managed major concert events for WYD 2002 in Toronto
- Fashion Me A People Conferences, Keys to Vibrant Worship Conferences (OCP)
- National Pastoral Musicians' Conferences
- National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry Conferences (NCCYM, NCYC)
- National Conference of Catechetical Leaders (NCCL), National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), Catholic Campus Ministers Association (CCMA), and Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) Conferences
- Los Angeles Religious Education Congress
- Hofinger, East Coast, and Northeast Religious Education Conferences
- One Bread/One Cup, We Remember/We Believe, Music and Liturgy Institute (Youth & Liturgy)
- Mid America Ministry Conference, Mid-America Youth University (Region VII)
- Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies, Youth Leader (CMD)

Honors

- Publisher/Author/Artist Award National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (2004)
- Youth Spirit Award Archdiocese of Milwaukee (1995)