

## FULL BIOGRAPHY

Rev Dr Michael O'Sullivan SJ is a Jesuit Priest, Director of SpIRE, the Spirituality Institute for Research and Education in Ireland, and a Research Fellow at the University of the Free State, South Africa. He holds various leadership roles in international associations, societies, or boards to do with the study of spirituality in higher education and the professions.

For example, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the International Network for the Study of Spirituality, formerly known as the British Association for the Study of Spirituality, a founding member of the International Relations Committee of the Society for the Study of Spirituality, and a member of the editorial board of *Spiritus*, the Society's journal.

He has served on the Steering Committee of the Christian Spirituality Study Group of the American Academy of Religion and the Board of Directors of the International Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality, and was Head of Theological Studies at All Hallows College, Dublin City University.

Dr O'Sullivan has degrees in Social Science and Philosophy, and four degrees in theology up to PhD level. His many selected writings, conference presentations, and podcasts are listed on my [LinkedIn Page](#). He also has training and experience in spiritual accompaniment, counselling, and community development.

He worked as a Jesuit missionary priest in Chile during the reign of General Pinochet. For his story in those years go to YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0BB3D6oB3Q> or Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/irishjesuits>. He has also worked in Central America and East Africa.

He lived for thirteen years with Fr Peter McVerry and a few other Jesuits among socio-economically disadvantaged people. They lived in a tower block of flats in Ballymun, Dublin before it was demolished.

He has established himself as a leading figure in the academic field of Christian Spirituality. Through his teaching, writing, public speaking, and administrative service he has inspired colleagues and students not only in Ireland but throughout the world. Tireless in his efforts to build networks of collaboration among people of different nationalities, denominations, and scholarly disciplines, Dr. O'Sullivan is respected for the breadth of knowledge and the depth of his commitment to academic work that makes a positive difference in the lives of people – especially the poor and marginalized.