

**Fr. Mauro Gagliardi** was born on January 31, 1975 in Salerno, Italy and ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Salerno – Campagna – Acerno in 1999. He holds a Doctorate in Theology (2002) from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and a four-year Master’s Degree in Philosophy (2008) from the University of Naples “L’Orientale”, a state university of Italy.

In his diocese of incardination Fr. Gagliardi has held several pastoral positions, such as Parochial Associate, Parochial Administrator, Diocesan Assistant to FUCI (Italian Catholic Federation of University Students), Assistant to the Diocesan Delegation of the Italian Catholic University of Rome, and Secretary of the Diocesan Synod (2004-2007). Immediately after receiving his doctorate, he taught theology in Salerno and Naples, and since 2007 he has resided in Rome where he is Full Professor with tenure (“Ordinario”) at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum and Invited Professor at the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (*Angelicum*).

Fr. Gagliardi has also taught as Visiting Professor in the seminary of Trujillo, Spain for two years, offering intensive courses in between Roman teaching semesters. Since 2001, he has spent his summers in New York City doing pastoral work and theological research. He is also a frequent lecturer both in Italy and Latin America, where he has offered courses in theology and liturgy to the presbyterate of several dioceses and given a large number of lectures.

Pope Benedict XVI appointed Fr. Gagliardi as Consultor to the Office for the Liturgical Celebrations of the Supreme Pontiff (2008-2013) and Consultor to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (2010-2015), and he is frequently consulted by Vatican congregations.

As of July 2018, Fr. Gagliardi has authored eight books and is the editor and co-author of another seven. He has also published 81 articles and 46 book reviews. In addition, he is also the founder and director of “*Teologia Ecclesiale*”, a multi-volume series of theological handbooks published by *Fede & Cultura* (Verona). His latest book, *La Verità è Sintetica* (Cantagalli, Siena 2017), pp. 941, is a comprehensive dogmatic theology for undergraduates and seminarians. It has reached its third reprint edition in less than one year and is currently being translated into English and German, with other translations in the planning.