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AN ECO-SOCIAL PHILOSOPHER & CATHOLIC THEOLOGIAN, Joe addresses the intertwined ecological, societal, and spiritual breakdowns of Modern Western Industrial-Colonial Civilization and Modern Western Psychological-Individualist Spirituality. Correlatively, he promotes the emerging Global Ecological Renaissance. This Renaissance calls for new global eco-humanistic civilization and a new global eco-mystical spirituality and that draws on ancient indigenous eco-spiritual wisdom traditions and takes root in all world religions.

Joe received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in the field of Ethics & Society, which explored praxis-oriented interdisciplinary dialogue among Theology, Philosophy, and Social Science. At Chicago, he studied Theology with David Tracy, Philosophy with Paul Ricoeur, and Social Science with Gibson Winter. While at Chicago, Joe received a Fulbright Scholarship to study Sociology at the Universidad Católica in Santiago, Chile, when the democratic-socialist Salvador Allende was President of that country. There, he studied the newly emerging Latin American Liberation Theology, which became foundational for his future work.

Joe is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy & Religion and Adjunct Professor in the College of Law at Saint Thomas University in Miami Gardens, Florida, where he taught for over 25 years. In addition, he is a Honorary Visiting Professor at the Universidad Nacional del Altiplano in Puno, Peru, and he has served as Adjunct Professor at various theological schools: Maryknoll School of Theology in Ossining, NY; New York Theological Seminary in New York City; Drew University School of Theology in Madison, NJ; and Florida Center for Theological Studies in Miami, FL.

Joe is also President of Pax Romana / Catholic Movement for Intellectual & Cultural Affairs USA and Editor of its *Pacem in Terris* Press, with both based in Washington DC; Co-Founder & board member of the Spirituality & Sustainability Global Network (SSGN), based in the Commonwealth of Virginia; Co-Founder and Vice-Chair of Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice, based in Boston, Massachusetts; and a long-time member of the International Association for Catholic Social Thought, based at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium. Further, he served for many years as an adviser to the National Office of Black Catholics, as well as the Pax Romana NGO “on the roster” representative to the United Nations at its international headquarters in New York City.

After studies at the University of Chicago, Joe served for 13 years as a Research Associate at the Center of Concern in Washington DC. The International Jesuit Order and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops jointly created the Center to work with the United Nations on

major global issues. While at the Center, he was Research Coordinator for the 1976 Theology in the Americas Conference. He also co-founded the National Conference on Religion & Labor with Msgr. George Higgins of the United States Catholic Conference, Allan Kistler of the AFL-CIO, and Les Schmidt of the Glenmary Fathers and Brothers. In addition, he founded the American Catholic Lay Network (ACLN), initially as a Center of Concern project and later as a stand-alone organization in Washington DC, where he remained its Executive Director for several years.

During that time, the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers Eastern Province also invited Joe to serve as founding Executive Director of the Pallottine Institute for Lay Leadership & Research (PIL-LAR) at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. As partner organizations, ACLN and PIL-LAR, and in cooperation with the National Association for Lay Ministry, brought 250 Catholic lay leaders from across the world to Rome to pray for and learn from the 1987 Bishops Synod on the Laity.

In the United States, Joe has lectured at Georgetown, Harvard, Notre Dame, Princeton, and many other universities. Internationally, he has lectured at Institut Catholique in Paris, France; Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan; the Pontifical Catholic University in São Paulo, Brazil; the Pontifical Catholic University in Porto Alegre, Brazil; the Universidad Mayor de San Andres in La Paz, Bolivia; and the Universidad Nacional del Altiplano in Puno, Peru.

Always a scholar and writer, Joe has published 19 books and numerous articles. His best-known book, with contributions from Peter Henriot SJ, is *Social Analysis: Linking Faith & Justice* (1980 & 1983), and it has approximately 50,000 copies in print for its 2 US editions, plus 5 foreign-language editions, and 2 foreign English editions. His most important scholarly book is *Modern Catholic Social Teaching: The Popes Confront the Industrial Age 1740-1958* (2003).

Two of his more recent books are *Postmodern Ecological Spirituality* (2017) and *Roman Catholic Clericalism* (2018). He also ghost-wrote two influential US Catholic documents: *This Land Is Home to Me: A Pastoral Letter on Powerlessness in Appalachia* (1975), issued by the 25 Catholic bishops of the Appalachian Region; and *At Home in the Web of Life: A Pastoral Message on Sustainable Communities* (1995), a 20th-anniversary sequel again from the Catholic bishops of the Appalachian Region. Presently, he is working on a new book titled *Ecological Failure of Modern Western Philosophy in the Anthropocene*.

In 1986, Joe received the Boston Paulist Center's Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice; in 2002, the *Atena Medalla de Excelencia* from the Universidad Nacional del Altiplano in Puno, Peru; in 2012, the *Premio Federico II per La Pace* in Milan, Italy; in 2013, the Irish Echo's Labor Award for contribution to the US labor movement; and in 2021, the first annual Thomas Berry Award from the Thomas Berry Institute for Ecumenical Dialogue at Iona College in New Rochelle, New York.

Joe is married to Francisca "Paquita" Biascoechea-Martinez Holland, a native of Puerto Rico. They have two wonderful grown children and four wonderful and growing young grandchildren. His and Paquita's too-infrequent hobby is sailing, especially in the warm green waters of the Caribbean Sea.