

Allan F. Wright

Allan F. Wright is a lifelong NJ resident who lives with his wife Desiree and their four children in Basking Ridge, NJ. He has been involved in education for over thirty years as a high school teacher, school principal, academic dean for evangelization, and he is an adjunct professor for the Catholic Studies Department Seton Hall University and has been an adjunct professor at Immaculate Conception Seminary. A popular national and international speaker, Allan has appeared on Fox News and is a frequent guest on Relevant Radio. He is the author of twenty books and more information can be found at www.allanwright.org

In the beginning...

After receiving my MA in Sacred Scripture in 1997, a few people suggested I go for a doctorate degree. The cost was too expensive on a Catholic School teacher's salary and the closest Catholic doctoral program was at Fordham which was out of state.

How about writing?

As a high school theology teacher, you have to be entertaining and as the ecumenical youth outreach YOUNG LIFE taught me, 'it's a sin to bore people with the Gospel.' I thought I would see if I could find a topic that was relevant yet rarely written about.

Silent Witnesses in the Gospels

Many of the Gospel stories I told and tried to make 'come alive' involved characters who were active in the story but did not say a word and often we don't know their names. I decided to investigate how many of those characters there were and if I could put something together that would be worth reading.

Servant Publications said yes!

I sent in three sample chapters with three stories detailing characters in the Gospels who made a difference without saying a word to many Catholic book-publishing companies and received many polite responses which ended in, "no thank you." Except Servant Publications-they asked for more details and 40,000 words and it was a go! I was going to be published.

From Writing to Speaking

The following books, Jesus the Evangelist, The Bible's Best Love Stories, and Jesus in the House (which was awarded the First Place Award in the Family Life Category in the USA and Canada from the CPA) opened doors for me to speak and share the insights I gathered in writing the books and to share the Good News. I find the most joy is speaking and teaching.

I'm Still Out There Speaking.

Although I've changed careers a few times since my first book came out I've always been fortunate to be able to speak at various events and gatherings. I have spoken across the country and was invited to spend ten days in Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day speaking in the city for the International Center for Evangelization. I have been on Relevant Radio over 40 times and many other media outlets. I have also written over 100 book reviews for the Catholic News Service. In addition to retreats and parishes, I have spoken at Seton Hall University, Texas A&M, Rutgers University, Kean University, Texas Tech, St. Peter's Jersey City, for FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and SPO (St. Paul's Outreach) and presented at SPO's School of the New Evangelization in Minnesota. Bishop David Ricken invited me to present in Green Bay, WI at his Evangelization Conference.

Formal Education

1997 M.A. Theology, Biblical Studies, (Honors) Immaculate Conception Seminary, School of Theology at Seton Hall University, South Orange N.J. Received Pope John Paul II Medal for Academic Excellence -Highest GPA

1986 B.A. Religious Studies, (Honors)

1995 Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Advanced Theological Studies Jerusalem, Israel, June-July

Awards & Appointments

2022 Named Executive Director of the New Jersey Family Policy Center

2021 Induction into Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society

2017 Named theological consultant for MEDIAPLACE, a Long Island-based company that produced the series 'Mysteries the Church' for the Diocese of Brooklyn, NY.

2016 Appointed as Co-Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Paterson

2015 Seton Hall University "Many Are One" Servant Leadership Award

2010 Appointed diocesan representative to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Evangelization Gatherings.

2010 Appointed Head of the Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis by Bishop Serratelli

2008 Catholic Press Association of USA and Canada 1st Place Award for my book, "Jesus in the House" Family Life Category

2000-2001 *Teacher of the Year Award* winner, Archdiocese of Newark

2000 Consecrated member of Missionary Cenacle Apostolate

1997 Received the Pope John Paul II Medal for Academic Excellence for acquiring the highest GPA in the School of Theology.

1997 Certificate of outstanding service to secondary education from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

1995 Appointment to the Commission for Interreligious Affairs in the Archdiocese of Newark - I served for 15 years on the Commission.

1993 Awarded Outstanding Teacher Award by Governor Thomas Kean at Ramapo College.

1986 Awarded the Religious Studies Medal for Academic Achievement in the field of Religious Studies from Seton Hall University.

1985 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rothberg School for Overseas Students Certificate for participation in the Department of Special Academic Programs.

This is why I serve the families of New Jersey

There is a good chance we have never met before, but we have been in this battle together for a long time. Allow me to more properly introduce myself. My name is Allan Wright, and I am excited to serve as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Family Policy Center. Many of you personally know our founder and President Emeritus Len Deo. Many others know our Director of Advocacy Shawn Hyland. I believe in the months and years to come; you and I will become more acquainted as you know my heart and passion to serve the families of New Jersey.

You might be asking - what's my story?

I am a lifelong New Jersey resident. My wife Desiree and our four children live in Basking Ridge. I have been involved in education for over thirty years as a high school teacher, school principal, academic dean for evangelization, and as an adjunct professor for the Catholic Studies Department at Seton Hall University, and as an adjunct professor at Immaculate Conception Seminary. My love for writing and teaching others has inspired me to author twenty books.

I care deeply about public and private education, protecting the image of God in the womb, and the spiritual development of God's people through discipleship. My personal relationship with Christ started during my teen years through the ministry of Young Life. That is why I am driven each day to protect the hearts and minds of our school-aged children in New Jersey. The formative years of a person's soul and intellect are between grades K-12. Therefore, the deception of radical gender ideology and the indoctrination of government mandated sexual ethics is a conflict of truth versus falsehood. I am ready to have that conversation with state legislators and education stakeholders throughout our state.

Serving the families of New Jersey,
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Our Vision

At New Jersey Family Policy Center, our vision is a state – and a nation – where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive and life is cherished.

We are a Christ-centered organization, and part of a vibrant national alliance of 40 pro-family state groups across the nation.

We believe God's timeless design for the family is the strongest foundation for a free society. We equip and motivate New Jerseyans to cast their ballots and raise their voices in support of pro-family candidates and policies.

We believe human life is sacred. We're all created in the image of God, so we respect and protect life, including preborn babies, the elderly and every other condition of the human experience through natural death.

We believe the Founding Fathers got it right when they guaranteed the "free exercise of religion." We protect the freedom of individuals, churches and businesses to speak and act according to their faith.