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Biography: Prof. Fáinche Ryan, Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin

Fáinche Ryan is lecturer in theology at the Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin where she was Director from 2016 – 2020. She was elected Fellow of Trinity College Dublin in 2019. She completed her doctorate at the Pontifical University of Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), Rome. This was published as *Formation in Holiness. Thomas Aquinas on Sacra doctrina* (Peeters, 2007). Fáinche was President of the Irish Theological Association from 2010 to 2016 and is presently President of the Irish Branch of the European Society for Catholic Theology.

In 2019 she published “2016 On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine” in *The Church in Pluralist Society: Social and Political Roles*, (Notre Dame University Press), a volume which she edited with Dr Cornelius Casey. Dr Ryan’s current research focuses on the virtue of truth telling, in the context of a so-called 'post-truth' era. Recent publications include “Truth Matters: Living in Dangerous Times - Aquinas on the Virtue of Truth-Telling” ([European Journal for the Study of Thomas Aquinas](#)) and “On Restoring the Centrality of *Prudentia* (*Phronēsis*) for Living Well: Pathways and Contemporary Relevance” *Religions* 2021

Since joining the staff at Trinity her research interests have expanded to include an interest in the theology of the early Irish church, in particular of the Book of Kells. With colleagues she developed a four-week online course, “[The Book of Kells: Exploring an Irish Medieval Masterpiece](#)”.