

People who keep alive Stanley L. Jaki works

A number of old and new friends of Father Stanley Jaki is operating to keep alive his memory, and to keep in print his works.

The effort does not have much structure, but it is rather based on a network of friendships. People mentioned below help actively to promote in various ways the knowledge of the works of Father Jaki. Here we mention only a few of them, but the list is far from complete.

Dennis J. Musk — Real View Books

The publishing house Real View Books, founded by Father Jaki, has also been given by Father Jaki the right on all his publications.

The publishing house has been publishing a number of books that were “ready for print” at the time of Father Jaki’s death or that he wished to publish, some more books, and reprints his book as needed.

The soul of Real View Books is **Dennis J. Musk**, shown here with his wife **Mary-Frances**. They are part of a [Dominican Third Order Community](#), based in New Hope, Kentucky.

The Real View Books site can be found [here](#). More than a hundred works of Father Jaki can be bought from the site.



Father Rafael Pascual — Science and Faith Institute at the Pontifical Athenaeum *Regina Apostolorum*

Father **Rafael Pascual**, formerly Director of the [Science and Faith Institute at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum](#),

invited Father Jaki since 2003 to teach at the Master in Science and Faith. The talks Father Jaki gave there originated some of his books, included his last one, finished just weeks before his death in 2009. Father Rafael has done more than any other friend of Father Jaki to promote his work, publishing the translation into Italian of several works, and organizing

several Meetings and Courses in Rome, Madrid and Mexico City, (see the page [Events](#) on this site).

Father Rafael Pascual is also the author of several publications.

An interview he gave to the [Stanley Jaki Society](#) can be found [here](#).

His *Curriculum vitae* is available [here](#).



András Toth — President of the Jaki Society

András Toth, Associate Professor, Deputy President of the Hungarian Competition Authority, President of the [Hungarian] Competition Council, is the Chairman of the [Jaki Society](#), founded in 2024. A cooperation agreement between the Benedictine Archabbey of Pannonhalma and the Hungarian Diplomatic Academy established the Stanley Jaki Society. The Society supports and promotes theological and philosophical research on artificial intelligence. The Society is named after the Templeton Award-winning Benedictine monk [Father Stanley Jaki] who was born in Hungary in 1924. The Jaki Society, in collaboration with other institutions, organized events in Hungary in 2024 and 2025, and promoted and attended other important cultural events. For further details, see their site. The site is in Hungarian, but for most of the pages an English version is available.



Father Paul Haffner — Biographer — Stanley Jaki Foundation — Congresses

The first [biographer](#) of Stanley Jaki, Father [Paul Haffner](#), a lecturer at the [Pontifical Gregorian University](#), set up and is the President of the Stanley Jaki Foundation. The Internet site of the Stanley Jaki Foundation is [here](#).

Its Constitution can be seen [here](#).

From the Article 9 of the Constitution:

“The main public activities of the Foundation shall be the Congresses which will be organized with due notice from time to time, with the publication of acts of the Congresses. The aim of a Congress is to study and present the various aspects and facets of Fr. Jaki’s work, and its impact on the Church and the world. Other initiatives of the Foundation include the promotion of the study of Fr. Jaki’s works, the continued publication of these works, and their translation into various languages.”

The Jaki Foundation was between the promoters of several events about Stanley Jaki, in Rome and in the USA (see the section [Events](#) on this site). Father Paul Haffner is also the author of several publications. For more details, see his [home page](#).



Father Haffner comes from a family of noble ancestry. The Haffner coat-of arms was awarded to the family in the year 1632 by the Emperor Ferdinand II of Austria for service to the Catholic Church during the Thirty Years War. In the family there is also a Symphony and a Serenade composed and dedicated to them by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote a poem about another of his ancestors, the Baron de St. Castin.

The treasurer of the Foundation is [Fr. Joseph Laracy](#).

The secretary of the Foundation is Antonio Colombo. The Stanley Jaki Foundation is an open venture. Interested people are welcome to join. Please contact Father Paul Haffner ([haffner at unigre dot it](mailto:haffner@unigre.it)), or Antonio Colombo ([azc100 at gmail dot com](mailto:azc100@gmail.com)).

The Stanley Brigade

An informal group of friends of Father Jaki is known as the Stanley Brigade.

The reason of being of the group, as stated at the funeral of Father Jaki (Pannonhalma, 29 April 2009) is:

“Father Jaki loved to quote the statement of Saint Paul about the ‘reasonable worship’ we should offer to the Lord.

His life has been an example of this ‘reasonable worship’.

Together with other friends, we will try to keep alive the memory of his life and of his works.”



The group is open to everyone interested. In order to participate, just send an email to:

azc100 at gmail dot com

or to: *stanley dot brigade at gmail dot com*.

The original "nucleus" of the Stanley Brigade is shown in this picture taken in November 2008 at the Trevi Fountain in Rome, few months before the death of Father Jaki.

From left to right, Lucía Guerra Menéndez, Father Jaki, Antonio Colombo and Beniamino Danese.

Lucía Guerra Menéndez, from Madrid, Spain, a PhD in Pharmacy, is a physiology teacher at the San Pablo CEU University in Madrid. Father Jaki was a personal friend of her whole family. She has been collaborating in various ways with Father Jaki, including co-authoring with him a paper: “Pragmatism Then and Now: From Tacit Amoralism to Public Immorality”, invited lecture given at the Metanexus Conference, Madrid, July 14, 2008. She organized a number of events about Father Jaki in Madrid and Rome (see the page [Events](#) on this site).

Antonio Colombo, a now retired Software Engineer in Varese, Italy, proofread for Father Jaki since the year 2000, and translated a number of his works into Italian. He is managing this site, and collaborates with the Real View Books, the Fede & Cultura, and the Ateneo Pontificio *Regina Apostolorum* publishing houses. He participated in a number of events about Father Jaki.

An interview Antonio Colombo gave to the [Stanley Jaki Society](#) can be found [here](#).

Beniamino Danese, a PhD in Physics, from Verona, Italy, translated into Italian the philosophical work of Father Jaki: [Means to Message: A Treatise on Truth](#) and organized his talks in Verona and Trento. He participated in a number of events about Father Jaki. The three people shown with Father Jaki in this picture were also present at his deathbed in Madrid, on 7 April 2009. The only other person present was **Becky Mayhew**, from Bowling Green (KY), also a friend of Father Jaki.

A few other people belonging to the Stanley Brigade are shown below, grouped by country.

Italy

Giovanni Zenone, a publisher in Verona, a personal friend of Father Jaki, published the Italian translation of several of his works.

This is the site of his publishing house, [Fede & Cultura](#).

His personal site can be found [here](#).

Giovanni also started a publishing house in the USA, [Condolin Press](#).

Giovanni opened a bookstore in Verona, the **Libreria Fede & Cultura** and is helped in his apostolate by his wife **Camilla**.



Alessandro Giostra, a philosophy teacher in Pagliara del Tronto, Italy, translated some of his book, wrote several essays and reviews about Father Jaki, and gave talks about his works. Alessandro also deals in his research with Galileo and his times. He wrote the book [Stanley Jaki: Science and Faith in a Realist Perspective](#) (Rome: Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum; Rome: IF Press, 2019) Some of his essays and reviews about Stanley Jaki are available on this site (see the pages [Essays](#) and [Reviews](#) on this site).



Spain

Julio A. Gonzalo, a university professor of physics in Madrid, is an old friend of Father Jaki. He helped translate and publish some of his works in Spanish, and collaborated and participated in a number of events commemorating Father Jaki. He is the author of several publications. Some more details about him can be found [here](#).



France

Jacques Vauthier, a mathematician in Paris, is an old friend of Father Jaki. He collaborated with him and translated some of his works into French. He participated in a number of events commemorating Father Jaki. He is the author of several publications. Some more details about him (in French) can be found [here](#).



United Kingdom

John Beaumont, a lawyer by training, based in Leeds, UK, has been the main collaborator of Father Jaki in the last years of his life. He helped a lot Father Jaki for his activities in the United Kingdom, and participated to a number of events commemorating Father Jaki. John is also the training force in the preparation of the special issue of Saint Austin Review (StAR) dedicated to Father Jaki.

John is a convert to Catholicism, and Father Jaki gently hinted him to collect and publish information about people who converted to Catholicism.

After publishing a few booklets with Real View Books:

[Converts to Rome](#),

[Converts From Britain and Ireland in the 19th Century](#),

[Jewish Converts](#),

John produced two monumental books, devoted to English converts:

[Roads to Rome: A Guide to Notable Converts from Britain and Ireland from the Reformation to the Present Day](#)

...to American converts:

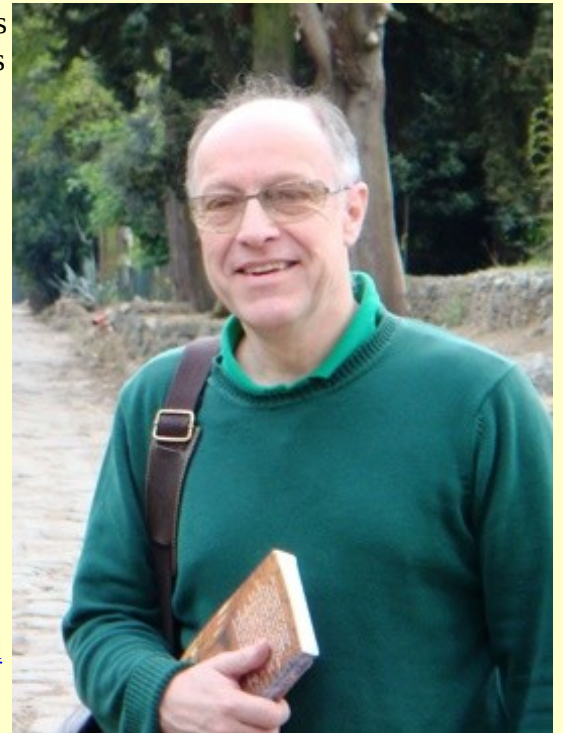
[The Mississippi Flows Into the Tiber: A Guide to Notable American Converts to the Catholic Church](#).

...a third book, that deals with Catholic Converts through the ages:

[The House With a Hundred Gates: Catholic Converts Through the Ages](#).

...and a fourth book, that deals with the reason to become a Catholic (a sort of short compendium of Apologetics):

[Why Be Catholic? Witnesses to the Truth](#).



Croatia

Hrvoje Relia, is a Croatian theologian and priest. His dissertation thesis has been about Father Jaki:

[Il realismo di S.L. Jaki: Dalla convinzione religiosa tramite il realismo moderato e la creatività scientifica fino al realismo metodico.](#)

Hrvoje participated to a number of events commemorating Father Jaki.

“Gesù Cristo il Filosofo”, an article in Italian he wrote for *Alpha Omega*, can be found [here](#).

Hrvoje also published a book of the same title, based on that article.



United States of America

Stacy Trasancos lives in the USA. A chemical engineer by training, she got a degree in theology, with a thesis about Father Jaki and the birth of Science. Her site is [here](#).

Her thesis [Science was Born of Christianity — The Teaching of Fr. Stanley L. Jaki](#) is available in print.

She also wrote a second book about "science and us" titled [Particles of Faith — A Catholic Guide to Navigating Science](#). Dr. Trasancos spoke of this book during a *Subjects Matters* broadcast on December 9, 2016. The trasmission can be seen [here](#).



She writes in the Internet for Catholic sites. Some of her essays about Stanley Jaki can be found in the About/Essays section of this site.

Dr. Trasancos was asked about her conversion to Catholicism by Marcus Grodi, in *The Journey Home* broadcast, on October 14, 2019. She mentioned Father Jaki's name as well. The transmission can be seen [here](#).

Francis Manion (an old friend of Father Jaki), here with his wife, has been in charge of the Stanley Jaki estate, and of the legal part of [Real View Books](#) publishing house. He is active in the Catholics United for Life organization.

He kept all the necessary contacts when Father Jaki was sick in Madrid, and afterwards with all the interested parties (mainly the Benedictines, both in the USA and in Hungary).



Peter Floriani lives in the USA. An informatician by training and an ardent [Chestertonian](#), he helped Father Jaki with his PC, carefully scanned a number of his books of which no electronic text was available. He helped the preparation of the September 2009 issue of the [Gilbert Magazine](#) devoted to Father Jaki. It is also thanks to him that the new edition of *Science and Creation* came out in 2016. He is also the author of several books, including [A Scholium to S. L. Jaki's SCIENCE AND CREATION](#).



Father Joseph R. Laracy is a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark and assistant professor of systematic theology at [Seton Hall University](#). He also teaches in the [Department of Mathematics and Computer Science](#), the [Program in Catholic Studies](#), the [Core Curriculum](#), and the [University Honors Program](#). He earned his doctorate from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, his master's degree from MIT, and his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Along with Father Haffner, he is the editor of the [Acts of the 2015 Jaki Congress](#). Father Laracy is also the author of [Theology and Science in the Thought of Ian Barbour: A Thomistic Evaluation for the Catholic Doctrine of Creation](#) (Peter Lang, 2021). Father Laracy served as the Chairman of the Program Committee of the 2024 Stanley Jaki Conference at Seton Hall University NJ, USA (see the page [Events](#) on this site). Father Joseph Laracy is one of the founders of the [Stanley Jaki Academy for Theology and Science](#).



Russia

Ivan Lupandin, in Russia, translated some works of Father Jaki into Russian. Some of them are available online:

- [Spasitel nauki](#). Russian translation by I. Lupandin of:
 - *The Savior of Science*. With a preface by the translator.
- [Angely, obezyany i lyudi](#). Russian translation by I. Lupandin of:
 - *Angels, Apes and Men*. With a preface by the translator.
- [Tsel' vsego sushchestvuyushchego](#). Russian translation by I. Lupandin of:
 - *The Purpose of It All*.
- [Znachenie fiziki](#). Russian translation by I. Lupandin of the first 5 Chapters of:
 - *The Relevance of Physics*.



Australia



John Long is a lecturer in physics and engineering at Deakin University in Australia, a post he has held for over 25 years. He trained in physics, philosophy, and materials science at the University of Michigan (Flint) in the USA, graduating in 1987. Subsequently he obtained a doctorate in physics from Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. He is a member of [ISCAST Australia](#), and the [Society of Catholic Scientists](#). He wrote several essays and gave talks about Father Stanley L. Jaki (see the pages [Essays](#) and [Articles](#) on this site).

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