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- 2004-2005: *Catecheses Mystagogicae*: The Liturgical and Sacrament Life of the Catholic Church
- 2005-2006: Catholic Lectures: The Evangelization of Modern Culture and the Social Teachings of Catholic Church)
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- 07.05.2004: "Cardinal John Henri Newman and the Idea of a University. An Argument for the Culture of XXI Century," Lecture at the Conference "The Christianity in XXI Century" organized by Theological Catholic Institute (Oradea, Romania)
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