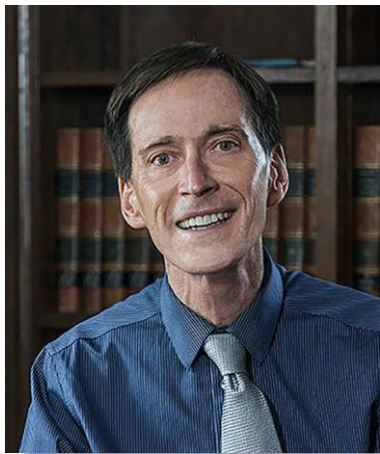


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Beyond theology, Lennan's interests are movies, politics, modern history, and trying to get fit (or less unfit) by running. On weekends, he assists with the liturgy in Sacred Heart parish in North Quincy, Massachusetts.