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PROFILE

Catholic ministry leader with 27 years in parish, campus and archdiocesan ministry and a doctorate in organizational leadership. I lead by setting a clear vision, developing the staff, leaders and volunteers who carry it out, and stewarding the budgets that keep ministry going, so that adults grow in faith, the sick and grieving are cared for, and families are prepared for the sacraments.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **16,000+ Ministers of Care visits a year** at St. Patrick Catholic Community, doubled from about 8,000
- **800+ couples a year** through marriage preparation at the Archdiocese of Hartford, during COVID
- **133 parishes** in Connecticut whose facilitators I trained
- **Theology of AI**, my seminal work, presented at St. Patrick Catholic Community (youtu.be/doma6gmkAts)

LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION

- **Transformational leadership:** organized St. Patrick's adult formation as a four-stage path from pre-evangelization to mystagogia; member of the parish Leadership Team
- **Pastoral associate:** ran Saint Bridget's day-to-day functions, led liturgy with 200+ liturgical ministers, and handled marriage and funeral preparation
- **Budget & stewardship:** maintain the budget for every St. Patrick ministry; created and maintained the Archdiocese of Hartford Office of Family Life budget; planned the youth ministry budget
- **Leadership development & staff:** hired staff at Hartford and Saint Bridget; wrote facilitator training manuals for five ministry areas; train ministry leaders and the Stephen Ministry Core Team
- **Volunteer development:** recruit, train and onboard every Minister of Care and Stephen Minister (50 hours of training), plus Alpha and OCIA facilitators and sponsors
- **Safe environment:** ensure every minister and volunteer is Safe Environment compliant and follows hospital policies; trained in QPR suicide prevention

EXPERIENCE

Director of Adult Faith Formation, Evangelization & Pastoral Care

Sep 2022 – present

St. Patrick Catholic Community · Scottsdale, AZ

- Lead the parish's adult ministries across leadership and administration, adult faith formation and evangelization, pastoral care, and sacramental preparation
- Grew Ministers of Care from about 8,000 to more than 16,000 visits a year at Shea and Thompson Peak hospitals, care facilities and homes
- Oversee Alpha, OCIA, adult Confirmation, infant Baptism, Bible studies, That Man Is You, Walking with Purpose, Divorce and Beyond, retreats, and Advent and Lenten missions
- Lead Stephen Ministry and NAMI; chair the Fall Festival; run Worklight and Young Family Nights

Director of Religious Education

Mar 2021 – Aug 2022

Corpus Christi Catholic Church · Phoenix, AZ

- Built the adult curriculum: Church history, Bible studies on Genesis–Exodus and Matthew, Alpha, Discovering Christ and Lord, Teach Me to Pray
- Created and maintained the K–5 curriculum (Alive in Christ, Family Formation) and trained adult and K–5 facilitators

Director of Family Life
Apr 2019 – Mar 2021

Archdiocese of Hartford · Bloomfield, CT

Parish leadership

- Led the Office of Family Life for parishes across Connecticut through the COVID-19 pandemic
- Ran marriage preparation conferences for more than 800 couples a year and trained facilitators for 133+ parishes

Initiatives

- Marriage preparation: Better Together, Perspectives on Marriage, A Marriage in the Lord, Fully Engaged, El Amor Nuestro, Engaged Encounter and FOCCUS
- Marriage enrichment, Marriage Encounter and Retrouvaille; New Day bereavement, Divorce and Beyond, NFP, EnCourage and Courage, and infertility support

Development

- Wrote facilitator training manuals for marriage preparation, enrichment, infertility support, bereavement, and divorced and separated ministry
- Hired the office staff and created and maintained the office budget

Pastoral Associate; Director of Family Life, Liturgy & Sacraments
Mar 2015 – Apr 2016

Saint Bridget Catholic Church · Phoenix, AZ

- Ran the parish's day-to-day functions and hired church staff
- Head of liturgy: organized and scheduled more than 200 liturgical ministers, including ministers to the homebound
- Led adult faith formation, RCIA, men's spiritual formation, and marriage and funeral preparation

Administrative Assistant of Communications
Jul 2014 – Mar 2015

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church · Avondale, AZ

- Ran the website, weekly bulletin and print marketing; communicated leadership's direction to staff and parishioners

Director of Family Ministries
Jan 2013 – Jul 2014

Saint Luke Catholic Church · Phoenix, AZ

- Organized parish family events, led men's spiritual formation and liturgy, and served on the adult ministry team

Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry
Jul 2003 – Jun 2014

Saint Bernadette · Our Lady of the Valley / Saint Raphael · Saint Luke · Phoenix, AZ

- Developed the 6th–12th grade curriculum, ran every youth program and led the Saint Bernadette Confirmation program
- Recruited and developed volunteers, started LIFE TEEN clubs in local high schools, and planned the youth ministry budget
- Made sure every volunteer completed Called to Protect safe environment training

Campus Minister
Jul 2008 – Jun 2012

Arizona State University, West Campus · Phoenix, AZ

- Organized Sunday liturgy, formed liturgical ministers, coordinated RCIA and provided pastoral care to students

Earlier ministry

7th Grade Religion Teacher, St. Stevens Parish, Miami, FL — 2000 – 2001

7th Grade Religion Teacher, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Louis, MO — 1999 – 2000

Missionary, Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya — 1998

SKILLS

- **Technology:** Google Workspace (Gmail, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drive, Calendar); Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook); Adobe Master Collection; Canva; artificial intelligence tools and the theology of AI; website development and upkeep; bulletin and print layout
- **Communications:** public speaking and presenting; writing and curriculum design; weekly bulletin; print marketing; social media; event promotion; communicating leadership's direction to staff and parishioners
- **Ministry & leadership:** budgeting and stewardship; hiring and team building; volunteer recruitment and training; facilitator training; program and curriculum development; liturgy and event planning; Safe Environment compliance

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), Organizational Leadership, emphasis in Christian Ministry · Grand Canyon University 2019

Master of Arts, Christian Studies, emphasis in Christian Leadership · Grand Canyon University 2015

Certificate of Pre-Theology, Saint John Vianney College Seminary, Miami, FL 2002

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO 2000

Certificate of Achievement, Cardinal Glennon College Program · Kenrick-Glennon Seminary 2000

CERTIFICATIONS

Nullity Minister Certificate, Nullity Minister Training · Diocese of Phoenix 2026

Stephen Leader Training, Bridge Stephen Leader's Training Course · Stephen Ministries 2023

QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper, QPR Institute 2021

Marriage Preparation Certification, Covenant of Love · Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix 2015

FOCCUS Facilitator Training, 4th edition · FOCCUS, Inc. USA 2015

Advanced Training Certificate in Catechetical Ministry, Diocese of Phoenix 2006