



2026 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM DIRECTORY

Mentor Bios & Cohort Action Plans

*Discover the gift that only you can give.
Because of the gift that you are.*

"LET US PRAY THAT WE WOMEN REALIZE THE REASON
FOR OUR EXISTENCE: **TO LOVE AND BE LOVED** AND
THROUGH THIS LOVE BECOME INSTRUMENTS OF
PEACE IN THE WORLD."

-ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA



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INTRODUCTION



Dear 2026 Leadership Program Cohort,

We are delighted that you have chosen to take this next step in your faith journey and growth as a Catholic woman leader. At the GIVEN Institute, we believe that Catholic women leaders are *“those disciples of Jesus Christ who, receptive to the grace of God the Father and boldly responding to the Holy Spirit, become fruitful for the Kingdom through lives of prayer, virtue, and generous self-gift in service of others.”*

The following pages introduce the remarkable women who have answered the call to serve as GIVEN Mentors. Through their experience, wisdom, and encouragement, they will accompany you as you continue to discern God's call and develop your gifts for leadership and service.

HOW TO USE THIS DIRECTORY

After the Forum, you will be invited to submit up to three mentor preferences. You may choose from the women featured in this directory or from mentors you meet at the Forum. In addition, some trained mentors who were unable to attend this year's Forum continue to serve in the program and are identified with an asterisk (*) next to their name.

Each mentor profile is organized according to their GIVEN Specialty and includes a brief bio, their location, and their favorite saints or prayer devotions. You will also find a section featuring the initial 2026 Action Plans titles and summaries, as well as the Forum Small Groups.

We hope this directory is a helpful resource as you prayerfully discern your mentor preferences. While specific pairings cannot be guaranteed, your requests will be thoughtfully considered.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.



MENTOR SPECIALTY

CHURCH & MINISTRY



KATHLEEN ABELA

GREAT FALLS, VA

Kathleen Abela is a wife, mother, and grandmother. In addition to filling these roles, she serves as a curriculum developer for the Grow Virtue app and a co-author of the Superhabit Substack. This past year she helped launch a women's group at her parish where she coordinates its communication and calendar, while leading a monthly moms' meetup. She loves cooking, reading, and all forms of physical activity, especially Pilates, pickleball, and hiking. Kathleen has a BA in Liberal Arts from Thomas Aquinas College and an MA in Theology from the Augustine Institute.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Holy Hour, Daily Mass, St. Teresa of Avila.



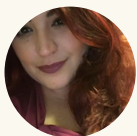
SR. DELPHINE APINJOH, SSA

EBENSBURG, PA

Sr. Delphine Apinjah is a Religious of the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Ann, a missionary Congregation founded in Turin in 1834 by a lay couple, Carlo Tancredi and Gulia of Barolo. She is originally from Cameroon, Africa and has been a missionary in the USA since 2013. As a sister of Saint Ann, she radiates joy, love, and is an instrument of God's providence and merciful love to the little ones and the poor, especially the youth wherever Divine Providence places her. She made her first profession on July 26th, 2003, therefore in the 23rd year of her Consecrated life. It has been God, it is God and it will always be God. There is joy in serving God and his people. She studied Philosophy and Theology during her formative and post formative years. She has a Bachelor's degree in Biology, and Masters degrees in Education and Management. With decades of inspiring, rich and challenging experiences as Principal, teacher, coach, chaplain, campus and youth ministry in parishes, and schools both nationally and internationally, she brings diverse skills and experiences to share and journey with the young ladies to help them discover their gifts and talents, as well as their authentic personal vocation. Sr. Delphine enjoys music and loves to sing. She has a passion for the youth. She currently resides in Ebensburg Pennsylvania. She serves as the Director of Youth Ministry and the Director of Religious Education at St. Benedict Church Johnstown, where she finds joy and fulfillment in helping the young generation know and love God and build a relationship with Him so that they can grow and deepen their faith in God, become like Him (disciples), and to share Him with others.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Maria Goretti, St. Josephine Bakhita, St. John Paul II, St. John Bosco, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary, Sacred Heart Devotions/ Novena, Novena to our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady Un-doer of Knots, St. Ann



JESSICA BARBEIRO

SWANSEA, MA

Jessica (Jess) Barbeiro is a healthcare leader with over 25 years of nursing and healthcare administration experience spanning clinical care, compliance, health equity, quality, education, and leadership. Known for developing practical training programs and effective teams, she brings a collaborative and solutions-oriented approach to mentoring. Jess continues her theological formation through formal studies and diocesan training, grounding her mentoring in Scripture, the Catechism, and discernment. Her style is direct, supportive, and rooted in helping women identify barriers, make faithful decisions, and align their lives with their responsibilities at home, work, and ministry. An active parish lector and member of multiple committees, Jess is passionate about helping women and families grow in discipleship and strengthen family life. Through her daily Saint and Gospel reflections and leadership writing on LinkedIn, she encourages others to lead from a foundation of sacramental life and discernment.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Padre Pio, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. John the Baptist, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Litany of Trust, and Rosary



DOROTHY BIRKENMEIER

ROCKFORD, MI

Dorothy E. Birkenmeier, is a wife and Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) licensed in Texas and Wisconsin. Her professional path is defined by a deep care for the human person, having transitioned from a background in youth ministry to clinical mental health. Prior to her counseling career, she served as a lay missionary with the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLI), an experience that rooted her work in a framework of mission and Marian discipleship. As a mentor, Dorothy specializes in helping young women navigate work-life balance, leadership, and the "self-starting" discipline required to launch new initiatives. She is particularly gifted at helping others integrate a consistent prayer life with their professional ambitions. A self-described "Catholic nerd," she brings a joyful energy to her mentorship, drawing inspiration from the lives of the Saints and even the archetypes of Superheroes. Her own spiritual life is anchored by devotions to the Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. John Paul II, St. Padre Pio, and St. Dymphna. When she isn't in a counseling session, you can find her lost in a good book, dancing, or helping others. She is honored to walk with GIVEN mentees, helping them lead from a place of interior wholeness and holy confidence.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. John Paul II, St. Padre Pio, and St. Dymphna, Rosary, Litanies



MARY BURKE

UNIVERSITY CITY, MO

Mary Burke is a wife, mother and grandmother of three adult children, and one grandson. She was born in St. Louis, and attended college at the University of Missouri-Columbia and law school at St. Louis University where she met her husband, Hap. Hap and Mary lived briefly in Washington, D.C. until their first child was born when they decided to move back to St. Louis to raise their family closer to extended family and friends. As her family grew, Mary realized that it was important to parent with integrity and fully live her Catholic faith, which she hoped to pass on to her children. Since then, she has striven to grow in understanding the beauty and teachings of her Catholic faith and share that knowledge with others. But, most especially, she desires to grow in understanding of the love of Christ so that she can share that healing love with others. She has earned a certificate in lay formation and spiritual direction and currently serves as a spiritual director to several women, and is also an active volunteer in her parish, and Archdiocesan Seminary.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Ignatius of Loyola; St. Francis Xavier, St. Teresa of Avila; Venerable Francis-Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Claude de la Colombiere



JANETH CHAVEZ

LONE TREE, CO

Janeth Chavez serves as the Senior Director of Hispanic Initiatives at Endow. In this role, she leads all Spanish language programs and mentors women worldwide, supporting women's groups as they form and flourish. Born in Mexico, Janeth grew up in Denver, Colorado. She is a mother of an adult daughter. For over 10 years, she has served the Hispanic community through various apostolates and has assisted several women's religious orders. She helped establish the Spiritual Mothers Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Denver and created a bilingual faith formation program. Janeth remains active in multiple Catholic apostolates, serves as a mentor, and is a member of the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry. Janeth holds a degree in Marketing and Management and has received Catholic formation through the In Ipso Institute and the McGrath Institute for Church Life of the University of Notre Dame. She holds an International Diploma from La Academia Latinoamericana de Líderes Católicos and has participated in the GIVEN Art of Accompaniment Mentoring Program since 2021. Her passion is to accompany women on their faith journey, helping them grow in their relationship with the Lord and live out their identity as beloved daughters of God.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Teresa of Avila, and I like to pray the Holy Rosary in Spanglish.



JULIE CILANO

WASHINGTON, DC

Julie Cilano is the Associate Director of Campus Ministry at The Catholic University of America. Originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, she began her ministry career in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, serving in youth and young adult leadership roles while earning a master's degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University New Orleans. She later worked in parish ministry before moving to Washington, D.C., where she served for six years as the campus minister at George Washington University. Julie also holds a master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Lamar University and has worked as a Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor with Alpha Omega Clinic and Catholic Charities. Her professional background bridges pastoral ministry, counseling, and career discernment. She previously served as a career coach and student experience manager at The Busch School of Business at Catholic University and has taught career discernment courses. In addition, she teaches the Parish Administration Skills course at the Dominican House of Studies. With more than twenty years of experience, Julie brings strengths in leadership development, strategic planning, and accompanying students in their spiritual growth and faith formation as they deepen their relationship with Christ and the Church. She and her husband Mike have been married for 15 years.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Rosary, St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Gemma Galgani, St. Carlo Acutis, St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, St. John Paul II



SR. MARY RACHEL CRAIG, SOLT

KANSAS CITY, MO

Sr. Mary Rachel is a member of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT), a missionary community of priests, consecrated brothers and sisters, and laity, founded in 1958. She professed her Final Vows in 2021. She grew up in Texas in a Catholic family and has five brothers, one sister, and thirteen nieces and nephews. She went to Franciscan University of Steubenville for her Undergraduate studies in Theology and wrote her Senior thesis on Our Lady, Personification of the Feminine Genius. Sister currently serves at the SOLT mission in Kansas City, Missouri, where the SOLT Sisters have Our Lady's Montessori School, a preK-3 through 8th grade Catholic Montessori School. Before Kansas City, she served for five years in the mission in Belize, Central America, where she worked as DRE and became fluent in Spanish. She loves beautiful things, especially waterfalls and music.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, The Surrender Novena, Rosary, and Divine Mercy chaplet



BETSY CULBRETH

HOUSTON, TX

Betsy Culbreth is a wife of 37 years, mother of five, and grandmother of three. Much of her career has been in education: public, private, homeschool, and curriculum development. Her recent season has been in the volunteer realm for several ministries: liturgical, music, youth, leadership training. She created a leadership development retreat (for teen girls and their adult leaders) that eventually drew participants from nineteen states. God taught her about project management, team development, and the need for His influence and sustenance through that journey. Betsy helped many emerging young leaders through the projects for their Eagle Scout and American Heritage Girls Stars & Stripes awards. She also served on her diocesan scouting committee to enable youth to complete Catholic faith awards. She enjoys brainstorming and equipping others to create vision and reach their goals. This spring, Betsy coordinated her family's 39th Easter brunch, which featured more than 30 homemade menu items and drew nearly 100 guests. She established this tradition as an attempt to grow a local village, her extended family living over 800 miles away. Through this annual endeavor, she developed gifts that she then used to orchestrate meals for retreats, funerals, and others in need.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Joan of Arc, St. Monica, St. Martha, and a baptismal font prayer for my grandchildren



JENNIFER GENTILE

DOBBS FERRY, NY

Jennifer Gentile is a Catholic educator, spiritual director, Lay Carmelite, and Catholic life coach whose primary vocation is wife and mother of two sons. With over 20 years of teaching experience and more than a decade of ministry leadership, she is passionate about forming women in holiness, leadership, and mission. Jennifer holds a Master's degree in Theology from St. Joseph's Seminary & College and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from St. Vincent Seminary. She teaches Theology at Iona Preparatory School and adjuncts at St. Joseph's Seminary, where she forms students in Catholic spirituality, personal prayer, apologetics, and Catholic anthropology — helping them understand the human person as an embodied soul created in the image and likeness of God. She also serves as the Lay Director and Formator of the Mount Tabor Lay Carmelite Community in Tarrytown, NY. As founder of Beloved Daughters Ministries, Jennifer accompanies women as a spiritual director, Catholic life coach, retreat leader, and speaker, guiding them to integrate faith and vocation, live from their true identity as beloved daughters of God, and confidently offer their gifts in service to the Church and the world.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Ávila, St. John of the Cross, St. Monica, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Titus Brandsma, St. Padre Pio, and St. Augustine, Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, The Rosary, and The Divine Office



PATRICIA GREENE

CANTON, MS

Patti Greene was born and raised in Mississippi, home of the Blues and Faulkner. She is wife to Lawrence Greene for 28 years, and mother of two girls and two boys ages 26 to 13. She has worked as a high school youth minister for 13 years and a surgical nurse for 20 years. She holds a Master of Theological Studies from Spring Hill College in Mobile AL, Nursing Degree from Hinds Community College in Jackson, MS, and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Dallas in Irving Texas. While working in the medical field was a realized dream, Patti found lasting fulfillment accompanying young people in their search for connection with each other, their faith community, and God. Patti enjoys being outdoors, whether hiking, kayaking, and fishing, or just flower picking while walking her dog. She loves the water, but is terrified of bridges, dreams of traveling to far off places, but is perfectly content making forts and adventures in the living room, especially when all the grown kids come home. When all the work and chores are done, she loves to drink tea, read and crochet blankets for her kids.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Night Prayer, Ignatian Examen, St. Theresa of Calcutta, Servant of God Thea Bowman, St. Theresa of Avila, St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, St. Joseph



ANGELA HAMRICK

TAMPA, FL

Angela Hamrick has been teaching high school English for the last five years at an all-boys Catholic school in Tampa, FL. Prior to that, she taught in a public high school in Virginia Beach, Virginia. As a teacher, she has loved helping her students appreciate the author as an artist of words, the connection of literature to the human experience, and the details of rhetoric. Before entering education, Angela worked for over a dozen years in youth ministry in parishes and on the diocesan level for the Diocese of Richmond. She enjoyed forming and training teams to help lead young people into a relationship with Christ through the beauty of the Church. Speaking about the Catholic faith or writing and editing faith or formation related materials brings her great joy. She studied English and Communications at Virginia Tech and later earned her Masters in Pastoral Studies through Loyola University New Orleans. While she enjoys connecting with friends, spending time at the ocean, and watching college football, she absolutely loves being an auntie. Her prayer life is anchored in Scripture and daily Mass. She's excited to help women discern and use their gifts for the glory of God.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Our Lady Undoer of Knots, St. Francis Xavier



ANA HIDALGO

HELLERTON, PA

Born in Costa Rica and the youngest of 17 siblings, Ana has served the Church for 38 years in religious, social, and missionary ministries in Central America, México, Puerto Rico, and in seven States within the USA. She has served in different capacities in Diocesan and Parish levels. She created and structured a Theological ministerial formation program and now serves as the Bishop's Delegate to the Hispanic Community in the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania. She holds an MA in psychology from Divine Mercy University, Virginia, and an MA and BA in Theology and Christian Ministry from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. She has a Theology of the Body certificate from the John Paul II Institute, Pennsylvania, and two concentrations on Hispanic Leadership/Ministry from Boston College University, Massachusetts, and from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Her greatest joy is to see how God in His infinite mercy, and despite human limitations, works in and through us to bring people closer to Him, because His outpouring love never fails us.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. John Paul II, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Francis of Assisi. The Divine Mercy and Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary



LUCY HONNER, CRC

NASHVILLE, TN

Lucy Honner is originally from Adelaide, South Australia, where she began her professional career as an architect before responding to God's call to missionary service with Regnum Christi in 1997. What began as a one-year commitment became a lifelong vocation, and she later made private vows as a lay Consecrated Woman of Regnum Christi. Lucy holds a bachelor's degree in Organizational and Educational Pedagogy from Anáhuac University in Mexico and a Master's in Religious Sciences from the Regina Apostolorum in Rome along with certifications in Spiritual Direction, Organizational Team Health, The 6-Types of Working Genius, and The Woman School. For more than two decades, Lucy has served as a speaker, spiritual director, retreat leader, and integrated health coach throughout North America. She currently resides in Nashville, Tennessee, where she serves as Assistant Director of Campus Ministry for Vanderbilt, Belmont, and Lipscomb Universities. She has a particular gift for mentoring young women, helping them grow in confidence, clarity of vocation, and leadership rooted in prayer. Lucy brings a unique blend of strategic vision, pastoral care, and holistic formation to her mentoring. She loves fostering spaces where faith, authentic friendship, and personal flourishing thrive. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, traveling, Pilates, and anything involving horses.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Hildegard, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, The Rosary



SR. MARY MICHAEL HUSEMAN, OSF PANHANDLE, TX

Sister Mary Michael grew up on a farm as the youngest of nine children. She was part of a devout Catholic Family in a very small Texas town. After years of struggles and fears, she finally realized that God calling her to the Consecrated Life was a gift and that God would fulfill her desire to love and be loved in this vocation. She entered the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light in Panhandle, Texas and made her Final Vows in 2001. Her deep desire to help others understand how passionately God is in love with them is central to Sister's work, her prayer, and the Light of Christ she strives to bring to each person she encounters. She especially loves using the Theology of the Body and Healing as tools to help others grow closer to God and others. Some of her interests are in various forms of technology, playing basketball, and playing games or cards. She also enjoys computer art and design and wood burning.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Francis, St. Michael, St. Faustina, St. Edith Stein, John Paul II, Maximillian Kolbe, Sister Clare Crockett, The Rosary, Chaplet of St. Michael



MARY IMPELMAN HOUSTON, TX

Mary works as a Catholic campus minister at Rice University in Houston. She loves being able to work with college students, as she believes this is a crucial time during many young adults' faith journeys. Prior to working as a campus minister, she was involved in her parish as a Cornerstone Scripture Study speaker and small group facilitator, ACTS Retreats Core Team member, grief group facilitator, and CCE catechist. She was also blessed to have completed a 3-year program with the Houston Cenacle Sisters to become a certified Spiritual Director. She loves to share the gift of spiritual direction with others at retreats and conferences. Mary received her bachelor's degree from Rice University and her Master of Social Work from the University of Houston. She had previously worked as a medical social worker for several hospices in the Houston area. She has been married for over 28 years and has 2 children. She is currently working on a MA in Theology through the University of Notre Dame. Through this program, she made a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France last summer, where the Mother of God had appeared to St. Bernadette. There she experienced a profound encounter with the universal Church.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Bernadette, The Examen, Lectio Divina



VALERIE ST. JEAN

AVON, CT

Valerie St. Jean is the Associate Director of Adult and Family Life Ministries with the Archdiocese of Hartford (CT), Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life. In this role she is dedicated to supporting parish ministry leaders of adult faith formation, marriage, mental health and bereavement. She also supports couples as they prepare for and live out their vocation of marriage in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Prior to joining the Archdiocese, Valerie served as Director of Religious Education at her home parish in Avon, CT and held positions in business and sales. She has a Masters in Pastoral Studies from the Graduate School of Religious Education at Fordham University. As a mentor, Valerie looks forward to accompanying young women in the discovery of their value, meaning and purpose as beloved children of God. Using her professional and personal life experiences she hopes to foster a relationship built on trust that invites dialogue, welcomes guidance, and inspires self-discovery.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Virgin Mary, Pope Francis, The Rosary and Lectio Divina



SR. AVELINA JOSEPH, SV

BRONX, NY

Sr. Avelina Joseph, SV was born in the Philippines and grew up in Vancouver, Canada. Experiencing a deepening in the faith through college missionaries, she discovered a profound call to consecration and, after graduating from Simon Fraser University with a degree in Biology, entered the Sisters of Life in 2014. She has served in New York and Toronto, helping vulnerable pregnant women in crisis pregnancies, giving talks about the dignity of human life and accompanying women who have suffered from abortion to find hope and healing. She professed her final vows in 2022 and currently serves in the Postulant formation house for her community. The Sisters of Life are a religious community of women founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O'Connor who take a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. Immersed in Eucharistic prayer within a vibrant community life, their missions include caring for vulnerable pregnant women and their unborn children; fostering a Culture of Life through evangelization and retreat works; inviting those wounded by abortion into the healing mercy of Jesus; spiritual accompaniment of college students; and upholding the beauty of marriage and family life.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Joseph the Spouse of Mary, Guardian Angels, Mama Mary, the Holy Spirit, the Examen Prayer, Lectio Divina, the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary



DANIELLE KUBOUSHEK

MANHATTAN, IL

Danielle brings over 20 years of experience in event coordination and ministry leadership. She serves as Assistant Director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Mary Catholic Church, where she provides strategic leadership for adult discipleship and parish engagement, leads multiple ministries and large events, and manages parish communications, including the website and social media. She previously served as Head of Events and Operations at FemCatholic, overseeing the planning and execution of two national conferences. Danielle is passionate about helping others discover and develop their God-given gifts and is especially enthusiastic about charisms, StrengthsFinder, and Working Genius. She has facilitated an Emotional Intelligence-based course at the college level and now speaks on the intersection of self-awareness and growth in holiness. A mother of five, Danielle considers her vocation within the family her most meaningful work. In her free time she enjoys reading and gardening. She is deeply committed to fostering authentic, in-person community which provides a space for reflection and connection to God through intentional formation and thoughtfully executed events.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Francis, St. Veronica, St. Ignatius, the Surrender Novena, and the Litany of Humility



MOTHER MARY JUDE LAZARUS, SCMC

BALTIC, CT

Mother Mary Jude is a Sister of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church whose Motherhouse is in Baltic Ct. She is a native of Jamaica, West Indies. She taught for years on the Junior and High School levels, until she was asked to serve the Hispanic community in the Diocese of Norwich. She first served as Pastoral Associate in one of the parishes, and then was asked to serve as the Diocesan Director for Hispanic Ministry, a position she has held for twenty years. For Mother Mary Jude, ministry with the Hispanic people has been one of the greatest blessings of her life. It has taught her a deep love for Our Lord and for the marginalized. A great part of her ministry now is spent in advocating for and accompanying our Hispanic brothers and sisters, especially those who are in danger of being deported.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Oscar Romero, St. Joseph, Our Lady, time spent in Eucharistic adoration, The Divine Mercy Chaplet



DEBRA LEMMON

INDIAN TRAIL, NC

Debra Lemmon is a faithful Catholic, wife of 25 years, godmother to six, and southern transplant from the City of Brotherly Love. She is passionate about walking alongside women as they discover and embrace their God-given feminine genius. She has been actively involved in various women's leadership teams, including Walking with Purpose and ENDOW studies, where she has witnessed the transformative power of women encouraging one another in faith, embracing their unique gifts, and integrating their vocation, intellect, and leadership in service to God and the Church. Debra believes women flourish when accompanied in authentic community, invited to recognize their God-given gifts, and supported as they step confidently into the unique call God has placed on their lives. She encourages women to live by the words of Colossians 3:23–24: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward." Her early experience playing on an all-girls ice hockey team taught her resilience, teamwork, and the importance of lifting others, lessons she brings to her mentoring today. Professionally, Debra has applied her skills in marketing and communications across multiple industries and currently serves the Diocese of Charlotte and Catholic Charities, supporting programs that strengthen families and communities. Outside of mentoring, she enjoys home remodeling projects, coordinating celebrations, and creating spaces where family, friends, and guests feel welcomed and valued.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Virgin Mary, Pope Francis, The Rosary and Lectio Divina



JULIE KATE LIOTTA

KENSINGTON, MD

Julie Liotta is the middle of three daughters and grew up in rural Michigan an hour west of Detroit. She received her Bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2003 and went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps as a Combat Engineer Officer from 2003 - 2007. In 2005 Julie deployed as a Company Commander in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to the Al Anbar province in western Iraq. In 2007 she married the love of her life, Rob Liotta, whom she first met while they were both stationed in Japan in 2003. Together they are the grateful parents to six children ranging in age from 17 to 7. Julie recently completed the Encounter School of Ministry and has been active in her own parish's women's ministry for the past eleven years. This past September, Julie began a new role as the Coordinator for Adult Faith Formation and Evangelization at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in NW DC. Her greatest joy is living in relationship with God, her family, and friends. She loves stories, camping, hiking, and adventure.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Eucharistic Adoration, St. John Paul II, St. Therese of Lisieux, Joan of Arc, St. Philomena, St. John Vianney, The Rosary



MICHELE MAIA

BROOKLYN, NY

Michele Maia is a lay consecrated missionary from the Shalom Catholic Community since 2015. She was born in Brazil and moved to NY in 2021 to study for her PhD. She is a pediatric physical therapist and currently studies child development in developmental Psychology, specifically how children with typical and atypical development learn new skills. In her professional background, Michele brings her experience with leading research projects, supervising students, teaching, and seeing patients. In her ministry background, Michele brings her experience as a formator, accompanying young women, leading the prayer ministry, leading healing retreats and prayer groups for young people. Overall, Michele is passionate about healing, fostering meaningful relationships, listening, learning new things, children and cooking.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St Therese of Lisieux, Leonie Martin, Our Lady Undoer of Knots



SR. GABRIELA MALDONADO, SCMC

BALTIC, CT

Sister M. Gabriela Maldonado, SCMC, is a perpetually professed member of the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church. A native of Mexico, she moved with her family to Janesville, WI, in 2000. After her confirmation and a providential encounter with the Sisters of Charity at their nursing home in Janesville, she began to sense a call to religious life. In 2004 she entered the congregation and moved to their Motherhouse in Connecticut, professing perpetual vows in 2011. Sister Gabriela served for more than twelve years as a Catholic school educator and holds a Master's degree in Theology. She was appointed Vocation Director in 2022, a ministry that brings her across the country to give talks, visit colleges, and accompany young women discerning God's call. Having moved from Mexico and studied French through her high school and college years, she is grateful for the chance to use her bilingual skills and international perspective to support and accompany those she meets. Her deepest joy remains helping people of all ages grow in their love for Jesus through Mary.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Gemma Galgani, St. Anthony of Padua, The Holy Rosary, The Chaplet of Divine Mercy



SR. MICHAELA MARTINEZ, OP CATONSVILLE, MD

Sister Michaela, OP is a member of the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia Congregation. She grew up in west Texas with her three siblings who all share a love of theatre and the arts. Immediately after graduating from the University of Notre Dame with a B.A. in English and Theology, she entered the Dominican Sisters and during her 20 years in the community has worked as an educator of both youth and adults in school and parish settings. Sister Michaela holds a masters in Thomistic Studies from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington DC where she wrote her thesis on St. Thomas Aquinas' understanding of femininity. For the past six years she has been teaching apologetics and scripture at Mount de Sales Academy for Girls in Catonsville, MD. Sister Michaela also serves on the GIVEN Board of Directors.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Michael and the Holy Angels, St. Thomas Aquinas



SOFIA MAURETTE COLLEGE PARK, MD

Sofia Maurette is a wife and mother of six. She completed her Masters in Religion while pregnant with her second child, and her PhD in Latin American Languages and Cultures while pregnant with her 4th! She is now the Director of Intercultural Ministry at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, where she develops exhibits and programs for a wide variety of audiences, making sure that the teachings of this great saint reach as many people as possible.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Saint John Paul II, Saint Joseph, the Rosary



ANNE-MARIE MINNIS

MCLEAN, VA

Anne-Marie Minnis is grateful to God for the ways He lets her exercise her charisms of hospitality and administration to share His love with others. She currently manages events and communications for the Vocations Office of the Arlington Diocese, organizing and promoting retreats and camps and accompanying young men and women along God's path for them. She helped build Divine Mercy University as the Admissions and Marketing Director, and relished helping prospective students determine if the program was right for them. Previously she did marketing and event planning in the finance and hospitality industries. Discovering the Feminine Genius led to 12 years in ministry, and kindled a strong desire to bring women closer to Christ, help them discover their gifts and accept God's incredible love for them; she found it energizing to start a women's Bible study at her parish and run it for eight years, and witness the transformations that occurred. She and her husband of 13 years, Jim, live in McLean, VA, and strive to keep up with her 9 siblings and their 39 nieces and nephews. A native of New Orleans, she loves all things football and food, and bringing people together to share the faith and have some fun.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

The Magnificat, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, St. Therese of Lisieux, The Surrender Novena



SR. MARY AMATA NAVILLE, OSF

MISHAWAKA, IN

Originally from Floyds Knobs, Indiana, Sr. Mary Amata first experienced God's invitation to religious life when she encountered the authentic joy of the Sisters who visited her Newman Center and learned about the gift of spiritual motherhood – to love with a maternal heart and nurture the life of Christ in every person we meet. She answered God's call to live out this spiritual motherhood in a radical way as His bride by entering the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in 2017. Sr. Mary Amata graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville in May 2024 with degrees in Business Management and Theology, and minors in German and Communication Arts. She professed perpetual vows in August 2025 and currently serves as the assistant vocations directress. She is very grateful for her religious vocation and for the opportunity to journey with others in their relationship with God, striving to make her life, both in prayer and activity, "...one ceaseless act of adoration" (quote from Blessed Mother Maria Theresia, foundress of SSFPA).

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Eucharistic adoration, St. Clare, Marian consecration, Stations of the Cross



SR. VIVIAN NDUM NCHUAJI, SSA EBENSBURG, PA

Sr. Vivian Nchuaaji is a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Ann. She has been with the Sisters of St. Ann since 2004. She is a Cameroonian national and currently serving as a missionary in the USA in the state of Pennsylvania. Sr. Vivian holds a bachelor's degree in English secondary education and a double master's degree in education with a concentration in leadership and in Human Resource Management. Currently, she is the Director of Religious Education and the Child and Youth Protection Coordinator at Holy Family Parish, Portage, Pennsylvania. She also helps as a residence assistant at Aquinas Hall, Bishop Carroll Catholic High School's international student program. Sr. Vivian is passionate about helping everyone placed under her care (leadership) to discover their God-given talents and abilities, bring out the best in them, and foster their relationship with God amidst the daily life challenges through mentoring and coaching. She is thrilled to be a mentor for this 2026 GIVEN Forum and looks forward to undertaking this mentoring journey with the GIVEN attendees and other mentors. Together, let us share ideas and grow.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Peter the Apostle, St. Augustine of Hippo, Pope St John the XXIII, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, The Surrender Novena, Litany of Humility Novena, Our Lady Undoer of Knots



SR. TRAM (ANNA) NGUYEN, FMSR NEW ORLEANS, LA

Sr. Tram (Anna) Nguyen is a religious Sister from the Congregation of The Daughters of Our Lady of The Holy Rosary--Queen of Peace Province, U.S.A. She's the only daughter to Vietnamese Catholic parents, whose father was a former POW of the Vietnam war. Her family resettled to the US in the late 90's till now. Her family's home state is Michigan. As for her, New Orleans has been her second home since 2008 when she entered religious life. Sister Tram loves music and nature; you'll find her out in the garden helping her fellow sisters tidy up the grounds when she's not swamped with ministry work. She is a hard working individual (her parents' legacy) and loves to learn new things and skills i.e. daily hacks. She's considerate and has a good listening ear. Religious life has taught her many things, but one can be certain that with the grace of God, sometimes things that might seem impossible become possible, and one anchored in God never loses hope because God cannot deny His love for us.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta, St. Faustina, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, St. John Vianney, St. Padre Pio, The Rosary, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Lectio Divina, Litanies of Blessed Mother Mary, Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Joseph



SR. M. KAROLYN NUNES, FSGM*

ALTON, IL

Sister M. Karolyn Nunes entered the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in 2005. A native of Rhode Island, she is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville having received a Bachelor's degree in Theology with a concentration in Religious Education and a Masters in Catechetics and Evangelization. For over 20 years, she has worked in the field of catechetics and youth ministry in Tennessee, Illinois, New Jersey, and Kansas. She currently serves the community as vocation director which involves sharing her community's charism of merciful love in various settings throughout the country and accompanying young women in their discernment. Nothing brings her more joy than to help the people that she encounters experience the joy and fullness of life that the Father desires for all of us in relationship with his son, Jesus.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Divine Mercy, St. John Paul II, St. Francis, St. Clare, Mary as Undoer of Knots and Shield of Peace

**Not attending Forum*



KATHLEEN PELLOT

ESCONDIDO, CA

Kat was born in Puerto Rico and spent her childhood as an Army brat living overseas and in different states with her parents and two younger brothers. She attended the University of Florida in Gainesville and graduated with a B.A. in Spanish, minors in Mass Communications and Latin American Studies. She taught high school Spanish, worked as an assistant to a dressage riding coach and later pursued a career in the aerospace industry with the global trade function. Kat has worked over 22 years in the aerospace industry, has traveled to various countries and relocated twice. Currently, Kat lives in San Diego, California where she is an active parishioner at St. Mary Catholic Church in Escondido. She serves as a catechist for high school confirmation students, is a member of the Divine Mercy Chaplet ministry and recently joined Seven Sisters Apostolate. She visits St. Michael's Abbey regularly, attending retreats and monthly lay order meetings. For fun she enjoys hiking, gardening, as well as weight lifting, spinning and ballroom dancing.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Frances of Rome, St. Joan of Arc, St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Moses the Black, St. Mary of Egypt, the Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration



SR. ELFIE DEL ROSARIO, FMA **NORTH HALEDON, NJ**

Sr. Elfie Del Rosario, FMA is a Daughter of Mary Help of Christians, also known as a Salesian Sister of St. John Bosco. Born in Nigeria and raised in the Philippines, she graduated from the University of Santo Tomas with a B.S. in Psychology. Before entering religious life, she worked with children with special needs for six years. She later earned a Certificate in Theological Studies from the Assumption College for Sisters. Sr. Elfie has dedicated her life to serving young people since 1995. She brings a wealth of experience in youth and young adult ministry, early childhood and elementary education, and religious education. She currently serves as the Vocation and VIDES Directress for the Salesian Sisters in the Eastern United States. * VIDES - Volunteers In Development, Education, & Solidarity, or VIDES, is a volunteer missionary program that works promote social justice, solidarity, and generosity by living a simple Christ-centered life while serving the poor and the marginalized.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Blessed Mother Mary, St. Paul, Divine Mercy Chaplet



SR. LETY GUADALUPE SANCHEZ **BELTRAN, CSJ - EAST ORANGE, NJ**

Sister Lety Guadalupe is a religious sister with the Apostolic Sisters of St John and made her final profession in October 2025. Sister was born in Mexico and her family immigrated to the United States and settled in California when she was five. She is the oldest of four daughters. Sister has a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Irvine in Anthropology and Sociology. After her university studies, she spent almost 3 years working as an Americorps Missioncorps member at Maggie's Place, a non-profit organization that helps homeless pregnant women. At Maggie's Place she lived in the homes with the mothers and babies, taking on the coordination of volunteers and directing other missioncorps volunteers. Sister Lety Guadalupe is passionate about healing ministry, spiritual formation, pro-life ministry, Hispanic ministry, the importance of incorporating mental health in our spiritual lives and conflict resolution. She has experience and formation in supervising a volunteer team, working in a non-profit, religious education formation, youth ministry, campus ministry and preparation for the sacraments. Sister Lety Guadalupe lived abroad in France for 3 years and is fluent in Spanish, English and French. Her desire is to live as the beloved of Jesus and to help others discover that they are His beloved too.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Eucharistic adoration, the rosary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St Joseph, St John the Apostle, St Mary Magdalene, St Margaret of Cortona, Bl. Chiara Luce



DOMINIQUE SERAPHIN

HAMPTON, VA

Dominique Seraphin has dedicated her life to serving the Church through a wide range of ministry roles, accompanying souls at every stage of their journey. From mentoring high school and college students in their faith formation to collaborating with diocesan leadership, she brings both pastoral sensitivity and strategic insight to her work. Her three years discerning religious life reflect a deep love for Christ and a wholehearted commitment to His Church—an experience that continues to shape her spiritual depth and compassion for others. Dominique is a graduate of Encounter Ministries' School of Ministry and holds a Master's degree in Spiritual Theology, grounding her ministry in both theological formation and lived experience. She is also extensively trained as a life coach, integrating practical tools with spiritual discernment. Through her work, she helps individuals grow in confidence, hear the voice of the Lord more clearly, and respond with courage and freedom. Whether teaching, mentoring, or consulting, Dominique's mission remains the same: to help others encounter Jesus personally and step fully into the life He is calling them to live.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Saint Therese of Lisieux, St. Joan of Arc, The Surrender Novena, The Rosary



SR. JULIANNA GONZALEZ, OCD

ALHAMBRA, CA

Sister Julianna is a Carmelite Sister of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles, where she serves at the Sacred Heart Retreat House through hospitality, operations, and spiritual accompaniment. Her passion is the formation of the spiritual life and helping others encounter the love of the Sacred Heart. A Carmelite Sister for 21 years, she has led retreats, parish missions, and talks, and studied Business Management and Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville. She has a particular love for forming lay co-workers committed to the Carmelite mission. Since 2019, Sister Julianna has mentored young women through GIVEN and accompanied women in discerning their vocation by deepening prayer, listening for the Holy Spirit, and responding to God's call. She also brings experience in organizational health and healing ministry, contributing to healthy, life-giving communities rooted in Carmelite spirituality.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Paul, St. Josemaria Escriva, St. Peter Julian Eymard, Eucharistic Adoration



LISA SMALL, CRC
LAKE ORION, MI

Lisa Small is a lay Consecrated Woman of Regnum Christi from New Zealand. In 2001, she made vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and has served and accompanied women throughout the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Spain and Mexico, preaching, running retreats and formation programs, and teaching in clubs, colleges and schools. She received her Bachelors degree in Education and Development, and has a Masters degree in Christian Communication and another in Religious Sciences. She currently works as the Regnum Christi Locality Director for all the Regnum Christi ministries in Detroit. She is also the North American Communications Director for the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi and accompanies women around the world in spiritual direction. She loves to speak and write about discovering one's vocation, the beauty of the feminine genius, the Church, prayer and discernment. She is passionate about helping people to discover and live out their mission in life, helping them discover their gifts and empowering them to be apostles for Christ—wherever He is calling them.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St Joseph, St Faustina, St Francis Xavier, Blessed Solanus Casey, Sacred Heart devotion



SR. MAURA THERESE SCHWARTING, CK
LINCOLN, NE

Sr. Maura Thérèse was raised as a cowgirl on a ranch in western SD and NE. Her initial formation as a Sister and first years of teaching were in Philadelphia. After returning to Lincoln NE, she has primarily taught 5th grade and junior high and has been most blessed by teaching prayer to the beloved sons and daughters of the Father in K-8 and college, and adults through spiritual direction. For the past 18 years she has enjoyed serving her community in Mission Advancement (development and communications).

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Catherine of Siena, St. Peter to Rot, Adoration, Rosary for Holy Souls, 7 Sorrows Rosary



SR. MARY ANA STEELE, OSF

PANHANDLE, TX

Sister Mary Ana Steele is a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light in Panhandle, Texas. A native Texan, she is from Amarillo - one of four children in the family. Growing up in St. Joseph's parish, Sister attended the parish school for seven years and then taught there later as a lay teacher and, subsequently, as a religious Sister. As an active parishioner beginning in her teenage years, Sister Mary Ana cultivated a love for liturgy, choir, faith formation and youth. Music and special education became her focus after high school. Working her way through college gave Sister Mary Ana some extra skills through jobs at a pharmacy, lumber yard and the public library. Before joining the congregation in 1993, Sister was a Speech and Language therapist in the Amarillo public school system and then an elementary teacher in Catholic school. The years in Sancta Maria convent and the schools Sister has been privileged to be a part of as a member of the religious community have nurtured a solid love for education within the framework of Franciscan spirituality.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Faustina, St. Anne, St. Mother Theodore Guerin, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Divine Mercy, the Holy Rosary, The Seven Sorrows of Mary



HEATHER STEWART

STAMFORD, CT

Heather Stewart is an elementary school teacher for over 20 years. She is a member of a street evangelizing, inner healing, and deliverance ministry in The Bronx called, Heat of the Day. She loves working with the poor and seeking the lost. She volunteers at a local food pantry. She also has gone recently on missions to Guatemala, Tanzania, and Mozambique. She is in her 3rd year in Encounter School of Ministry. When she is not doing ministry work you can find her traveling, hiking, biking, and running.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Therese of Lisieux, Mary, Joseph, Anne, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, Adoration



CARA STOLARCZYK

NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA

Cara is a collaborative talent development consultant who helps move transformational initiatives from vision and strategy to execution. She coaches people to encourage the flourishing of their passions and gifts to joyfully live out their unique purpose. Cara is a strategic partner to the Director of Discipleship & Leadership in the Diocese of Camden, helping develop & execute Gifted Leadership journeys to support clergy & lay leaders in exploring & stewarding their strengths, core motivations and missional callings. Previously she worked in many Learning & Talent Development roles at Merck & Co., Inc. & First USA Bank, and as a research assistant & consultant to Fortune 500 clients at National Analysts and Arthur Andersen. Cara supports GIVEN as a coach, mentor and action plan strategist. She serves on the Advisory Board of the Communion of Catholic Coaches and as an advisor to the Human Formation Coalition. Cara holds a M.Ed. in Instructional Systems, Training Design & Development and catechetical certification. She is certified in Gallup CliftonStrengths for non-profits, TruCenter Core Motivations and Many Parts Ministries Charism coaching. She is a trained APEST Ministry Styles and MPACT coach. Cara lives in the Philadelphia suburbs with her husband Ted, daughter Theresa and their mini-lop bunny Cinnabun.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Eucharistic Adoration, The Rosary, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, The Surrender Novena, Our Blessed Mother, St. Anne, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Carlo Acutis



SR. MARY CLAIRE STRASSER, SOLT

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Sr. Mary Claire of the Holy Family is a member of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) and currently serves as the sisters' vocation servant. She graduated with a degree in elementary education and a Masters in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville. She has taught every grade from kindergarten to eighth (except for fourth), with a special love for middle school. She enjoys reading- particularly about the modern saints- drawing, and painting in her spare time. A Tennessee girl who could live off Dr. Pepper and popcorn, she loves road trips, especially this one we are on to Heaven.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Maria Goretti, St. JP II, St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, Servant of God Elisabeth Leseur, the Divine Mercy Chaplet



MEGAN SWAIM

WICHITA, KS

Megan Swaim is a wife, mom of four girls, and part-time developmental editor. Megan lives in Wichita, Kansas, but has called Indiana, Maryland, and Virginia home too. After working in diocesan and then parish youth ministry for more than a decade, she felt the Lord calling her to whole-family ministry. She now works for Catholic Sprouts, helping parents pass on the faith and build their Domestic Church. Some of her more memorable professional experiences include developing an app, coordinating a World Youth Day pilgrimage, winning the OSV Innovation Challenge, and helping write and produce *The Catholic Parent on FORMED*. She is the author of *This Is Our Faith*, an early reader catechism, and her next book, *Theology of the Body for Young Catholics*, will be available in 2026. Megan loves that ministry has allowed her to develop a wide variety of skills—writing, speaking, logistics, driving a minibus, and all the things in between! But the most treasured moments are always the ones spent walking with women as they seek Jesus and discover the ways He’s inviting them to give themselves to others.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Andre Bessette, St. Zelig Martin, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and reading and studying Scripture



JILL SWALLOW

SPRING, TX

Jill Swallow, originally from Versailles, Ohio, has been a consecrated member of Regnum Christi since 2001. She is deeply grateful for her vocation and has served in formation, retreat ministry, and leadership roles across the United States. She spent her first eight years in Rhode Island at a formation center, earning a degree in Religious & Pastoral Studies and serving in student formation, while also directing choir and recording music. She later served in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana through retreats, mentoring, and youth formation, and supported Royalmont Academy with talks and accompaniment. She was Formation Director at Everest Collegiate High School and Academy in Michigan, overseeing integral formation for students, staff, and parents. Since 2019, she has served in Houston as Regnum Christi Young Women’s Section Director. She is also a certified spiritual director through Divine Mercy University and offers her musical gifts both locally and nationally and forms part of the Regnum Christi Music Collective core team, where she co-writes and records songs for evangelization and runs retreats for young adult musicians. In her free time Jill loves to go on walks, play board games with her community, and sit quietly in the chapel or backyard, contemplating God’s beauty.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Our Lady, St John Paul II, St Therese of Lisieux, rosary walks, the Divine Mercy Chaplet



SR. MARIA ANGELINE WEISS, SCC*

MENDHAM, NJ

Sister Maria Angeline is member of the Sisters of Christian Charity who currently lives at her Province Motherhouse in Mendham, NJ. After serving for 8 years as an elementary and middle school teacher, she was asked to move into vocation ministry, where she accompanied young women who were discerning their vocations. While doing vocations ministry, Sister continued to work part time in elementary school, organizing and leading a children's choir, and teaching music to preschool and Kindergarten aged children. This past year Sister Maria Angeline was able to use her prior experience in dance to teach a portion of a Fine Arts course at Assumption College for Sisters. Currently she serves as the formation directress for the postulants and novices of her Community, helping to form them in the charism of the Congregation. Sister Maria Angeline took part in the Given Forum as a mentor in 2022 and in 2024.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt; the Rosary; Eucharistic Adoration

**Not attending forum*

“In Mary we contemplate the face of the Church: listening, welcoming, life-giving. Every time the Church learns from the faith of women, she rediscovers her own maternal heart and her capacity to generate Christ in the world.”

— Pope Benedict XVI



INGRID DELGADO

HERNDON, VA

Ingrid Delgado is the National Director of Public Policy and Advocacy for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA. She previously worked in government relations and public policy for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as in youth outreach and refugee resettlement programs at Catholic Charities of Central Florida. Her volunteer work has included living as a missionary in the Dominican Republic; youth ministry and catechesis; and serving as a board member of Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, the Florida Pregnancy Care Network, and the Catholic Mobilizing Network. Delgado earned her BA at the University of Central Florida and her MPA at Florida State University. She resides in Virginia with her husband of 25 years and their three children.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Divine Mercy, Mary Undoer of Knots, St. Mother Theresa, St. Oscar Romero



NICOLE DEMING*

PETALUMA, CA

Nicole Medeiros Deming is thrilled to return as a GIVEN mentor, supporting women as they discover and share their God-given talents. Nicole currently serves as Senior Counsel to the Wine Institute, a public policy association of California wineries. In this role, Nicole provides legal guidance on regulatory, compliance, and policy matters, helping to protect and advance one of California's most iconic industries. Previously, Nicole worked in private legal practice, focusing on complex litigation and representing clients across multiple industries. Before becoming a lawyer, she spent nearly a decade in fundraising, development, and the private sector. Nicole earned a B.A. in History with Interdisciplinary Honors and an M.A. in Sociology from Stanford University, and her J.D., cum laude, from University of California College of the Law, San Francisco. Outside of work, Nicole enjoys gathering with family and friends, cooking new recipes, tasting new wines, attending Catholic silent retreats, spending time in Adoration, and traveling—especially to Portugal. She recently married and lives in Sonoma County, CA with her husband, Vince.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Our Lady of Fátima, St. Gianna Beretta Molla, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Padre Pio, Saint Anthony of Lisbon, and the children visionaries of Fátima, Saints Jacinta, Francisco, and Blessed Lúcia. She is an avid reader of Father Jacques Phillips.

**Not attending forum*



ANN GLEASON
CHARLOTTE, NC

Ann Gleason's life's journey has taken her through courtrooms, classrooms, boardrooms, and bonus rooms with stops at soccer fields and hockey rinks along the way. As a wife, a mom of four adult children, a college professor, and a lawyer, she has enjoyed the joys and challenges of both living as a Catholic professional in a secular world and home-educating her children. Slowly, she has learned from Our Lord that to be an apostle requires losing self-reliance and clinging to an unshakable trust in His love and a firm conviction that his plans cannot be improved upon. What amazing adventures he has in store when we surrender to his agenda!

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Eucharistic Adoration; Saint Pope John Paul II; Saint Benedicta of the Cross; Saint Catherine of Siena



NANCY GRAEBE
LINCROFT, NJ

Known for her friendly and outgoing nature, as well as her sociable demeanor, Nancy is a dedicated individual who thrives on building connections and fostering relationships. With a passion for promoting, protecting, and defending the faith, she often finds herself collaborating with others on various projects aimed at these goals. Balancing a bustling family life alongside her husband, four children, their spouses, and six grandchildren, Nancy also dedicates her time to volunteering with numerous faith-based organizations such as the Sisters of Life, the Order of Malta, Legatus, the March for Life, and Pastoral Care, among others. Drawing from her extensive experience managing a medical surgical practice, she possesses a keen ability to identify problems, assess situations, and implement effective solutions while navigating interpersonal dynamics with grace and thoughtfulness. With exceptional organizational skills, she takes pleasure in planning and executing fundraising events for charitable causes, as well as Catholic-focused educational lectures and programs aimed at serving the sick, poor, and vulnerable. Through her life's journey as a Catholic woman in business, a devoted family person, and a committed volunteer, Nancy has accumulated a wealth of knowledge and valuable experience. She eagerly anticipates the opportunity to share her insights and mentorship with young women, bringing excitement and enthusiasm to her endeavors.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Memorare, Fatima Prayer, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



JEAN HOHREIN

PRESTON, MD

Jean Hohrein is a Benedictine Oblate, lector, and special education teacher. She also volunteers for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Easton, MD, where she assists families who are in need of financial assistance for various needs. Jean has been a special education teacher for 32 years. She currently mentors three new teachers and has been an instructional coach. When not in the classroom or volunteering, Jean can be found sitting at the beach or on the golf course.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Eucharistic Adoration; St. Katherine Drexel, The Rosary, The Rule of Benedict, Lectio Divina



LAURA LENZ

WOODBIDGE, VA

+Per Ipsem+ Laura is passionate about helping Catholic women discover their charisms and natural strengths to become the authentic leaders they were created to be. She combines her experience as a Catholic laywoman and pro-life organization leader with her background as an FBI Counterterrorism analyst and Intelligence Community analytic instructor to guide women in finding their God-given purpose and making actionable plans to achieve it. Through thoughtful coaching questions and practical guidance, she empowers women to pursue their goals with confidence and clarity.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Philip Neri



DIANE MAJOR
FALLS CHURCH, VA

As a wife of 33 years, a mother of three and the founder of a health care consulting firm, Diane Major leans heavily on her faith from morning until evening. This includes looking to our Blessed Lady for her constant intercession. Owning one's own business requires running several trains on time. It demands serving as the CEO, CIO, CFO and CMO all at once. Our Blessed Lady often reminds her that our Lord has entrusted her with this opportunity to help teach and practice temperance when new challenges arise. Diane's greatest joy is rooted in family life and local community. Together, with her husband, they take great pride in helping others and watching their grown children succeed in life.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph as a model for the Holy Family



DR. MELISSA MITCHELL
ARLINGTON, VA

Melissa Mitchell is a wife of 20 years who has known her husband since they were in elementary school. Melissa is a professor of education and currently works for Word on Fire ministry supporting Catholic education. She loves long walks in the morning, is an avid reader and spoils their beloved French Bulldog Rochambeau.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Gregory of Narek, St. Teresa of Avila



DR. ALICIA MUCHA

FARMINGTON, CT

A native of Connecticut, Alicia is a communication professional with traditional public relations, strategic communication and marketing experience. She is currently utilizing her skills as the Manager of Events Marketing for the Knights of Columbus. Previously, Alicia worked in the Connecticut General Assembly as a Communications Specialist where she drafted influential content and developed a presence in the media on behalf of her clients through cutting-edge communication strategies. Her previous experience also includes adjunct teaching at Sacred Heart University and Post University.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St Pope John Paul II, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, St Anthony of Padua, Padre Pio, St. Benedict



TERI NISSER

SCOTTSDALE, AZ

Teri and her husband Dan celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary on August, 14th- Feast Day of Maximilian Kolbe. They have three adult children. While Teri grew up in Des Moines, IA her heart resides in her parent's hometown in Randolph, NE. She attended K-12 Catholic schools and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English/ Secondary Education from Iowa State University. Teri and her family have lived across the U.S., Germany and Switzerland, and now reside in Scottsdale, Arizona. Teri taught Junior High English and Church History in Catholic schools prior to moving abroad. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for K2 Adventures Foundation in Arizona, a non-profit giving life changing opportunities to people with disabilities in the U.S. and internationally. She has traveled with K2 Adventures Travel to Peru and Tanzania having hiked Rim-to-Rim, the Inca Trail and summited Kilimanjaro five times. Her love for hiking, serving and the Feminine Genius has driven her to share "Servant Leadership Rooted in the Feminine Genius." She is currently getting certification in Feminine Genius Leadership through the Benedicta Leadership program and Soulcore.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

The Rosary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Rose of Lima, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Catherine of Sienna, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity



YARLIN PAZ OQUENDO

HOUSTON, TX

Yarin Paz Oquendo is a young catholic professional in the engineering field that currently serves as the president of YCP Houston. With a variety of expertise in engineering and project management, she also shares passion for music, tennis, and theology of the body. Her mission is to provide encouragement and accompaniment for others to find their mission and purpose in life while listening to God's voice and will.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. John Paul II, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Joseph, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, The Rosary, Daily Mass, Adoration



KATIE VOSS

SHERWOOD, OR

Katie Voss is a mother, wife, neighbor and educator who is passionate about looking for and nurturing the unique beauty and truth God has given each of us to share. With 20 years of experience in public education as a teacher and school administrator, she finds joy in learning and sharing the love of learning with people of all ages. As a volunteer, she has served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Thailand, is an active liturgical musician and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Fr. Bernard Youth Center in Mt. Angel, Oregon. She loves to spend her free time hiking, golfing, playing violin and traveling.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. John Henry Newman, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Benedict and St. Scholastica, The Liturgy of the Hours



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DR. MYMA ALBAYDA

BALTIMORE, MD

Dr. Myma Albayda is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Rheumatology at Johns Hopkins. She is the Director of the Rheumatology Fellowship program and the musculoskeletal ultrasound program, and has expertise in inflammatory joint and muscle diseases. She divides her time between seeing patients in clinic, educating trainees, and conducting research—all ways that God has called her to serve Him in her vocation as physician and scientist. She is currently in the Loyola Ignatian Formation Experience (LIFE) Program through the Loyola University Maryland designed to form directors for the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. A cradle Catholic, she is profoundly grateful for the gift that is the Church, for the friendship of the saints, and for the chance to walk daily with Christ.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Therese of Lisieux, St. John of the Cross, St. Ignatius, Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration



ANGELICA BARRERA-CRUZ

LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA

Angelica is an elementary school teacher (15 years in CA), a sister, daughter, and friend. She is a regular Bible study attendee who enjoys reading, jogging and walking with her dog as much as possible. She is a former Diocesan employee (Office of Youth and Young Adults, 2011-2014). She is bilingual (Spanish) and enjoys learning about the various devotions and traditions of the Catholic Church throughout the world by visiting sites whenever possible (France, Italy, Portugal, Mexico, etc). She finds peace and joy in praying the Rosary regularly.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St Therese of Lisieux, St Teresa of Avila, praying the Rosary.



SR. GEMMA ABONGE, MCM

SAN ANTONIO, TX

Sr. Gemma Abonge, MCM, has been a Cordi Marian Missionary Sisters sister for nearly 17 years and is dedicated to helping children, youth, and families deepen their relationship with Christ while accompanying them on their faith journeys. Since 2007, she has served in ministry within the Archdiocese of San Antonio in a variety of roles, including faith formation director, Director of Religious Education (DRE), youth minister, case manager, school counselor, and social worker. She holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in social work. Most recently, she served at the Metropolitan Tribunal as an auditor and case coordinator, guiding individuals seeking declarations of nullity and supporting judicial processes and decisions. This fall, Sr. Gemma will begin a master's program in theology and synodal leadership at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. Through this program, she hopes to further develop her leadership skills and deepen her theological understanding in order to better support and empower communities in their faith journeys. Last year, Sr. Gemma mentored two individuals, accompanying them in discernment and supporting the development of their action plans. This experience deepened her commitment to fostering growth and accompaniment in others. Originally from Cameroon and an American citizen for more than 12 years, Sr. Gemma enjoys music, daily prayer, the Rosary, the Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic adoration, and long walks.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

The Holy Rosary, Saint Gemma, Divine Mercy Chaplet



ANGELA ADAMS

ROCKFORD, MI

Angela is wife to her husband, Alan. They have been married for 30 years and have four grown children: two boys and two girls. She is co-owner and VP of Trendwell Energy Corporation. Trendwell is an oil-gas exploration that her father started 48 years ago. When not working Angela enjoys outdoor activities, Pilates, reading and living her Catholic faith. She is a long-time member of Well-Read-Mom book club and loves reading classic literature through a Catholic lens. Angela is a graduate from The Cenacle of Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida. She and her husband Alan are Missionaries to the Family with Paradisus Dei. They mentor young couples and help facilitate Pre-Cana retreats at their parish. Angela looks forward to continuing her life's journey, growing closer to Christ, having grandchildren and serving the church wherever she is called.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Sacred Heart, The Little Flower, St. Teresa of Avila, & spiritual author Caryl Chessman



SR. MARY JOY BERNKLAU, SOLT

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Sr. Mary Joy Bernklau is a sister of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) serving in Corpus Christi, Texas. Originally from Oregon, she attended Franciscan University of Steubenville, earning a degree in Theology and Catechetics. During college she felt a tug to serve the Church for a summer and found her way to the SOLT mission on Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota, where Jesus changed the trajectory of her life. After graduating and spending a couple of years doing mission work, she finally said yes to the persistent call of Jesus to belong fully to Him as a religious sister and entered the convent. Sr. Mary Joy professed perpetual vows in 2017 and has served primarily in parish ministry in two of SOLT's hottest missions - Phoenix, AZ and Belize, Central America. She enjoys drinking lattes, reading anything by Pope Benedict XVI, and marveling at the beauty of sunsets and starry skies.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Our Lady of Guadalupe, John Paul II, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Faustina, Sr. Kateri, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity



DARILYN BIXENMAN

LITTLETON, CO

Darilyn Bixenman is a native Coloradan, married with three children. She has served in the counseling psychology field since 1993. Over the past 30 years, she has worked in a variety of fields including adoption, HIV/AIDS, Emergency Mental Health, Community Mental Health and Private Practice. Darilyn also taught various psychology courses for ten years at Community College of Denver. Currently, Darilyn has a private, Catholic psychotherapy practice in Littleton where she specializes in treating women and issues directly related to women's health. Her research has rooted itself in the arenas of depression and anxiety/trauma particularly in the underserved female population.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Dymphna and the Litany of Humility



DR. KATHLEEN CHAN

NORFOLK, VA

Dr. Kathleen Chan is a wife, mother of four children, and a practicing medical physician who grew up in British Columbia, Canada. She is now settled in the Mid-Atlantic with her husband, four kids and in-laws. As a young adult living in the medical profession, she encountered a world where a person's self worth is based on meritocracy and people are rewarded for maximal self-sacrifice for the profession. This period was an exercise in reconciling her Christian and professional identity. She now continues to practice medicine among secular peers who define the summum bonum as earthly pleasures and merits. With her own life and family, she provides witness for, perhaps, another highest good.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Rosary, First Friday devotion, First Saturday devotion, Mother Angelica, JPPII, St. Josemaria Escriva



SR. MONIQUE ELOIZARD, SCC

BRONX, NY

Sister Monique is a Religious Sister in the community of the Sisters of Christian Charity. She currently lives in the South Bronx where she ministers to high-at-risk youth and their families as a professional Family Therapist for a non-profit organization. Sister Monique enjoys counseling and journeying with people of all faiths, backgrounds, and walks of life. She feels privileged to be invited to enter spaces where "even the angels have not tread..." in imitation of the Wounded Healer, Christ. Sr. Monique's favorite Saint is St. Monica because of her perseverance and deep faith that, "Nothing is Impossible for God." Sr. Monique enjoys singing and playing the guitar.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Monica, Venerable Thea Bowman, St. Padre Pio, Praise and Worship Music, Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament



KATHRYNE FASSBENDER

MILWAUKEE, WI

Kathryne (Kate) Fassbender is an dementia educator and artist. Working in both the for-profit and non-profit worlds as the Creator of the Dementia Letters Project, a Dementia Education and Life Enrichment company, and the Founder and Executive Director for The Hem of Christ, a ministry helping those living with dementia continue to walk in the faith. By magnifying the importance of creativity, faith, and human connection, she provides creative care, education, and innovative ways to look at how we live with dementia. Kate is a classically trained musician, visual artist, and theater maker, with an academic foundation in the creative arts therapies. Kathryne earned her B.S. in Art Therapy from Edgewood College, with continued education in Drama Therapy. Upon starting her own business, Kathryne found ways to balance both practicing her craft in arts and health and sharing with others the knowledge gained as both a professional and family carer. Over the last 10 years, Kathryne has mentored emerging professionals in elder care and mental health professions, as well as provided support and education to current dementia care professionals.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Blessed Solanus Casey, St. Anne, and St. Gianna, Visio Divina



KAREN GUNSIOR

ANNAPOLIS, MD

Karen Gunsior has over 25 years of experience in the clinical research and pharmaceutical industry, spanning project management, portfolio management, and clinical operations across Phase II–IV studies. She has been recognized for her people-centered leadership, strong scientific judgment, and data-driven decision making, with a consistent track record of delivering results while maintaining high standards of quality and operational excellence. Karen expanded her professional life by launching Keep Advancing Growth LLC, where she coaches professionals to clarify their values, strengthen leadership capabilities, and confidently navigate career advancement or transitions. She is the author of *The Sherpa Can't Carry You* and creator of the signature coaching program *The Climb*. Karen is an avid hiker, reader and traveler. She is a proud mom of her two college kids who attend Purdue University and Indiana University, Bloomington. Karen and her husband live in Annapolis, MD with their three German Shepherds, Arya, Athena and Auto.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Angel of God, Hail Mary, St. James, St. Francis, John Paul II



SR. MARY HOPE, SV

WASHINGTON, DC

Sister Mary Margaret Hope, SV was raised in Toronto, Canada. Captivated by the wonder of the stars, she studied astronomy at Harvard University. Coming to recognize that the human person reflects God's glory more sublimely still, in 2011 she entered the Sisters of Life in order to contemplate and uphold the dignity of human life, made in God's image and likeness. She professed her solemn vows in 2019. Sr. Mary Hope has served in the Sisters of Life mission to pregnant women in crisis, college student evangelization and spiritual accompaniment, and in the Respect Life Office for the Archdiocese of New York. She is currently pursuing a PhD at the St. John Paul II Institute for Marriage and the Family.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Margaret of Castello, St. John Henry Newman, Our Lady of Guadalupe



SR. MARY RUTH HUHN, OSF

HANKINSON, ND

Sister Mary Ruth is a Franciscan Sister of Dillingen who lives in Hankinson, ND. In addition to her prayer, example and witness of joyful community life, she serves the Church as a Spiritual Director, catechist, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and Secular Franciscan Spiritual Assistant. She also leads discussion and faith sharing groups in-person and online, as well as facilitating and speaking at retreats. In her down time, Sister likes to go for walks and bike rides during the summer and get out for some cross-country skiing in the winter. She also enjoys board games, gardening, hiking, visiting friends and relatives, swimming, and relaxing with a good book. Growing up on a small farm, she and her two sisters had the privilege of helping their parents with various tasks around the house, barn and fields. As such, Sister Mary Ruth developed a strong work ethic and learned the importance of cooperating with others (man, beast, and machine) to accomplish tasks. She went on to earn a PhD in Plant Breeding before answering the call to Religious Life. Now, fifteen years after professing the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, she also serves as vicar of her convent community.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis of Assisi, The Holy Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet



SR. FAUSTINA JEMINEZ, CSJ

EAST ORANGE, NJ

Sr. Faustina is a religious sister with the Apostolic Sisters of St. John—East Orange. Before entering religious life, she worked as an accountant and caregiver, serving both the elderly and orphaned children. She spent 11 years on mission in France, where she accompanied the elderly and dying, brought Holy Communion to those in need, and supported children with disabilities. She currently serves as a catechist and parish catechetical leader, teaching religion to first and fourth grade students at the parish Catholic school. Sr. Faustina has experience accompanying adults and youth through pastoral care, vocational witness, Lectio Divina, and parish ministry. She has walked alongside mothers who adopted children with difficulties, women experiencing grief after abortion or miscarriage, and members of her parish Rosary group. As an adopted child herself, she brings compassion and personal understanding to her accompaniment of others. Sr. Faustina enjoys sewing and watercolor painting and is passionate about sharing how she discovered her vocation. She is looking forward to serving as a mentor for the first time and accompanying others in faith and discernment.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Faustina, St. Anthony, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Joseph, St. Helen, St. John, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, Novena to St. Joseph



RITA JOHNSON, OSF

FLORENCE, KY

Rita Johnson is a daughter of God, wife, homeschooling mom of 6 amazing kiddos (aged 17-1), and the owner of Health and Hormones, a functional medicine practice. In her work she helps women take their health back into their own hands using dietary changes, lifestyle and mindset work, and at home lab testing. She loves to travel, read lots of books, and meet new people!

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Philip Neri, St. Catherine of Siena



DR. MARIE-NOELLE LANGAN

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dr. Langan was born in the US, raised and educated in Canada, returning to the US for cardiology and clinical electrophysiology fellowship at Presby UPenn in Philadelphia. In her first role, she established the electrophysiology laboratory at George Washington University. Seeking more academic depth, at Mount Sinai, she continued in the clinical lab while she collaborated in a basic science lab, patch clamping ion channels, resulting in an AHA Clinician Scientist Award. She was recruited to Lenox Hill Hospital to establish an academic bridge between the clinical electrophysiology and the Cardiac Catheterization Labs and she became Director of the Electrophysiology Lab. She returned later to Mount Sinai joining Dr V Reddy, a pioneer in invasive procedures, as Medical Director of Operations, focusing on integrating remote monitoring, wearable technologies, and AI models into the pre-procedure and outpatient clinical workflows. She has transitioned to consulting with a Healthtech Company, focusing on redefining the role of the physician in the face of AI and adding ethical infrastructure to their remote monitoring workflows. She now is focusing on the larger project of use of stories to inform catholic leaders on integrating AI ethically as a mentor.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Joan of Arc and St. Thomas More



MARY LENABURG -

FAIRFAX, VA

Mary Lenaburg is an international Catholic speaker, mentor, and award-winning author of *Be Brave in the Scared and Be Bold in the Broken*, with a third book forthcoming from Ascension Press in Summer 2026. After spending more than 25 years as a wife, mother, and caregiver, Mary found herself unexpectedly called into public ministry, where she now accompanies women as they navigate suffering and hardship, clarifying their purpose and mission, as well as answering the call God has placed upon their hearts. Known for her honesty, warmth, and disarming humor, Mary finds great joy being a mentor encouraging the next generation of women to go where God leads. Her mentoring style is deeply relational, rooted in listening, encouragement, and helping women recognize how God has uniquely equipped them for mission. Guided by her father's words—"Never quit, never give up, never lose your faith"—Mary is passionate about helping others trust that God has chosen this time and place for them, and that their stories, gifts, and talents matter in the life of the Church and the world.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Mary Magdalen, St Dymphna, St Jude, St Scholastica, The Rosary, Divine Mercy Novena



KARIN MORIN

YORK, ME

Karin Morin is a wife and mother of six. She attended Yale (French Literature) and Harvard Law School, back when it may have meant something. Karin worked part-time as a lawyer for about a dozen years, then began homeschooling her children. She taught some of them, graduating three. In the process, she began leading literature groups for other homeschooled middle and high school students. These groups continued for eighteen years. Karin designed seven years of curriculum and accompanying materials for teaching writing. A convert to Catholicism in her college years, Karin became active in her faith through the influence of Servant of God Ruth Pakaluk. Karin has been involved in religious education through her parish and diocese. She has also been active in the prolife movement for many years. Karin's current occupations include visiting her children across the country, a women's Bible study in her parish, a bit of writing, and, inescapably, her book club and literary interests.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Holy Rosary, St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Anthony, St. Dymphna, St. Joseph



DR. GRACE MORRISON

GAITHERSBURG, MD

Grace lives in Maryland and is a wife and mother of seven children --and two grandchildren. Three of her sons are priests with the Archdiocese of Washington and one daughter is a religious sister with the Nashville Dominicans. Her youngest is a child with Down Syndrome and was adopted from Ukraine as an infant. She homeschooled her children for twenty-five years, and still continues. Grace is a trained dental surgeon (periodontist.) She worked in private practice and was an assistant professor at the University of MD Dental School for fifteen years. She still practices on a limited basis with her husband who is also a dentist. Currently, Grace is a trained Catholic Life Coach helping women realize their unique identity and to move in God's plan for their life. She is an instructor for Encounter Ministries, and is a Stephen Minister who counsels women dealing with hardships. Grace is formed in the Spirituality of the Cross of Blessed Conchita --and is a member of the Apostleship of the Cross.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Blessed Concepcion Cabrera de Armida "Conchita", St. Therese of Lisieux, St. John Paul II, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Totus Tuus Prayer, Morning Offering, Rosary



SR. CHRISTINA NEUMANN, OSF

GRAND FORKS, ND

SSr. Christina Marie Neumann comes to us from eastern North Dakota, where she serves in various capacities at her community's retreat center. In addition to her work duties there, which center around digital outreach, communications, and library work, she continues to work remotely for St. Anne's Guest Home, an assisted living facility serving elderly and disabled individuals in need of basic care; she functions as the home's development director. Helping those in need, particularly those with disabilities and limited resources, is something that is especially dear to Sr. Christina's heart; she has been formed by the personal experience of living with a vision impairment as well as that of serving at St. Anne's for fourteen years. A native of Minnesota, the "Land of 10,000 lakes," Sr. Christina loves swimming (when she gets the chance); she also enjoys gardening, biking, and the beauty of nature. Her role as big sister, her years of teaching religious education, and her spiritual motherhood to many others in her Religious Life has given Sr. Christina valuable experience which she hopes to share with young women through the GIVEN Institute.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Clare of Assisi, St. Therese of Lisieux, the Holy Name of Jesus, liturgical music (playing organ and singing)



SR. MARY O'DONOVAN, O. CARM.

GERMANTOWN, NY

Sr. Mary of Jesus O'Donovan, O. Carm., is a member of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm and has served in religious life for the past 46 years. She is originally from County Tipperary, Ireland, where her siblings—one sister and five brothers—continue to reside. She first encountered the congregation while working at Our Lady's Manor in Dublin, one of the community's facilities. She entered the United States in 1980 and, following her novitiate, served in two of the congregation's facilities in New York. During this time, she completed her master's degree in social work through studies at St. John's University in Queens and Adelphi University in Garden City, New York. In 1996, Sr. Mary returned to Ireland, where she trained as a psychotherapist and worked for 19 years as a medical social worker and psychotherapist at Our Lady's Manor in Dublin. She returned to the United States in 2015 and served as Vocation Director and Director of the SALT Mission Program (Serving the Aged Lovingly Today), a service program for young adult women. She also completed training as a spiritual director. She enjoys walking, playing the Irish tin whistle, Irish dancing, spending time in nature, and quiet prayer. She has a deep devotion to the Carmelite saints, especially St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross, and is inspired by Ephesians 3:20: "Glory be to Him whose power at work in me can do infinitely more than I can ask or imagine."

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, Evelyn Underhill, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



DR. MARY ROCHE

YONKERS, NY

Mary Roche lives in New York with her husband John and their beagle Bosco. Mary has been an occupational therapist for over 25 years. She has worked with people of all ages in a variety of settings including hospitals, schools, and community settings. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy at Dominican University New York. Mary enjoys working with older adults and is a certified Aging in Place Specialist. Mary has a doctorate in medical humanities, and her clinical interests include integrative health and wellness, narrative medicine, and ethics. Mary enjoys writing, cooking, dancing, arts and crafts, planning events, and spending time with family and friends. She also enjoys taking road trips with her husband. She considers herself a lifelong learner. Since the last Given Forum, Mary has been participating in the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) Program, an Ignatian Spiritual Direction Formation Program to prepare people to become Certified Ignatian Spiritual Directors and Directors of the 19th Annotation Retreat. Mary feels that a mentor should be open-minded, kind, a good listener, a good question-asker, and have a sense of humor. Mary strives to be this way in her interactions with others and is grateful to be part of this experience.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Jude, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and the Suscipe Prayer



CARRIE SANCHEZ

KELLER, TX

Carrie Sanchez is a wife, mother of four, singer, author, speaker, and spiritual director—all which flow from her primary identity as a beloved daughter of God. She graduated Cum Laude with a BBA in Marketing from Texas A&M University. She maintains her series 6 and 63 licenses to offer financial education and coaching to families. She has three Catechetical certificates from St. Junipero Serra Institute and will complete her Spiritual Direction certification from Divine Mercy University in 2026. She contributed a chapter to the book *Cloud of Witnesses*, and recently published *Gateway to Grace: Connecting the Ten Commandments to Everyday Life*. In addition to her primary vocation as wife and mom, Carrie spends her time offering financial coaching, volunteering in parish ministry, writing, speaking, and providing spiritual direction. She loves the Lord and sharing His message of hope and saving power!

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Our Blessed Mother, St. Catherine of Sienna, St. Theresa of Avila, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Padre Pio, St. Ignatius of Loyola, The Rosary



JOLEEN SCHANZENBACH

VISTA, CA

Joleen Schanzenbach is first and foremost a disciple of Jesus Christ and seeks him in scripture and adoration. St. Pope John Paul II is her hero and she has led an ENDOW group in her home for 3 years. She has a passion for mentoring and uplifting the heart of women of all ages. Her heart is especially drawn to young adult women who are seeking to live in this world with a heart for Christ, which can be so challenging. She runs a women's ministry titled "Better Together" at her parish along with an annual retreat and leads music for retreats, adoration, and mass at her parish. Joleen is a nurse who has worked in Mother Baby care for over 20 years, is currently a home Hospice Nurse, a Bioethics Intern with the National Catholic Bioethics Center, a wife of 35 years, a mother of 6, and a grandmother of 5. She loves the outdoors, cold water swimming, running, any historical fiction novel, and hanging out with her family as much as possible.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Pope St. John Paul II, St. Edith Stein, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Mother Theresa, St. Theresa of Avila, Daily Mass, the Rosary, Adoration



MIMI TRAN

KATY, TX

Mimi believes strongly in supporting Catholic women's leadership and has a heart for accompanying women as they grow in faith, confidence in Christ, and authentic discipleship. Mimi currently serves as a Catholic campus minister at Rice University since 2018. She has over 15 years of ministry experience including childhood and adolescent catechesis, high school youth ministry, music ministry, and adult faith formation.

Mimi is passionate about helping others to discover their identity in Christ and embrace their unique God-given mission. She really enjoys listening to others' stories and hearing their hopes and wonderings. She loves having conversations about daydreaming with God - imagining the beautiful and unique callings God offers to each of us. As a wife and mother, Mimi believes serving and pouring into her family is her greatest mission and vocation. She loves her family life, even the seemingly ordinary aspects of daily domestic living. Mimi believes her home and family has been her greatest school for learning and living out God's love and holiness.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Mother Mary, St. John Paul II, St. Carlo Acutis, requesting the Sacraments, mental prayer, journaling, the Rosary, Adoration, Litany of Trust, Litany of Humility, Litany of Healing, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary



SR. ANNE MARIE ELIZABETH WARNER, SV*

NEW YORK, NY

Sister Anne Marie Elizabeth, SV is from Massachusetts, and graduated from Bentley University with an undergraduate degree in corporate finance and accounting and a Masters in Accounting. She worked as a CPA in public accounting, then worked for national March for Life as well as the GIVEN Institute, before entering the Sisters of Life. She is also an alumna of the 2016 GIVEN Forum. Sr. Anne Marie professed first vows on June 25, 2022. The Sisters of Life are a religious community of women founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O'Connor who take a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. Immersed in Eucharistic prayer within a vibrant community life, their missions include caring for vulnerable pregnant women and their unborn children; inviting those wounded by abortion to receive the healing mercy of Jesus; fostering a culture of life through evangelization; retreat works; spiritual accompaniment of college students; and upholding the beauty of marriage and family life. Sister Anne Marie currently lives at Sacred Heart Convent in New York City, and serves as the Director of the Respect Life Office for the Archdiocese of New York.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Anne, St. Faustina, St. John Paul II, St. Patrick, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

**Not attending forum*



JIZA ZITO

WILLIAMSBURG, VA

Jiza Zito is a wife, mother, and graduate student in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Liberty University. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Old Dominion University and began her career working in recreational therapy for children with severe physical disabilities, as well as supporting students on the autism spectrum as an itinerant classroom assistant. Her love for Catholic formation later led her to intern and work at the Theology of the Body Institute in Pennsylvania. In addition to her work in counseling and ministry, Jiza spent 10 years as a wedding and portrait photographer and founded Spoken Bride, an online resource for Catholic brides and newlyweds. Her award-winning photography has been featured in WeddingWire, Richmond Weddings Magazine, Radiant Magazine, San Diego Style Weddings, and Kara's Party Ideas. After returning to southeastern Virginia for her husband's military career, Jiza served two years as a mentor for COMPASS, supporting military spouses in navigating military life. For the past six years, she has been honored to mentor Catholic young women through the GIVEN Institute. Today, she also serves as a catechist at her parish and is currently in formation with the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (Dominicans) of the Province of St. Joseph. Jiza lives in Williamsburg, Virginia, with her husband, Mark, and their five children.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Mother Mary, St. John Paul II, St. Carlo Acutis, requesting the Sacraments, mental prayer, journaling, the Rosary, Adoration, Litany of Trust, Litany of Humility, Litany of Healing, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary



MENTOR SPECIALTY

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RACHEL AVILES

DALLAS, TX

Rachel Aviles was born and raised in Dallas, Texas, where she continues to live with her beloved husband, Oliver, and feisty 17-year-old chihuahua, Penelope Antonia. Raised in The Episcopal Church, Rachel earned her BA in Religious Studies and Master of Divinity from Southern Methodist University. She was awarded the John Hicks Fellowship at SMU to live and study in Israel and the West Bank under Archbishop Elias Chacour. Her time in the Holy Land inspired her to cross the Tiber and enter The Catholic Church in 2014. Rachel has spent the past two decades of her career in ministry and non-profit advocacy spaces, and she currently supports cancer research grants administration in a major hospital system in Texas. She attended the inaugural session of GIVEN in 2016 and has remained in love with its mission to edify women leaders in the Church through all ages, from forum participants, to volunteers, to mentors. In their free time, Rachel and her husband enjoy competing in International Latin Ballroom dance competitions.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (confirmation saint), The Divine Mercy Chaplet (liturgical wedding anniversary is Divine Mercy weekend)



TERRI CELMER*

MOUNT AIRY, MD

Terri Celmer is a life-long Catholic. She encountered Jesus as the living Lord while on a youth retreat and made a decision to live as his disciple. During high school and college, she shared her faith with family and friends, and as a young working adult she lived with other Christian women until she married in 1984. Terri and her husband have two married children and three grandsons. Terri is a trained spiritual director and the author of several Catholic devotionals. She lives in Maryland and presents talks and retreats for women's groups and parishes. Last August she directed a women's retreat entitled "Seen, Known, Loved and Called" for Catholic women in Maryland. This is her third Forum serving as a GIVEN mentor. She can't say enough good things about GIVEN. Come with an open mind and heart; and extend your arms wide to receive all that the Lord wants to give you!

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St Therese of Lisieux and Servant of God Elisabeth Leseur, The Stations of the Cross

**Not attending forum*



MARIE FIEBACH

WICHITA, KS

Marie Fiebach is the married mother of four young adults. She works as the Director of Communications for the Catholic Diocese of Wichita. Marie brings years of experience in media, speaking, podcasting, and entrepreneurship. For years she had a weekly cooking segment on her local ABC affiliate. She also wrote a cookbook and produced and hosted the Feed Your Family Tonight podcast. Marie has worked as a speaking and media coach preparing women for keynote talks and major media appearances. She not only brings communications experience; she also has extensive experience both as a volunteer and as an employee of several non-profits. She has led volunteer teams in organizing and executing fundraising galas that have brought in six-figure sums. Her work experience in sales and marketing includes Catholic Diocese of Wichita Cemeteries and Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice. She has experience on nonprofit boards and is currently chairman of the board for A Better Choice, a Catholic pregnancy resource center in Wichita, Kansas.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Gianna, Venerable Emil Kapaun, Adoration, St. Maximilian Kolbe



RACHEL LEE

PHOENIX, AZ

Rachel is a wife, mother, homeschooler, and marketing professional whose life is built around faith, family, and service. As Digital Marketing Head for Training Tiger and Director of Marketing for Blue Stream Cleaning, she brings both professional expertise and a servant's heart to everything she does. Rooted in her Catholic faith, Rachel co-leads OCIA with her husband and serves on the core team of Trinity House ministry. She also leads Coffee Team — a welcoming space where honest questions meet humble listening and age-old Church wisdom, bridging the gap between the Church and the unchurched and calling them home. Rachel sees herself as a buttress — not the grand arch that draws the eye, but the steady support that allows others to flourish. She believes every woman carries irreplaceable gifts the world needs, and she is honored to walk alongside young women as they discover their own.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Devotion to The Most Holy Eucharist, The Holy Rosary, St. Patrick, St. Christopher, St. Bridget of Sweden, St. Benedict, St. Scholastica, St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Augustine, St. Josemaria Escriva, St. Padre Pio, St. Thomas More, St. Gemma Galgani, St. Theresa of Avila, St. Ignatius



SUSAN MICHEL

CRANBURY, NJ

Susan Michel is the Founder and CEO of Glen Eagle Advisors, a women-owned financial services firm providing wealth management and trading services to corporations, family offices, and multi-generational families nationwide. Since founding Glen Eagle in 2002, Susan has built one of the few women-owned trading platforms in the world. She is a mother of four and grandmother of ten. Susan has served as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of The Hun School of Princeton and as a Trustee of Saint Elizabeth University. She is also the Past President of the New Jersey Chapter of the Entrepreneurs' Organization. Susan currently serves as a trustee of St. Paul Catholic Church in Princeton. She hosts the national podcast Women's Wealth: The Middle Way® and has been recognized as an Enterprising Woman of the Year and a WBENC WBE Star Award recipient. She is a frequent speaker on wealth management and women's leadership and has been featured in Fortune, Forbes, and Newsweek. Susan is passionate about mentoring other women and continually seeks ways to serve and grow in her Catholic faith.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Monica, The Divine Mercy Chaplet



ELIZABETH MONTIGNY

SOMERSET, MA

Elizabeth Montigny is honored to return as GIVEN mentor. She has built a life coaching practice, created a theatre ministry based on the rosary, and looks forward to self-publishing a devotional based on her ministry. Liz is a mother of the cross in the Love Crucified community, whose mission it is to bring the Lord victim souls for these decisive times. Liz lives in Massachusetts with her husband and their three boys, and she enjoys sipping tea from a pretty cup and trying embroidery.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, The Divine Mercy Chaplet



JENNIFER MURPHY

LINCOLNTON, GA

Jennifer Murphy is passionate about her family, faith, and mentorship. She and her husband of nearly 25 years, their 16-year-old son and their sweet Appenzeller (dog) live in Georgia. After more than 20 years in Corporate America, Jennifer launched Inspire & Transform Consulting, where she partners with leaders to develop the knowledge, skills, and practical strategies needed to realize their potential and cultivate team cultures that value the unique gifts each person brings. Jennifer's strengths include meeting people where they are, understanding their needs and aspirations, recognizing untapped potential, creating meaningful development plans, and solving challenges creatively. She is known for teaching practical approaches that help people feel seen, heard, and valued.

Throughout her career, her faith has been foundational to her growth, perspective, and resilience in every season. She is passionate about sharing how God's presence in her life has shaped her both personally and professionally. In her free time, Jennifer enjoys spending time with her family, reading, cooking, baking, and listening to podcasts. She also serves as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and Co-Administrator for CCD at St. Joseph's in Washington, Georgia, and treasures the ongoing journey of learning and growing closer to God.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Rosary, Surrender Novena, St. Michael prayer, Memorare, Liturgy of the Hours, Blessed Virgin Mary, Saints Joseph, Padre Pio, Catherine of Siena, Joan of Arc, and Therese of Lisieux



MEGAN MURRAY

BOLLINGBROOK, IL

Megan Murray is a young and vibrant Catholic who brings her faith into all she does. She discerned religious life and was a part of the Spanish community, "The Home of the Mother" for 11 years. After she discerned out of that community, she started working for the Church as a lay person. She now works as Director of Adult Faith Formation, loves spiritual direction, mentoring, leading retreats and teaching OCIA. Her hobbies are vast from all types of dance, to cooking, playing the piano and outdoor activities.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Therese of Lisieux, St. John Paul II, the Fatima Children, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



LAURIE PANDORF

LONG VALLEY, NJ

Laurie Pandorf is a teacher and K-5 Instructional Coach, where she provides professional development and support for teachers. Prior to teaching, she had a twenty-two-year career in business leaving as a project manager. As she prepares for her next move into ministry, Laurie is a lector in her parish, a leader for her Blessed is She small group, a leader and mentor on her parish's retreat team, and fellowship prayer group. Laurie is currently taking courses through Notre Dame to complete a certificate in theology and has applied to Proclaim, a program for women to develop their skills in sharing the Word of God. As a reader, writer, and literacy specialist, Laurie is a member of Praise Writers, led by Claire Dwyer and Mike Fontecchio, where she is a contributing author for two books: *Cloud of Witnesses* and *Crowned with Grace*. Her business background served to assist her husband in managing his commercial contracting business, and in creating two businesses: *Personal Touch* (a stenciling business), and *Heavenly Halos*, where she and a friend created angel dolls and wrote poems/prayers for various occasions. She also wrote a special poem as a remembrance for grieving moms/parents who have lost a baby through miscarriage, still birth, or illness.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Elizabeth, St. Ann. I also have a strong connection to Mary of the Visitation and wrote a seven-day prayer to cover women during all aspects of pregnancy, birth and motherhood.



JULIETTE PICCIANO

NUTLEY, NJ

Juliette Picciano is the wife of Steven and mother of Steven Leo, Dominic Rocco, Raymond Joseph, and Catherine-Marie Rose. Juliette serves as Head of School at Mount St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell, NJ, and has delighted in mentoring young Catholic women throughout her career. She and her family are parishioners at Saint Vincent Ferrer-Saint Catherine of Siena in Manhattan.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Catherine of Siena, St. Dominic, St. Raymond of Penafort, St. Cecilia, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady Untier of Knots, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, the Sacred Heart of Jesus



LAURA ROLAND

ST. MICHAEL, MN

Laura Roland is a Certified Catholic Motivation Coach and Strategist who helps leaders, educators, entrepreneurs, and mission-driven professionals turn insight into action. Through Laura Roland Coaching, she works with individuals and small teams to uncover what truly drives them using the research-backed Motivation Code (MCode) assessment and translates that insight into clearer leadership, better decisions, and sustainable momentum. A former Catholic educator and content producer for a startup company, Laura understands both institutional leadership and entrepreneurial pressure. Now a solopreneur herself, she brings real-world experience to conversations about burnout, alignment, and building work that fits. Her approach blends motivational science with practical strategy and lived leadership. She is the creator of You. By Design.™, a framework that helps people align their work with how they are uniquely wired to contribute. As a mentor, Laura is known for thoughtful listening, honest insight, and clear next steps. She is also a wife, mother, and grandmother, bringing depth, perspective, and steady encouragement to the leaders she serves.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Saint Mother Teresa, St. Charbel; 54 Day Novenas, Mary Undoer of Knots



MENTOR SPECIALTY

ARTISTIC



ALEXANDRA BASTIEN

LONG ISLAND, NY

Alexandra Bastien is a licensed mental health counselor and experienced training facilitator dedicated to strengthening children, families, and the professionals who serve them. With a master's degree in mental health counseling from Nyack College and a bachelor's degree in International Business from Hofstra University, she brings both clinical depth and strategic insight to her work in social services and private practice. Alexandra integrates therapeutic approaches with her faith, creating spaces for emotional healing and personal growth. In addition to providing counseling and coaching, Alexandra designs and leads trainings that equip teams to engage families holistically and compassionately. She blends mental health expertise and spiritual insight into mentoring that is thoughtful, grounded and practical. She is especially passionate about helping others deepen self-awareness and grow in confidence and purpose. Outside of her professional work, Alexandra enjoys globetrotting, spending quality time with family and friends, and volunteering as a teacher with Encounter School of Ministry NYC Campus.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

Eucharistic Adoration, Our Lady of Lourdes, St Bernadette



RACHEL CLOUSER

PORTLAND, OR

Originally from Arizona, Rachel grew up in a large family with three brothers and one sister. Faith was always part of her upbringing, and she recalls saying rosaries during family road trips and praying together before bed. During high school, her family joined a Catholic charismatic community, and her spiritual life was set on fire. What began as a spark has become a lifelong love for the Lord that shapes her vocation as a mentor, leader, and mother. Rachel currently lives in Portland, Oregon with her husband and three children. She is a full-time marketing executive and has over a decade of experience launching products, building marketing strategies, leading teams, and solving complex challenges. She brings both structure and imagination to her work and, most importantly, believes that people always come first. Rachel has been a contributing writer to Blessed Is She and loves connecting with others through creative writing. She also enjoys baking, getting lost in a good book, and exploring the outdoors. She finds peace in Adoration and feels especially close to the Lord in the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

The Rosary, Adoration, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



LIV HARRISON

TOMBALL, TX

Liv Harrison is best known for sharing her gifts of humor and storytelling as a professional speaker and emcee. She thrives on bringing people together over common interests. In May of 2019, Liv successfully created and launched the Genius Catholic Women's Conference. It was produced again in March 2020 and is coming back, February 2027! When not emceeing a conference or serving with The Junior League of The Woodlands, Liv can be found interviewing guests for her new show Catholic Carpool on CatholicTV in Boston. In February 2026, Liv will release her NEW podcast, "The LIVing Room". Liv has been both a guest and co-host on Sirius XM, the host of a daily morning show distributed on Amazon Alexa devices called Liv Every Day, and you can discover her past creative endeavors; Talk to Me with Liv Harrison (a storytelling/interview podcast) or It's Not That Late with Liv Harrison (think Late Night Show talk show!) on your favorite podcast app or YouTube. Liv is married to the love of her life and high school sweetheart and she is the mother of two fantastic humans! When she is not on a plane traveling, Liv can be found at home with her adorable puppies Jack, Rose, and Harvey. You can follow her on Instagram @thelivharrison or visit her at thelivharrison.com.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Therese of Lisieux, The Divine Mercy, Surrender Novena, St. Anthony, 54 Day Novena, Sacred Heart of Jesus



HEATHER LANDRY

BATON ROUGE, LA

Heather Landry is a lifelong resident of south Louisiana who delights in deep conversations (preferably over a meal). Harnessing her overthinking powers, she became an attorney. She practiced for ten years as a civil defense litigator before becoming a law clerk for an appellate judge. Heather's ability to anticipate and analyze all sides of an issue or argument has served her well in her chosen profession. When not parsing legalese, she enjoys prayer journaling, which began as a way to cultivate her prayer life and bring her thoughts to Jesus in a familiar and loved medium - writing. Heather experienced a significant reconversion to her faith and spiritual life over ten years ago and recently founded a new women's ministry at her parish, focusing on spiritual development, community, and the importance of reminding each other of our identity as beloved sons and daughters of God. Heather savors her time alone with Jesus as a committed adorer at her church parish's perpetual adoration chapel. In her "free" time, Heather can be found doing puzzles of all kinds, reading, writing, cooking for family and friends, and spending time with her husband and children.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Francis, St. Veronica, St. Ignatius, the Surrender Novena, and the Litany of Humility



DR. SARAH MAPLE*

NEW WINDSOR, NY

Dr Sarah Maple is a painter, theologian, and professor. She teaches undergraduate, graduate, and seminary courses in a breadth of ethical, theological, cultural, and artistic studies. Her major works include publishing on the interior life of artists, and the metaphysics of creativity (published in 2026). Her greatest calling is as a wife to sacred music composer Conner McCain, and mother to Elizabetta and Evrard. They make their home in NY's beautiful Hudson River Valley, but are currently enjoying Sarah's residency at Oxford University where she is writing on creative intuition and the resurrected body of Christ as a Visiting Research Scholar.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St Therese of Lisieux, St Corbinian, St Ambrose, St John Paul II, The Sacred & Immaculate Hearts

**Not attending forum*



BRENDA RIOJAS

SAN JUAN, TX

A wife, mother, nana, poet, journalist, editor, creative spirit, Brenda embraces each moment before her – even the challenges, which are moments for learning and growth. Brenda has been Director of Diocesan Relations for the Diocese of Brownsville for 28 years and serves as the editor of The Valley Catholic magazine. Her work has garnered first place awards from the Catholic Media Association in the categories of best news writing and best regular column – spiritual life. She began her career as a journalist before entering the field of public relations.

She is an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America and earned a bachelor's degree from Texas A&I University in Kingsville (now Texas A&M-Kingsville) and a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing through the University of New Orleans.

Brenda is Benedictine Oblate associated with the Benedictine Monastery of the Good Shepherd in Rio Grande City, Texas and leads retreats there on spiritual journaling.

Parishioners of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Harlingen, she and her husband have been married 38 years. They have a son and a daughter and three grandchildren.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Catherine of Siena, St. Josemaria Escriva, St. Michael's Lent



KAYLEE STOLL

ALBERTVILLE, MN

Kaylee is the Chief Storyteller & Founder of Memento Creative Co. She is a photographer and creative director who believes deeply in the power of meaningful, human-centered stories. With over a decade of experience in photography, digital marketing, and content strategy, she brings a thoughtful blend of artistry and intention to every project.

Her work is rooted in authenticity and connection. Whether she's documenting quiet, honest moments or helping organizations communicate with clarity and purpose. She has spent years collaborating with faith-based communities and nonprofits, shaping stories that reflect both beauty and truth. Outside of client work, she's often chasing good light, exploring new creative ideas, or spending time with the people who inspire her most, her husband and three daughters.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross, St Carlo Actuis, St. Joan of Arc, Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary, St. Augustine



SR. NANCY USSELMANN, FSP

LOS ANGELES, CA

Sr. Nancy Usselmann, FSP is a Daughter of St Paul and the Director of Pauline Media Studies, a ministry that encourages Media Mindfulness Catechesis for a lived discipleship. She is a Media Literacy Educator, theologian, international speaker, writer, film/TV reviewer, and author of "Media Fasting: Six Weeks to Recharge in Christ" and "A Sacred Look: Becoming Cultural Mystics." Sr. Nancy has a Doctorate in Ministry from The Catholic University of America and a Master of Arts in Theology. With more than 35 years of experience as a media evangelizer, Sr Nancy guides Catholics to integrate their faith with their everyday media use. When not at prayer or sharing life with her Sisters in community, Sr Nancy can often be seen around Hollywood on film panels, interviewing at red carpet premieres, attending international film festivals, and sharing the Sisters' media spirituality with industry professionals.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Paul the Apostle, Mary Queen of Apostles, Jesus Divine Master, The Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Cinema Divina, Meditation on the Daily Gospel, Examination of My Online Life, Surrender Novena, Blessed James Alberione, St. Carlo Acutis, St. Thomas More, St. Joan of Arc, St. Mary MacKillop, St. Michael, St. Joseph



SR. JEANA VISEL, OSB*

FERDINAND, IN

Sr. Jeana Visel, OSB is a Benedictine sister of Monastery Immaculate Conception, Ferdinand, Indiana, where she entered in 2003, made first profession in 2006, and perpetual profession in 2010. At Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, she serves as Dean of School of Theology Programs, overseeing the non-seminary programs, and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Spirituality. Her research and teaching interests include Church art, especially icons, and monastic studies. She has studied iconography with Ksenia Pokrovsky, Anna Gouriev, Marek Czarnecki, and George Kordis, and presently is completing a Certificate in Icon Painting through the Writing the Light Program. Her first book, *Icons in the Western Church: Toward a More Sacramental Encounter*, was published by Liturgical Press in 2016. In 2025, Behold Visio Divina published *Receiving the Gaze: Praying with Icons*. She also is a regular cantor at liturgies, and assists with chant offerings at Saint Meinrad's Institute for Sacred Music.

Favorite Saints & Prayer Devotions:

St. Benedict, St. Hildegard, Liturgy of the Hours, Adoration

**Not attending forum*

ACTION PLANS

Increasing Access to Diocesan Archives

Emily Ahlin | LAKEWOOD, OH

This initiative increases accessibility to diocesan archives by creating a centralized finding aid repository aimed at increased opportunity for evangelization.

Children's Cultural Reading Circle

Dayoung Ahn | ORANGE, CA

This initiative provides children of similar cultural backgrounds with a space to connect and read books in their mother language.

Westside Women's Group

Alyssa Amador | CINCINNATI, OH

This initiative strengthens relationships within the parish, fosters spiritual growth, and create opportunities for women to support one another in their daily lives and faith journeys.

This Missionary Heart: A Catholic Devotional for Missionaries

Alyssa Mae Ambulo | VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

This initiative develops a devotional aimed at fostering a missionary heart by using real-life examples, words of encouragement, wisdom, and simple prayers.

Nutrition Counseling and Education for Women

Taylor Avery | NEW YORK, NY

This initiative, by way of nutrition counseling, seeks to educate women and encourage them to choose foods that fuel and nourish their body in order to more fully live out what God has called them to each day!

Faith & Strength - Catholic Wellness Retreat for Women

Maria de los Angeles Avila Hernandez | TIJUANA, MEXICO

This initiative fosters a space for women that integrates faith, fitness, emotional healing, and community to help them reconnect with God, care for their bodies with purpose, and grow spiritually through movement and meaningful connection.

Homegrown Saints: Where Faith Takes Root at Home

Emily Baldwin | ODENTON, MD

This initiative encourages families in their spiritual formation, seeking to close the gap between learning about the faith in a parish or school setting and living it fully at home.

Maddalena Ministry: Fostering Belonging for Individuals with Disabilities in Parish Life

Kelsey Ballard | SAN JOSE, CA

This initiative educates staff and volunteers in the parish's religious education and OCIA programs on the gifts and needs of individuals with disabilities, aimed at launching a special religious education program.

ACTION PLANS

K-8 Integrated Humanities Curriculum Maps

Forest Barnette | AURORA, CO

This initiative lays the groundwork for furthering academic renewal in the Archdiocese of Denver, providing a proposed year-long map for integrating the humanities from kindergarten to 8th grade.

Treasures Out of Darkness: A Devotional for Young Adults Carrying Their Crosses

Hannah Barrientez-Widmer | DENTON, TX

This initiative authors a book aimed at providing hope, comfort and spiritual support for young adults who are experiencing suffering and isolation.

Archdiocesan Young Adult Ministry Conference

Alice Bloemer | HYATTSVILLE, MD

This initiative organizes a conference to fosters spiritual enrichment for those serving in young adult ministry throughout the archdiocese.

Leisure: A Faculty & Staff Retreat

Erica Boehm | BISMARCK, ND

This initiative develops a retreat for a small group of faculty/staff to receive care, connection, engage in leisure through prayer and formation.

Rooted: Faith Found in Physicality

Lydia Brinkmann | BROOKLYN, NY

This initiative helps women grow into a deeper understanding of and relationship with their bodies and how our bodies inform our experience and expression of the faith, through a series of five physical workshops.

Feminine Formation Podcast for Young Women

Anastasia Brooks | SODUS, MI

This initiative encourages young women to recognize their belovedness as daughters and to embrace the Feminine Genius to live out their God given missions in their lives.

Creative Expression in Grief Book

Tereze Burdett | ELVERSON, PA

This initiative fosters a space for healing with the Catholic faith, God, creativity, and beauty by means of a Creative Expression Grief Book.

Annulment Retreat

Christina Butler | AURORA, CO

This initiative develops a retreat serving those going through the annulment process, offering a space for community and healing.

ACTION PLANS

Book: Even When: Finding your identity and Discovering God's Faithfulness in Every Season

Juliana Carlson | SAN JOSE, CA

This initiative fosters an encounter with God's steadfast love through personal storytelling in the form of a book, helping them recognize His presence even in failure, suffering, and loss.

In the Ordinary: Living faith in Daily Life

Ana Caso | SANTIAGO DE SURCO, PERU

This initiative shares media-based formation that helps young Catholic women integrate their faith into everyday life through structured reflections inspired by Catholic thought and Catholic Social Teaching.

The HERS Project

Bridget Chang | ALEXANDRIA, VA

This initiative develops a nonprofit serving married couple, helping them to build their families with restorative reproductive medicine (RRM) through financial scholarships and educational resources.

Cleveland Catholic Ministry Leadership Institute

Megan Bolin | BROOKPARK, OH

This initiative fosters mission-driven Catholic leaders in the Diocese of Cleveland, through spiritual formation, mentorship, leadership training, and hands-on ministry experience.

Writing Workshop & Performance – Hope the Task: A Series of Women Suffering (Sometimes Well)

Hannah Chomiczewski | PRINCETON, NJ

This initiative organizes a series of workshops inviting women to share their sufferings in an atmosphere of sisterhood and creative expression and discover the thread of redemption through their stories.

Life is Changed, Not Ended: A Guide to Catholic Funeral Rites

Patricia Choo | SINGAPORE

This initiative authors a guide on the Church's teachings on death in light of the Resurrection, as expressed throughout the funeral rites: that death is not an end but a passage, where "life is changed, not ended".

A Place to Fully Exhale: A Community of Reflection and Support for Adults with Type 1 Diabetes

Sara Coello | HARRISBURG, NC

This initiative fosters a guided reflection and connection experience for adults living with Type 1 diabetes, creating space for honesty, shared experiences, and deeper emotional support.

ACTION PLANS

In Waiting: Visual Reflections of Feminine Expectation

Olivia Cole | DALLAS, TX

This initiative fosters consolation and inspiration for women in seasons of waiting, through a series of vignettes on social media.

Women in STEM Local Community Group

Pauline Collamore | ARLINGTON, VA

This initiative develops a program for women in STEM to cultivate friendship among women of similar careers and interests.

Flourish: Discovering your Catholic Identity through Prayer

Marcia Correa Reyes | BRONXVILLE, NY

This initiative helps women to discover their identity as beloved daughters of God through prayer and encounter by way of retreat and meeting series.

Seen from the Beginning: A Call to See Yourself as God Sees You

Jesenia Cortes | LAKE PLACID, FL

This initiative fosters and encourage individuals to recognize themselves as a unique gift, through programming aimed at development and growth as God desires.

Come Rest, Be Restored, and Reflect Christ in the World- Women's Day Retreat

Yvette Cruz | OCEANSIDE, CA

This initiative offers a day retreat for women (ages 25-45) living in Silicon Valley that is centered on spending intentional time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

FIERCE Athlete Chapter's Communication Strategy

Julianna Dalton | PARKER, CO

This initiative creates a cohesive communication system for FIERCE Athlete Chapters to strengthen spiritual formation, leadership development, and community among female athletes.

Ephemeral: An Invitation to Beauty on Everyday Driveways

Rachel Dauns | ORLANDO, FL

This initiative fosters real beauty and ministry by chalking reproductions of classic religious art on the sidewalks of homes and churches.

Miscarriage & Infant Loss Ministry Creation (Parish Tool Kit)

Clara Davison Katt | BELMONT, NC

This initiative creates a "tool kit" for parishes to provide resources and ministries for those dealing with miscarriage and infant loss.

ACTION PLANS

Transfiguration: Pilgrimage to St. Michael's Abbey for Houston Young Adults

Andrea Day | SPRING, TX

This initiative fosters spiritual formation by way of a pilgrimage that serves as a pilot for a broader initiative connecting the laity with monastic communities across the U.S.

The Beloved Exchange

Kate De Leon | TORONTO, ON

This initiative fosters community by creating a global Catholic pen pal initiative that connects individuals through intentional letters rooted in faith, prayer, and encouragement.

Youth Group

Jessica Dietsche | NEW MILFORD, NJ

This initiative fosters community by providing a safe space for youth to consistently meet and speak with other youth to learn about the word of God.

Perfectly One: A Holy Hour Series Seeking Unity in the Church

Nhatruc Dinh | CONSHOHOCKEN, PA

This initiative fosters spiritual unity and bring segregated communities together by offering up the issues that divide us to Jesus in a united holy hour.

The Heart of Worship: A Dinner and Worship Series for Catholic Worship Musicians

Zoe Dongas | ASTORIA, NY

This initiative fosters creative expression by bringing together Catholic worship musicians across genres to grow in community and in awareness of the heart of our work as worship musicians: Christ's sacrifice.

The In Between: Campus Ministry Program for the "Non-Campus-Ministry Kid"

Deirdre Drinkall | LAKE MARY, FL

This initiative provides opportunities for spiritual direction, depth, and structure on high school campus for students that may not be able to be completely immersed in ministry programming.

You Never Walk Alone: Conversations on Trust, Attentiveness, and Obedience

Andrea Dsouza | VANCOUVER, BC

This initiative fosters spiritual formation by bringing young adults together for three live, interview-style conversations with witnesses from different vocations, exploring trust, attentiveness to the Holy Spirit, and obedience.

ACTION PLANS

HearthWork: A Pro-Family Workplace Toolkit

Jamie Duda | DETROIT, MI

This initiative fosters workplace innovation and improvement by forming a practical toolkit and outlining a pilot program to help Catholic dioceses, religious, and secular non-profits implement family-supportive workplace policies.

Be Set Free: Retreat Weekend for Healing from Disordered Eating

Monica Dunn | MANCHESTER, NH

This initiative provides healing by way of a retreat weekend that will serve Catholic and Christian women who have struggled with disordered eating, offering a reservoir of hope and a sanctuary of healing for the mind, body, and soul.

“By His Wounds We Were Healed”: A Healing Journey for Young Adults

Magali El Jalkh | DHOUR EL CHOUEIR, LEBANON

This initiative fosters a safe and intimate space in the Maronite-Catholic church for young adults to encounter God’s healing love through different types of guided prayer.

My Cup Overflows: A Ministry for Ministers

Shea Elliott | BETHLEHEM, PA

This initiative develops programming serving ministry leaders, equipping them with a greater knowledge of God and themselves, so they can better serve others according to God’s will.

Made for the Dance: TOB & Latin Dancing

Mayra Encinas | FULLERTON, CA

This initiative create community events for people to connect St. John Paul II’s teachings on the theology of the body with the art of partner dancing.

Belong To Thrive

Felicia Engert | OHLSBACH, GERMANY

This initiative fosters healing by teaching women how to love themselves properly by identifying who (& whose) they are, and have a life transformation through identity.

NFP is more than just NFP

Jenna Fischer | RAMSEY, MN

This initiative creates an app that is designed to make the Creighton Model of Natural Family Planning more accessible and easy to use by helping women confidently track and interpret their fertility.

Help Me to Heaven Full-Length Album and Tour

Emily Flaherty | GETTYSBURG, PA

This initiative fosters creative expression by creating an album focusing on the intercession of the saints, which will serve to upbuild the prayer life of those in the Church and hopefully outreach to those who are not currently in the fold.

ACTION PLANS

A Resource Directory for Catholic Military Women Facing Infertility

Brianna Franzen | LACEY, WA

This initiative fosters community and provide support for Catholic military women experiencing infertility.

Swords of Sorrow: A Marian Ministry After Pregnancy Loss

Kathryn Frattara | PHILADELPHIA, PA

This initiative provides pastoral resources and community for women and couples who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss.

The Visitation Group: A Graduate/Young Adult Women Intentional Community Program

Claire Gantan | BERKELEY, CA

This initiative fosters community through a Visitation Group, a yearlong women's group built on quarterly retreats and experiences to create a consistent, intentional community among post-graduate young women.

Discerning Well in Your Career: Catholic Coaching for Young Adult Women

Ismenia Ginebra | NEW HYDE PARK, NY

This initiative fosters career development and helps Catholic women in their mid-20's know how to discern the next stage of their careers, growing in their confidence and capability to find work that aligns with their God-given gifts and talents.

Amarilla Bonds: Turning Conversations into Meaningful Connection

Gabriela Gómez Santamaria | BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

This initiative fosters community by creating practical tools and guided conversation games that fosters both meaningful relationships and personal growth.

To the Heart Collective: Local Team Drawing People to the Heart of Jesus and His Church

Caitlyn Gonya | OWASSO, OK

This initiative fosters evangelization by creating a team of local Catholics to inspire and equip the lay faithful in taking the next step in their relationship with the Lord, resulting in a more beautiful, fervent, and joyful Church.

Cloud of Witnesses: a Podcast on How the Saints Seek Us Out Today

Valeria Gonzalez | PITTSBURGH, PA

This initiative fosters evangelization by creating a podcast about the Catholic Saints and those who have encountered them.

Strength to Serve

Rosie Gullekson | GREENVILLE, SC

This initiative fosters health and wellness by creating a Christ-centered fitness community where each class begins with prayer and is grounded in theological truth.

ACTION PLANS

Prayer Heals Project

Shateara Hall | FRANKLIN, TN

This initiative provides healing by creating a home in the Catholic Church for free, structured inner healing using the Freedom Prayer model to augment Bob Schuchts "Be Healed"/JPII Healing Center curriculum with parish-level prayer team experiences.

Dignity and Prose: A Script

Monica Hamalainen | CLARKSVILLE, TN

This initiative encourages creative expression with a reflection on the dignity of human life and the sacredness of stories--especially those of the elderly-through the creative lens of a script for a play.

Radiant in Motherhood: Prayer Small Group

Rachel Hamilton | CHATTANOOGA, TN

This initiative fosters community amongst young mothers via prayerful small groups.

Alabaster: A Devotional for the Single Catholic Woman Discerning God's Call in Her Life

Shelby Hawks | TRABUCO CANYON, CA

This initiative fosters spiritual formation by way of a devotional that will feature reflection writing, poetry, and prose connected to various aspects of the experience of the single Catholic woman who desires to know God's will in her life.

This Daily Martyrdom: A Book for Single Young Lay Adults

Hope Hecker | LITTLETON, CO

This initiative authors a devotional specifically for single lay adults who need encouragement, practical steps to help them grow in their daily lives, and a starting point for how to live and create a rule of life.

Moving Vocals: Healing Hymns Ministry

Kayleen Hecksher | ASTORIA, NY

This initiative creates a ministry that offers music not as performance but as prayer - a way of walking with individuals and families in vulnerable moments.

Generating Bonds: Affirming the Interdependent Roles of Youth and the Elderly Following the Legacy of Pope Francis

Alice Helmers | TORONTO, CANADA

This initiative fosters community by gathering a group of other young members and their friends in a joint venture to affirm the elderly or sick members of our spiritual family and to better accompany them in their material and spiritual needs.

Lighthouse: Young Adult Ministry Leadership Formation

AnnMarie Hemmerling | CROWN POINT, IN

This initiative fosters spiritual formation with young adults to lead current young adult ministry within my church, helping their passion for Christ.

ACTION PLANS

A Day for Vocations for Young People

Amayrani Higuelo | NORRISTOWN, PA

This initiative plans an event aimed at vocational discernment among young people within the Hispanic community by providing guidance, practical tools, meaningful information, and access to mentors.

The Little Flower Project

Katie Hollcraft | SACRAMENTO, CA

This initiative fosters healing by repurposing recycled donated flowers into fresh bouquets that bring beauty and comfort to vulnerable people, such as those in hospice, single mothers, or those grieving a loss.

Bridging Faith and Mental Health: A Resource for Priests in the Diocese of Trenton

Grace Huegel | MARLBORO, NJ

This initiative creates a practical, priest-informed booklet designed to support clergy in navigating the intersection of spiritual care and mental health, particularly within the contexts of Confession and spiritual direction.

Book about Saints with Disabilities

Taylor Hyatt | OTTAWA, CANADA

This initiative fosters inclusivity by creating a book about saints with disabilities, where their stories are told in a way that breaks down stereotypes & makes them more relatable to modern believers.

You Need to Know This: Workshop Series for the Life Stages of Almost Married and Married Women

Abigail Inman | MILWAUKEE, WI

This initiative develops a workshop series for the life stages of newly engaged and recently married women, supporting marriages through the beginning of their sexual relationship and early parenthood years.

Dragons, Fairies, and the Lamb of God: Contemporary Fantasy through a Catholic Worldview

Jayden Jones | LITTLETON, CO

This initiative authors a nonfiction book to discuss popular trends and tropes in contemporary romantasy and expose them as expressions of a desire for union with Christ.

Who Do You Say I Am?

Anna Jordan | SHEFFIELD, UK

This initiative fosters spiritual formation through a series of scriptural reflections and small group discussion questions on the love of God, to help young women discover their identity as beloved daughters of the Father and to live freely in the knowledge of this.

Promotion of Immaculata University's Theology Program

Carly Katrinak | WEST CHESTER, PA

This initiative fosters an environment that allows college students and local retirees to cultivate a better understanding of the Catholic faith through their involvement with the theology program.

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Toward A Civilization of Love: Theology of the Body Leadership Formation in Lebanon

Adeline Khouri | BEIRUT, LEBANON

This initiative provides a transformative leadership and formation program rooted in Theology of the Body, equipping young adults in Lebanon and in the diaspora.

Ruah: A Course on Breathwork for Young Educators, Grounded in Catholic Anthropology

Jenny Kibrick | BRONX, NY

This initiative develops a program for educators to get in touch with their hearts (both physical and spiritual) through breathwork.

The Feminine Genius & Organizational Health

Natalie Klackle | YPSILANTI, MI

This initiative fosters community by creating a space in which women working in and around the Church and faith-based nonprofits can connect and support one another as professional women.

DC University of Dallas Alumni Association

Liliana Klein | ARLINGTON, VA

This initiative fosters a vibrant community of University of Dallas alumni in the DC area through quarterly opportunities for networking, fellowship, and spiritual formation.

I Thirst: A Retreat for Catholic Women

Sarah Kostick | ROSEVILLE, MN

This initiative develops the materials for and begin planning a retreat to encourage busy Catholic women to more fully respond to Christ's invitation to a deep prayer life.

Knitting for Pregnancy Centers

Kimberly Krahforst-Lang | NASSAU, NY

This initiative fosters pro-life ministry by knitting/crocheting/sewing baby hats and blankets to supply to local pregnancy support centers.

Dynamic Disciples: Spirituality for Special Needs

Megan Kret | MIDDLETOWN, NJ

This initiative fosters and serve children with special needs within the Catholic community to offer resources, adapted environments, and programs to seek their spiritual formation that meet their physical and sensory needs.

Breaking Open Ruth: A Deep Dive into an Old Testament Classic

Teresa LaCour | RICHARDSON, TX

This initiative develops media for Catholic women in their journey to understand sacred scripture by finding themselves in the story of Ruth.

Guided Journal for Teens from Broken Homes

Emily Lannan | METAIRIE, LA

This initiative gives teenagers from broken homes a resource to let the Lord into their hearts to bring healing and also assures them that they are not alone in their sufferings.

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The Catholic Newlywed Course: Navigating Intimacy, Finances, and Finally Living Together

Michelle LaSart | HAMEL, MN

This initiative fosters community by creating a course for newlyweds seeking accompaniment and tools for better communication in early marriage.

The P150 Movement

Stephanie Lee | SINGAPORE

This initiative fosters a worship-based movement program that allows individuals to grow in freedom within their bodies, allowing them to live fully alive and worship God with their God-given bodies.

Flourish - Workshops to Bear Fruit in Spirit and Truth

Catherine Leleux | IRVING, TX

This initiative fosters and helps women gain knowledge and confidence in the perfect design of their bodies, cycles, and femininity as given by God through a planned event.

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Catholic Caregiver Retreat : Planning & Content Development

Catherine Lemay | OTTAWA, ON

This initiative fosters and lays the groundwork for a future Catholic retreat designed to support caregivers spiritually, emotionally, and practically.

Verso l'alto Formation Days

Anna Lennon | BLOOMINGTON, IN

This initiative fosters community and spiritual formation, proposing intentional times of discipleship modeled after the FOCUS "Upper Rooms".

Catholic Leadership Centre – Called & Gifted Team Formation & Implementation Initiative

Callista Lim | SINGAPORE

This initiative gathers a group of potential facilitators to undergo training and discernment to officially form a Called & Gifted facilitation team in Singapore as part of the Catholic Leadership Centre's formation offerings.

Emily On Fire: A Substack Blog

Emily Long | LA FAYETTE, NY

This initiative fosters community through a blog that will produce 12 essays over 12 months, along with a newsletter and social media content that focuses on female saints and what drove them to burn with the fire of the holy spirit.

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Retreat for Notre Dame Law Students

Stephanie Luiz | BOSTON, MA

This initiative helps those with extremely busy schedules authentically encounter Jesus in prayer through silence and meditation, and learn how to transform encounter into an active daily relationship.

To Walk Where He Walked: A Written Journey with Christ in the Holy Land

Natalie MacDougall | ATLANTA, GA

This initiative fosters spiritual formation through a photo-filled, guided, “written pilgrimage” through the Holy Land that follows the life of Jesus.

Good, True, and Beautiful: A 30 Day Journey for Young Professional Catholic Women

Bailey Mailloux | ANNANDALE, VA

This initiative develops a devotional for young professional women, leading them on a 30-day journey, as they integrate their faith into their daily lives by asking themselves three questions: Is it good? Is it true? Is it beautiful?

Beloved: A Weekend Retreat for Young Women

Marya Makuc | MONTEREY, MA

This initiative fosters spiritual formation by offering young women an opportunity to grow closer to Christ as they become more grounded in their identity as God’s beloved.

(Saint) IVO Fellowship Forum: A Community for Young Legal Professionals of Faith

Allegra Maloney | ASTORIA, NY

This initiative fosters a space of consistent fellowship in which young professionals of faith pursuing legal careers may connect with each other and mentors in the field and deepen their faith.

Business Plan for Immaculate Heart Home: A Transitional Home for Women

Mary Maresch | KANSAS CITY, MO

This initiative is to create Immaculate Heart Home - a Catholic transitional home where missionary volunteers create a prayerful, family-like community for women transitioning from homelessness to independent living.

Cooking in Community

Jessica Mariner | MOSCOW, ID

This initiative fosters health and wellness by easing the load women carry by regularly preparing meals together in a supportive community setting.

You Were Made for Greatness Catholic Retreat

Ana Martinez Larumbe | HOUSTON, TX

This initiative develops retreats and ministry for Middle and High School teens who have physical or intellectual disabilities to build community with fellow peers who understand them, to encounter Jesus, and to start or grow a personal relationship with him.

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Lectio Divina Series for Lectors

Andrea Maychak | BLUE BELL, PA

This initiative fosters evangelization by facilitating existing parish and area lectors to reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings in a small group setting.

Ellie McMenus | Photo & Video

Elizabeth McMenus (Bixenman) | WICHITA, KS

This initiative aims to capture people's stories in a way that is human, intentional, cinematic, and sacred.

Be Formed for Young Adults

Dyanna Medina | NAPERVILLE, IL

This initiative fosters the Be Formed Ministry to young adults and Young Adult faith communities in the Diocese of Joliet and the Chicagoland area.

Cultivating the Mind-Body-Spirit Connection: Impact of Daily Choices in Lifestyle, Nutrition and Sleep.

Paulina Medina | CENTENNIAL, CO

This initiative fosters health and wellness through a bilingual system-by-system program workbook designed to bridge the gap between daily choices and long-term health, equipping women to steward their biological "temples" by addressing root causes and daily choices.

The Women at the Well

Alina Miller | CLARKSVILLE, TN

This initiative fosters community by experiencing sacred moments in everyday life, which means noticing Jesus in both joyful encounters and ordinary routines.

Forging Bridges: A Social and Labor Reintegration Program for Incarcerated People

Agustina Mitre | YERBA BUENA, ARGENTINA

This initiative fosters community through a comprehensive social and labor reintegration program that connects incarcerated people with the private sector and civil society through vocational training, psychological support, leadership formation, and sport.

Deo Gratias: A Daily Mass Journal

Teresa Monette | LADERA RANCH, CA

This initiative fosters spiritual formation through a daily prayer journal centered on the Mass readings, inviting individuals to reflect, pray, and grow in relationship with God through Scripture.

Tethered: Experience Authentic Human Connection

Gabriella Montgomery | LA HABRA, CA

This initiative fosters a place of belonging and community for young adults, helping them experience consistent, authentic friendship and faith.

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Eliza Writes Things: Speaking and Media

Eliza Monts | CHARLESTON, SC

This initiative fosters and bring a fresh speaking voice to parish, diocesan, and conference events for adult Catholics by sharing the Gospel and the importance of a personal relationship with Christ in a unique way, especially as a Gen Z woman reaching peers in my own generation.

Corazones Inquietos: A 30-day Journey with Women of the Bible (in Spanish)

Paola Moreno-Roman | WASHINGTON, DC

This initiative fosters spiritual formation through a 30-day devotional and Bible study guide in Spanish that journeys with women of the Bible to reveal God's tender love for women with "restless hearts."

Water in the Desert Podcast

Clair Moriarty | BOUNTIFUL, UT

This initiative shares hope through a podcast aimed at those in the Church and those who have not yet found the Church.

Jovenes Alive in Christ

Daniela Muneton | DENVER, CO

This initiative fosters leaders to serve Hispanic teens, an ever-growing demographic, in need of the Church's care for their linguistic and cultural diversity.

Crucified with Christ: A Journey Through the Stations of the Cross

Megan Neely | HOWELL, MI

This initiative supports those suffering with chronic illness, pain, or an autoimmune disease, developing a devotional that journeys through the stations of the cross to unite their sufferings to Jesus and His Passion.

Catholicism 101 Video Series with Fr. Gaston

Solei Ocegueda | HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA

This initiative fosters community through a video series that will incorporate the Latino Catholic experience in America.

Housing for Young Women

Sierra Olson | ATLANTA, GA

This initiative fosters a community for young adults and help them discern their vocation.

Tethered: Experience Authentic Human Connection

Jennifer O'Neill | SPRINGFIELD, PA

This initiative fosters an environment for high school girls to learn about their identity as cherished daughters of God through a Scripture-centered small group bible study.

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Praying Twice: A Guide for the Catholic Cantor

Anne Parkinson | EMMITSBURG, MD

This initiative fosters evangelization through a YouTube channel where Catholic Cantors can find practice tools such as psalms, hymns, gospel acclamations, and other liturgical resources.

Ponder-ful and Incarnated Beings: The Soul Being Reeduced by the Body

Carolina Patzwahl | FRONT ROYAL, VA

This initiative develops educational flashcards to foster healing through our bodies, particularly the heart and the brain, which are so intrinsically connected to all God's love and grace to be openly received and take root in us.

Ziona: Adoption Discernment Pathway & Accompaniment Model for Couples and Families

Mary Peach | CINCINNATI, OH

This initiative fosters a guided discernment pathway and accompaniment model to help couples and families prayerfully explore whether adoption is their call.

From Welcome to Belonging: A Parish Engagement Framework for St. Ann Catholic Parish

Leah Peisert | GRAPEVINE, TX

This initiative fosters a clearer pathway from welcome to belonging at St. Ann Catholic Parish by strengthening Mission Tracks, clarifying parish membership, and launching Connect Groups as relational "front porch" communities.

Educative Website for Women of Reproductive Age

Madeline Pelletier | RALEIGH, NC

This initiative develops a website providing fertility resources, articles, and educational content to Catholic women and families worldwide, as our culture faces unprecedented fertility issues for every woman, regardless of their stage in life.

The Cura Sacerdotium Institute

Leslie Pellosie | ALLENTOWN, PA

This initiative fosters a space for healing to mitigate priest burnout due through a multi-faceted approach, with particular attention to the demanding transition from seminarian to parish priest.

Under Her Mantle

Patricia Perea | PASSAIC, NJ

This initiative creates beautiful, faith-filled event experiences that help people feel seen, welcomed, and loved while supporting Catholic and religious communities.

Gathered in Grace

Julisa Perez | VIENNA, VA

This initiative fosters a community of young women who want to seek good friendships, a sense of community and belonging, but most importantly, a place to explore and grow in their faith.

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Beyond Yourself: The Art of Going Deeper

Felicia Perez | CORAL GABLES, FL

This initiative provides a space, drawing from the knowledge that we are co-creators with God, to use art as a means to unveil the truth about ourselves through creative art making, gallery shows, sacraments, and inner healing.

Integrative Healing Retreat for Young Men & Women

Belem Perez-Vargas | MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, NJ

This initiative fosters a space for proper discernment and authentic healing among young Hispanic adult men and women to enter into the fullness of being in relationship with Jesus Christ and to live their out their vocation fully.

Joshua & Co: Formation Program and Accompaniment for Catholic-Protestant Couples

Avery Porch | RAPID CITY, SD

This initiative fosters community through a marriage ministry for Catholic-Protestant couples, designed to offer accompaniment, community, and ongoing formation.

Divine Mercy Marketing

Kathleen Pritchard | CINCINNATI, OH

This initiative fosters dignity and care in helping others create a website that supports the growth of their business for the benefit of the common good.

Midnight Magnificat: Reflections for Accompanying Moms in the Fourth Trimester

Emma Ramirez | DENVER, CO

This initiative fosters spiritual formation among postpartum women by creating an ebook and possibly an audio recording of daily reflections for moms in their first 12 weeks of postpartum.

Core Catholicism

Maeve Randall | ALEXANDRIA, VA

This initiative fosters evangelization in youth and other Catholics, creating the opportunity to read articles and ask questions online, which will help them to deepen their Faith and see how Catholicism fits in with daily life.

You Are A Gift Event

Susan Redlinger | SAN DIEGO, CA

This initiative fosters healing and evangelization to help others realize the value of their own life, that of others, and promote this truth in the world and into the Church, through “You are a gift events” hosted at Parishes/Churches.

Young Adult Retreat

Maria Rega | CRESTVIEW, FL

This initiative fosters evangelization through a young adult retreat.

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How to be Involved in Politics as a Young Catholic in an Age of Misinformation and of Increasingly Polarization.

Jolee Rios | STEUBENVILLE, OH

This initiative fosters justice with guidance from papal encyclicals and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), to create a guide for young Catholic voters ages 18-22 on how their faith can and should inform their politics.

Spanish YA Talk Series

Adamary Rodriguez | HELLERTOWN, PA

This initiative fosters spiritual formation by creating a space for Hispanic Young Adults, fostering community, strengthening dedication to the Sacrament, and better knowing Jesus so that they have a better relationship with Him.

Holy Rest for Busy Women Small Group

Rachel Román Villalobos | WASHINGTON, DC

This initiative bring together ambitious and hardworking young women like Martha to help them trust more in God and find rest in Him, by way of women's small group.

Handmaid HeART: Prayer-filled Painting Gatherings to Encounter God Through Beauty and Reflection

Alyssa Salazar | EL PASO, TX

This initiative fosters prayer-filled painting gatherings that invite individuals and groups to encounter God through beauty, creativity, and reflection.

Postpartum Packages: Supporting Mothers after the Birth of a Child

Cora Scheib | ALEXANDRIA, VA

This initiative provides meals and care packages to mothers in my parish after they have given birth, making them feel supported by our parish community.

Arise Wellness: A Relationship Driven Functional Health Practice

Annika Schimmoller | LITTLETON, CO

This initiative fosters a space for women to address chronic health concerns in nurse-guided groups where health education is provided in conjunction with a space for problem-solving, accountability, and community support.

Litany for Dating

Christina Schroeder | CHICO, CA

This initiative fosters a reflection for people in a season of dating, helping them grow spiritually and further develop their conscience

Finding Grit: Workbook and Memoir on Digging Deep for Hope in Chronic Pain

Caroline Schuessler | MILWAUKEE, WI

This initiative fosters a personal witness of care and staying grounded in the Lord while battling a chronic health condition.

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Gerard: God's Plan. For Parenthood.

Savannah Sellner | DALLAS, TX

This initiative fosters a guided platform connecting couples to faith-aligned health providers and holistic Catholic resources for each step of their journey from fertility, pregnancy, birth preparation, birth, postpartum, breastfeeding, adoption, and beyond.

Witness to Life: Pro-life Speaker Event for Catholic Young Adults

Madelyn Sequeira | FALLBROOK, CA

This initiative fosters Catholic young adults to a more nuanced understanding of the Church's teachings on life through a diocese-wide speaker event.

Children's Ministry Starting with Children's Gospel Time

Yesenia Sesmas Ocampo | SACRAMENTO, CA

This initiative fosters a network of faith support for parents and children, helping them grow spiritually and feel more comfortable with the liturgy within their parish community.

Voices of Hope & Healing: Testimonies of Catholic Survivors of Gun Violence

Emma Smith | DOWNINGTOWN, PA

This initiative fosters healing and connection through an anthology composed of faith testimonies from Catholic survivors of gun violence.

Young Adult Group

Kara Sotiroff | WOODSTOCK, IL

This initiative fosters community, which will help young adults grow in faith and friendship, building a stronger young adult group community in the parish.

Called by Name Cuisine

Brytin Staab | AUSTIN, TX

This initiative fosters connection with those in religious life across the world who have homemade, unique recipes to share from their childhood or time in religious life in a collective cookbook.

Ministering to Ministers (Helping Those Who Serve Behind the Scenes)

Kristina Stark | INDIANAPOLIS, IN

This initiative fosters an environment to serve Catholic ministries by becoming a trusted, values-aligned partner who supports their mission behind the scenes.

Listen & Leisure: A Day of Reflection and Fellowship for Young Adults

Kelly Steichen | OVERLAND PARK, KS

This initiative fosters spiritual formation for young adults, helping them gain a deeper understanding of prayer and how to live in community.

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Knot Today Satan - Rosary Club

Megan Syck | CINCINNATI, OH

This initiative fosters a sense of love and joy among the elderly in nursing homes and provide opportunities for students to serve and learn to make rosaries and other items for promoting Christian Charity.

Prayer and Formation for Young Adults

Sophie Taylor | BRIGHOUSE, UK

This initiative brings together young adults from across the Diocese of Leeds to pray together and support one another in the faith.

Called While Carrying: A Gathering for the Woman Built for Both

Brigid Tebaldi | NEW WILMINGTON, PA

This initiative fosters a gathering for Catholic women who sense a God-given mission, but have convinced themselves that their children are the reason to wait.

Called by Name: A Companion for Women Beginning Vocational Discernment

Cordelia Theseira | SINGAPORE

This initiative creates a written resource to support those in the initial stage of vocational discernment, where there is great desire alongside tenderness in the hidden place of the heart, for women in Singapore.

The Painted Mysteries

Anne-Marie Tiso | OXFORD, MI

This initiative develops a collection of paintings representing the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, offered as museum-quality fine art prints for the Catholic home.

Divine Flame Coaching & Consulting: Catholic Guidance for Reproductive Ethics, Pregnancy Complication Support, Prenatal Diagnosis Navigation, and Special-Needs Parenting

Alexis Tracey | THORNWOOD, NY

This initiative fosters a pro-life community offering women, couples, and families personal accompaniment, ethical guidance, and practical resources when facing morally complex reproductive, pregnancy, prenatal, and parenting-related decisions.

PORTARE: Let Us Carry Each Other in Love, Because He Did it First.

Doreen Tufiour | HAMBURG, GERMANY

This initiative fosters a community in Germany where parishioners can deepen their faith and knowledge of God and experience community.

The Way of the Cross for High School Girls

Allison Tully | COLUMBIA, MD

This initiative fosters the creation of a Stations of the Cross meditation for current students and alumnae of Mount de Sales Academy to draw them into deeper contemplation of Jesus' Passion.

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The Lost Years Debut Album Release and Showcase

Amberlynn Umayam | MARYSVILLE, WA

This initiative fosters Christians and non-Christians' good, holy art through my new album, The Lost Years.

The Everyday Saint LLC

Eve Vanden Heuvel | ARLINGTON, VA

This initiative develops a ministry that encourages teens to pursue their faith from a young age through public speaking and digital media evangelization.

Bringing the Gospel of Life to Young Syro Malabar Catholics across USA

Rebecca Vayalumkal | NANUET, NY

This initiative revitalizes the 4Life Ministry in the Syro Malabar Diocese in America, to be a messenger of the Resurrection and witness to His love and mercy.

Called BELOVED (Online Presence/ Ministry)

Karen Villa | SINGAPORE

This initiative fosters an online ministry "Called-Beloved" dedicated to providing formation support for lay people in the Church who are not in a vowed state of life.

Beloved: A Faith Series for Women Ready to Bloom

Kiara Villatoro | YONKERS, NY

This initiative fosters spiritual formation through a seasonal women's formation and fellowship initiative designed to be hosted within a parish or Catholic setting.

Access Grace Ministry

Liliana Villatoro | TUCKAHOE, NY

This initiative builds a team that will provide support to other ministries within the parish in working with people with disabilities, for the support and growth of the community, ministries, and their leaders.

Making Meaning of Suffering

Christina Waked | HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

This initiative fosters healing through a Catholic program that teaches women to see suffering not as meaningless pain, but as a sacred offering that can transform their lives and the world.

Reviving a Eucharistic Culture at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

MacKenzie Warrens | PARKVILLE, MO

This initiative fosters a Eucharistic culture where encountering Jesus in the Eucharist and sharing Him with others is a normal part of life.

Rebuilding Culture: A Young Adult Ministry

Sydney Watterson | LEBANON, OH

This initiative fosters a network of faith for young adults, especially in this isolated area and in this loneliness epidemic, helping them to form relationships, to grow in their spiritual lives, and ultimately to impact the culture.

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The Moses Ministry: Healing the Heart from Wounds of Adoption

Elizabeth Wells | BRIGHTON, MA

This initiative fosters and helps women who desire healing in the areas of their lives that were wounded through the adoption process.

Understanding Our Faith: Newspaper Series

Amy White | COPPELL, TX

This initiative fosters evangelization through monthly articles in The Texas Catholic newspaper and introduce a new educational aspect to the paper, allowing the tens of thousands of readers of the publication to more deeply understand the richness of their faith.

Breathe Again: 21 Days to Ease Stress and Anxiety

Alexandra Williams-Diaz | MIDLOTHIAN, VA

This initiative develops a 21-day online class that teaches teenagers faith-based coping skills to lessen stress and anxiety while growing closer to God.

Prayer in the Practice of Beauty: A Workshop for Young Adult Women

Makenzie Winter | WASHINGTON, DC

This initiative promotes the practice of beauty as a form of accessible prayer for young adult women, providing them with ways of enriching their faith lives.

When Obedience Means Leaving

Rachel Wong | SURREY, CANADA

This initiative provides first-person perspectives of those who previously were in religious life but have since discerned out.

Catholic Women Embracing their Identity

Kristin Yaneff | LITTLETON, CO

This initiative fosters and cultivates a foundation for women of the emotional and spiritual strength received by living out the Truth of the Gospel, and learn to apply that to their identity as a child and woman of God.

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"To respond to our vocation, we need to foster and develop all that we are. This has nothing to do with inventing ourselves or creating yourself out of nothing. It has to do with finding our true selves in the light of God and letting our lives flourish and bear fruit."

— POPE FRANCIS, *Christus Vivit*



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