Ministry Experience

Province of St. Philip the Apostle - Provincial Council

Treasurer - July 2021 - Present

St. Thomas More Center, Long Island

Promised May 31, 2014 Center Coordinator – 2017 – 2023 Center Formator – 2024 – Present

Youth Ministry - Core Team Member

August 2011 to August 2021

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Assisted the Youth Minister in the day-to-day operations of the Youth Ministry (2011 – 2020). Acting as co-Youth Minister and Youth Ministry coordinator (November 2020 – 2021).

- Organize and run youth group nights and events
- Run grade level break-out nights for 9th (2012) and 12th grades (2013-2018)
- Assist young team in annual events for youth group
 - Box City (homeless awareness sleep-out)
 - Lock-in (mini mid-year overnight retreat held at parish)
 - Winter Ball (formal dance)
- Annual Youth Group Retreat (each June) June 2012 Present
 - Retreat Development Team 2013 2018
 - o Presenter Witness Talk 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018
- Organizer Kick-off Barbeque 2013 Present
- Organizer Acoustic Café Variety Show Fundraiser August 2013
- Organizer Mardi Gras and Almost Cinco de Mayo Breakfast Fundraisers 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Salesian Gospel Roads – Gospel Roads is a week-long service retreat for young people. The program is coordinated by the Salesian Youth Ministry Office in New York, in collaboration with local ministries in the eastern United States, Canada, and Central America. Through hands-on experience, participants and their team leaders grow as Christian disciples who are called to live the Gospel in joyful service with the young and the poor. Each Gospel Roads program is unique, but all include serving with the poor, living in community, and meeting Jesus through prayer.

Director, Gospel Roads – Long Island – July 2014 – organized program based out of St. Thomas More.

- Assembled core team of eight adult and young adult volunteers
- Developed itinerary with team
- Identified and coordinated worksites
- Resolved logistic items
- Trained young team (college students with prior GR participant experience that assist core team)

Chaperone

- Washington, DC July 2012
- Tampa, FL July 2013
- Washington, DC July 2015
- New Orleans, LA July 2016, July 2018

Salesian Family Weekend - Presenter

2023

Two sessions – a hands-on educational talk on bees and honey extraction to children ages 4+ (and their parents)

Feast of Mary, Help of Christians - Planner / Coordinator

2020 - 2023

Chaired meetings to organize Marian Day events for 2020 and 2021.

- **2020** Virtual Marian Day ran Marian Day planning meetings, organized 31 days of rosary videos, and acted as technical support for three virtual group discussions after witness talk videos were released.
- 2021, 2022, 2023 ran Marian Day planning meetings, coordinated speakers and activities for the day.

Eucharistic Minister and Lector

2010 - 2022

Assist at Masses and bring communion to homebound

Parish Volunteer 2008 – 2022

Responsible for the maintenance, repair, and upkeep of STM computers and network (2008 – 2014).

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Assist Pastors with projects (snow plowing, facilities maintenance, tree removal, Christmas decorations, parish events)

Multi-parish Box City Homeless Awareness

October 2014

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Team Member and Organizer – helped develop schedule and activities, ran activities with seven Diocesan youth ministers, presented one activity, and facilitated small group of teens from multiple parishes.

Chairperson, Parish Feast Weekend

2013

Events and raffle fundraiser for parish – organized events on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the weekend of the Feast of St. Thomas More

- Organized raffle sales
- Arranged entertainment and food for Friday and Saturday night for adults
- Arranged entertainment and prepared food for Sunday afternoon family event
 - Focus was on activities for children
- Arranged ticket sales for Saturday night dinner/dance

VIRTUS Trained May 3, 2011

Most recent background check - February 2024

Other Service Experience

Volunteer Firefighter – 35 years

Professional Experience

Certified Public Accountant, NY IT Auditor – 21 years