Ann Naffziger

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Education

Master of Arts in Biblical Languages, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, 2003 (concentration in biblical Hebrew)

Master of Divinity – Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, California, 2002

Professional Experience

Associate Director – The Pastoral Center

2016-current

- Perform editorial responsibilities, including copyediting and product development
- Provide ministry support to parish leaders.

Author, Spirituality & Pastoral Ministry

1997-present

- ♦ Author of dozens of pastoral resources published through The Pastoral Center, including:
 - ◆ The Catholic Way: Sessions & Handouts for Praying, Learning, and Living the Faith, 2018
 - ♦ *The Catholic Way: Breaking Open the Word*, 2018-present
 - ♦ Word of the Week lectionary-based reflections, 2018-present
 - ♦ Multiple series for *Growing Up Catholic Parent Conversations*, 2016-2019
 - ♦ The Way of the Cross for Children, The Way of the Cross for Teens, Bearing the Cross Today, 2019-2022
- ◆ Author of the Q&A scripture column for Busted Halo, an online publication of the Paulists: http://bustedhalo.com/author/ann-naffziger
- ◆ Authored and published articles on theological, biblical, and spiritual topics in such periodicals as America, Commonweal, National Catholic Reporter, Spiritual Life, Celebration, and The Catholic Voice

Spiritual Director – Oakland Diocese, CA

2001-present

- ◆ Provide individual spiritual direction to local parishioners, college students, GTU Divinity students, pastoral ministers (Catholic and Protestant), and Jesuit Volunteers
- Facilitate groups and direct retreatants making the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius
- ◆ Teach and facilitate six week "Learning to Pray" series for local parishes
- ◆ Trained at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, 2001

Scripture Instructor – Oakland and Reno Dioceses

2002-present

- ◆ Taught parish classes in the Oakland Diocese: St. Columba, West Oakland Deanery, St. John the Baptist (San Lorenzo), St. Augustine (Oakland), St. Joseph Basilica (Alameda), St. Philip Neri (Alameda), Holy Spirit Parish/Newman Hall (Berkeley), St. Francis of Assisi (Concord)
- ♦ Courses include: Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures, Introduction to the Pentateuch, The Gospel of Mark, Overview of the Four Gospels, The Infancy Narratives, Luke-Acts
- Taught biblical workshops for Diocese of Reno's diaconate class and School for Pastoral Ministry

Piedmont.

2016-2020

- ♦ Directed the RCIA program
- Taught scripture classes and offered faith formation talks for the entire parish
- ♦ Coordinated and facilitated parent group discussions

Adjunct Lecturer – Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

2014-2016

- Supervised field education placements, including site visits, for 2nd year MDiv students
- Facilitated weekly theological reflection class for MDiv field education students
- Assisted with class preparation and advising in connection with the field education class

Assistant Adjunct Lecturer – Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

2012-2014

• Facilitated weekly theological reflection groups for MDiv field education students

Certified Hospital Chaplain – Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Berkeley, CA

2003-2008

- Provided pastoral ministry and spiritual care to patients and families in crisis
- ◆ Certified by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains
- Completed four units of CPE residency at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, 2003-2004

Director of Faith Formation – St. John the Baptist, San Lorenzo

2005-2007

- Coordinated the religious education program for 250 children in kindergarten through eighth grade in English and Spanish
- ♦ Supervised the Director of the Spanish language children's faith formation
- ♦ Directed the second largest RCIA program in the Oakland Diocese

Editor and Researcher - Berkeley, CA

2000-2003

- ♦ Edited three books for Dr. Gina Hens-Piazza of the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
- Researched biblical topics and copy edited various articles and lectures

Director of RCIA – West Oakland Catholic Deanery, Oakland, CA

2001-2003

- Directed the joint RCIA program for the five parishes of the West Oakland Diocese
- Facilitated liturgical rites and celebrations with the respective pastors of the five parishes

Area Director, Jesuit Volunteer Corps – Portland, Oregon

1997-1999

- ♦ Interviewed, placed, and supervised 25-30 Jesuit volunteers working in full-time social justice and ministry positions in western Oregon and Washington
- ♦ Directed four annual retreats for the volunteers
- Facilitated theological reflection among the individual volunteers and their lay communities.