

About the Presenters

September 30, 2023

Father René Constanza, CSP
President of the Paulist Fathers
New York City, NY



Paulist Fr. René I. Constanza assumed the office of president of this missionary order on June 7, 2022. Prior to becoming president, Fr. Rene served as the rector of the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids, MI, and was director of the Catholic Information Center in that city. He has also served as associate pastor of St. Austin Church in Austin, TX. Fr. René was ordained a priest on May 19, 2012. A native of Belize, he was a high school principal before entering the Paulist novitiate.

Deacon Kurt Lucas
Theology teacher at Hackett Catholic Prep, Kalamazoo
Instructor with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan



Deacon Kurt Lucas was ordained for the Diocese of Kalamazoo in June 2007 and is assigned to St. Monica parish in Kalamazoo. He has been married for 31 years to Cathy and they are the parents of 9 children. He considers it a joy and privilege to teach Scripture to middle school, high school, and adult students each week. His goal is to cooperate with God's grace more fully and to be a better witness of God's transforming love every day. He asks all to please pray for him and his family.

Deacon Dennis Rybicki
Director of Liturgical Music, Diocese of Grand Rapids
Choral Director & Campus Minister, Catholic Central High School



Deacon Dennis Rybicki is a deacon of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, happily assigned to the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. He serves as Director of Campus Ministry for Catholic Central High School as well as Director of Liturgical Music for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. A certified spiritual director, Dennis specializes in Ignatian spirituality through his advanced studies at Loyola University Chicago and Fordham University. A husband and father of two daughters, Dennis relishes encountering the divine in the ordinary moments of life and sharing them with others.

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Juan Carlos Farias-Gonzalez
Director of Hispanic Ministry
Diocese of Grand Rapids



Juan Carlos Farias-Gonzalez was born in Sahuayo, Michoacán, México. In 1994, he immigrated to the USA with the purpose of pursuing his studies in Theology at the Catholic Theological Union. In 1997, he began his pastoral ministry journey in the Archdiocese of Chicago where he started as a Catechetical Consultant and then he assumed the role of Coordinator for Adult Catechesis for the Hispanic community. In 2014, he became the Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Grand Rapids where he is demonstrated his deep-rooted commitment to fostering spiritual growth and community engagement within the Hispanic population of the Diocese.

Odelis Bisono
Co-founder of Corazon Puro



Odelis Bisono, Co-founder of Corazon Puro, hosted a Radio show "Consejos de una madre" for Radio Maria and appeared on the tv show Cara a Cara on EWTN. She is also a missionary and a speaker who has traveled to several countries spreading the message of Chastity.

Susana Chapa
Director of Hispanic Ministry
Diocese of Lansing



Susana Chapa has a degree in Philosophy, has a Master's Degree in Counseling and Family Education, studied at the Institute of the Theology of the Body. She has more than 25 years of teaching experience at renowned universities in Mexico and the John Paul II Institute. She is currently the Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Lansing, MI.