



Sr. Mary Lou Simcoe - Communications Director for the U.S. Province, Holy Union Sisters. A former elementary and high school teacher, Sister Mary Lou has had International Holy Union experiences, having lived and ministered in England, Tanzania and Italy. Sister served as Board Representative for Holy Union Sisters on UNANIMA International – a UN NGO.

TOPICS: Holy Union as an international congregation, NGOs at the United Nations, function of religious communications in today's world



Sr. Lorraine Sirois - Current ministry - giving talks and retreat days to religious education teachers, and assisting the teachers in incorporating creative ideas into their weekly lessons. Sister Lorraine has also led Summer Bible schools and Children's retreats. In the past Sister served as Director of a Christian day care in Kentucky. Sister has a Masters degree in Religion from St. Michael's College, Vermont.

TOPICS: Adult religious education, Communion/prayer services



Sr. Nancy Stiles - Grantwriter for the Congregation of the Holy Union Sisters. Past ministerial experiences include Head Start Director, Parish Director of Religious Education, Parish Youth Minister, Secretary General of the Holy Union Sisters, adjunct college professor, elementary school principal, and middle school teacher. Sister Nancy holds degrees in Music and Education, and Graduate Certificates in Theology of Religious Life and School Administration.

TOPICS: Theology of religious life, Holy Union's missions and Internationality, vocations in general



Sr. Barbara Walsh - Working in ESOL programs at Our Lady of Guadeloupe at St. James Church, New Bedford, MA teaching adult immigrants. Sister Barbara has also begun an after-school program for Hispanic and Portuguese children. She is a former elementary school teacher and principal. Sister also worked for a number of years in Kentucky with adult Latino students.

TOPICS: Vocations, centering prayer



Rev. David Costa - Presently Pastor of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart Parishes in N. Attleboro, MA. Fr. David, a graduate of Holy Union schools in Taunton, MA, was ordained in 1985. Father served in a number of parishes in the Fall River diocese and as Chaplain at Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro, MA. Fr. David is a Holy Union Associate.

TOPICS: Prayer, spirituality

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We strive to bring this union to our world by working among different cultures, ethnic groups, the deprived and marginalized.

The Holy Union Sisters are offering to speak about our life as we minister "at the heart of the world revealing God's love."

These topics include talks on scripture, issues such as social justice, prison ministry, trafficking, and others.



Sr. Alice Arsenault - Pastoral Associate at Christ the King Parish, Brockton, MA. Sister Alice has a MA degree from Fairfield University in Pastoral Ministry. Formerly Sister was an elementary and high school teacher. She served in leadership for the Holy Union Sisters both on the Provincial and Congregational levels.

TOPICS: Church related and spiritual topics



Sr. Mary Jean Audette - Coordinator of the Justice and Peace Office for the Holy Union Sisters in the U.S. Having taught at elementary and secondary levels, Sister Mary Jean earned a J.D. from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University. Sister then worked in social ministry positions in several U.S. dioceses.

TOPICS: Human rights, trafficking of persons, issues affecting women and children, the environment, immigration, and capital punishment



Sr. Marilyn Bearne - Supervisor at the Brockton Area Arc. Sister graduated from the Stenotype Institute of Boston and worked as a Court Reporter for 29 years. A late vocation, Sister Marilyn engaged in mission work as a Holy Union Sister for short periods of time in Appalachia and Cameroon.

TOPICS: Sister's personal life experiences and the spirituality that leads and sustains her



Sr. Kathee Corrigan - Pastoral Associate at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish and Sacred Heart Parish in North Attleboro, MA. Sister Kathee has a BA degree in an integrated major of Fine Art and Religious Studies from Emmanuel College as well as receiving a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from The Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL.

TOPICS: Images of God, prayer, sacraments, suffering and death. Sister Kathee would prepare a prayer service/class to coincide with any topic



Sr. Joan Guertin - Pastoral Associate at St. Anthony Parish in Shirley and St. Mary Parish in Ayer, MA. Sister Joan has served as Director of the Holy Union Spiritual Life Center and in that capacity gave retreats and days of recollection. Sister has also given retreats and workshops in Cameroon.

TOPICS: Any theological or spiritual topic



Sr. Patricia Heath - Senior VP of Sponsorship for Bon Secours Hampton Roads Health System, VA. Previously Sister Pat held the position of VP for Mission for Bon Secours Michigan. She has served as Assistant to the Eastern Vicar for the Archdiocese of Baltimore and as Provincial of the Holy Union Sisters, Fall River, MA. This is her second term as Co-Director of the Associate Program for the Holy Union Sisters. Sister has a M.Ed from Boston College in Religious Education.

TOPICS: The Holy Union Associate Program, sponsorship/mission in the Church today, spirituality and today's youth



Sr. Theresa Horvath - Vice President of Mission for Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond, VA. Sister Theresa has a Masters in Theology from Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN. Sister has wide-ranging and extensive experience in education, religious education, province leadership and pastoral care. Sister is currently a member of the National Catholic Health Care Association and is active in Epiphany Parish in Richmond, VA.

TOPICS: Faith formation with adults, including RCIA and retreat sessions, scripture, theology, and religious life issues



Sr. Ann Kernan - Ministering among the Appalachian poor and the Latino immigrants in Kentucky. Sister Ann began Mountain Moms helping to develop the women's skills and assisting them with life issues. As a member of the Holy Union Sisters, Sister Ann served as an educator, teacher, principal and administrator. Her primary goal is to help underprivileged and underserved women find their voice.

TOPICS: The Call, mission and ministry



Sr. Barbara Kirkman - Co-Director of Holy Union New York Associates. Sister Barbara has ministered at St. Vincent's Home, Fall River, MA for the past 10 years; prior to that as an LPN caring for Holy Union Sisters at the Holy Union retirement home in Fall River, MA.

TOPICS: Call to holiness and discipleship



Sr. Christine Lacroix - Currently in transition to new ministry. Previously Sister Christine ministered as a Prison Chaplain at two state-run correctional facilities in Massachusetts. Sister also served the spiritual and educational needs of refugees/immigrants from Southeast Asia and Latin America.

TOPICS: Multicultural/ethnic issues, prisoner re-entry, ecumenical issues, prayer and scripture



Sr. Eleanor McNally - Presently volunteers with a women's center serving victims of domestic violence. Sister Eleanor serves as the networking person for the Holy Union U.S. Province on the topic of human trafficking. Previously Sister worked with the poor, orphans and refugees in Vietnam and Tanzania.

TOPICS: Human trafficking, ministry and vocations



Sr. Margaret McCabe - Prison Chaplain of one of the facilities in Rikers Island, NY which houses adolescent and adult males. Sister has an M.Ed in Guidance and Counseling from Loyola College, MD. and served as an Educator and principal in schools in New Jersey, Maryland and New York City.

TOPICS: Prison ministry, the death penalty, scripture and vocations



Sr. Helen McPeak - Pastoral Care Minister at St. Vincent's Treatment Center, Fall River, MA. Sister Helen has a degree in Counseling and Psychology from Manhattan College, N.Y. Sister has taught in schools in Massachusetts and New York and has served as a school behavioral and residential counselor.

TOPICS: Prayer



Sr. Alice Michael - Associate Director for Cultural and Ethnic Groups, RCIA, DRE Personnel, Diocese of Brooklyn, N.Y. Sister Alice is fluent in Spanish, and would be comfortable addressing Hispanic groups. Sister has an M.A. in Theology from St. John's University, New York.

TOPICS: Faith formation, theology