



Rev. Gregory Gallagher, OMI, is in the leadership team of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, US Province. He is currently in charge of caring for the mission portfolio of the province (which includes Zambia and the mission of Tijuana) and all the mission and ministerial efforts of the OMI in the US.

Fr. Greg was born in 1965 in St Paul, MN, the 10th of 11 children. He was active in both school and parish activities like youth group, student council, math club and tutoring. He joined the Oblates of Mary Immaculate while in college.

Fr. Greg holds a Bachelor's degree in Theology and Philosophy from Creighton University, Omaha, NE and a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL.

Fr. Greg has served as missionary to the Native Americans in Sisseton, South Dakota, also served as vocation director for OMI, a pastor in St. Paul, MN and Director of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Snows, Belleville, IL among others.

He has served on several Boards like Mind's Eye Leadership Committee (a radio information service for the blind and print disabled) and the Bethany Place Board and has served on the Finance Committee of his province for 8 years and on the Committee on Ministry with Minorities.

Fr. Greg enjoys Bridge, reading, biking, hiking, and preaching.



Sr. Francine Costello, CSJ is a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Born in the Philippines and at age 8, grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii. Two years after perpetual profession, 1968, she joined her religious community in Peru. She was an educator in private, catholic and government institutions, worked in team in pastoral ministries and community development in central and southern Andean villages as well as in developing coastal cities north and south of Lima. With 4 Maryknoll members in the initiative for Justice and Peace, *Vicaría de Solidaridad de la Prelatura de Juli*, they established an office educating

families in human rights, and in defense of victims of civil, political situations. These were formative years of integration in faith, political/civil, social and cultural actions and responsibilities.

After 22 years, Francine joined her religious community in Hawaii, worked with the religious vocation directors in the diocese, accompanied a novice of her community and began the Hispanic Ministry in the diocese. She is presently a member of her Congregational Leadership Team.

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STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION



Rev. Donald M. Ward, S.J.

After ordination to the Jesuits (Maryland Province) in 1970, Fr. Don taught at Gonzaga High School Washington, DC for nine years. He then spent five years in Chile teaching, in parish work and as a chaplain in Santiago, Osorno and Arica. Following those years in Chile he taught at Saint Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for four years. After this he returned to Osorno, Chile for another five years of teaching and parish work. After his second mission work in Chile he worked in a parish in Camden, New Jersey. His short time in New Jersey led to missions in Tanzania for four years and a year in Dominican Republic all in parish work. A two-year return to parish work in Camden was followed by a four year term in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania where he taught and did parish work. Now back in the United States he is the

Assistant Parish Priest at St. Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville, North Carolina. Fr. Don has been a USCMA Board member since 2008. He also currently serves the Procedures Committee at USCMA.



Rev. Paul R. Masson, M.M.

Fr. Paul currently serves as Assistant General for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Leadership Council. He served as Pastor of La Virgen de la Luz Parish in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico where he lived for over 10 years while serving as a member of the Maryknoll Mission Border Team. Ordained a priest on May 27, 1972, Masson served in a poor working class area of the city of Talca in the central valley of Chile (1972-81). Moving to Santiago, Chile, he served as the national chaplain of MOANI, the International Movement of the Apostolate of Children, which also worked with the World Movement of Christian Workers and the Young Christian Workers movement (1981-86). He later became administrator of the Parish of Santa Maria de la Victoria, in Poblacion La Victoria, Santiago (1987-91). He then returned to the United States to work in

vocation ministry (1992-98). Born in Oil City, on Nov. 16, 1943, he holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Maryknoll College, Glen Ellyn, Ill., (1965) and a Master of Divinity degree from Maryknoll Seminary, Ossining, N.Y. (1972). Fr. Paul has been a member of the USCMA Board since 2008 and is currently in the Procedures Committee.



Alisa Macksey

Alisa has devoted many years to the Lasallian Christian Brothers. She currently works for the Christian Brothers Conference after serving as the Director of Lasallian Volunteers, where she was responsible for leadership, overall direction, and management of the LV Program. During these years she has served on the Board of Directors for USCMA and sat on the Finance and Development Committee. Born in Manila, Philippines, she was raised in Concord, CA, a suburb of the Bay Area. She is a graduate of Saint Mary's College of CA, which was her first exposure to the Christian Brothers and the Lasallian Mission. Upon graduation she joined the Lasallian Volunteers and served in Kansas City, MO for two years working in

mental health and tutoring middle school students. This time spent as a volunteer exposed her to the many ministries to the poor that the Brothers have across the country. It was these ministries that created her desire to be a part of the Lasallian Family.

Education: MA Candidate in Organizational Leadership, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA; BA in Sociology/Anthropology, Saint Mary's College of California, CA.



Sr. Madge Karecki, SSJ-TOSF

Sr. Madge was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She is a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis and has spent most of her religious life in teaching, especially adult education. She has taught in the informal sector in women's groups in poor areas. She then taught in the National Seminary of St. John Vianney in Pretoria, South Africa for 12 years and in the University of South Africa for six years as an Associate Professor of Missiology. She spent 21 years in South Africa. Sr. Madge went there originally to help a congregation of Zulu Sisters, the Daughters of St. Francis of Assisi, to become independent from another congregation that was not Franciscan, but governed them for 62 years. She was the co-founder of the Franciscan Institute of Southern Africa in 1994. She has written three missiological texts: *Patterns of Mission Praxis*, *Intercultural Communication of the Gospel*, and *Dynamics of Interreligious Encounter*. She is the Director of the Office of Mission Education and Animation of the Archdiocese of Chicago and has served

on USCMA's Board of Directors since 2008. She sits on the Program and Development Committee of the Board. Education: BA in Theology from Loyola University; MA in Franciscan Studies from St. Bonaventure University; MTh in Missiology, University of South Africa; DTh in Missiology, University of South Africa.