

KATHLEEN MURPHY CASTILLO

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, 2005

MA from the School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, 1983

BA in Sociology with a specialization in Social Work, Daemen College, Buffalo, 1978

LICENSURE

Licensed Master Social Worker

EXPERIENCE

Director of Pastoral Formation, St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, July 2025 – present.

Ensure appropriate settings and well-prepared supervisors for ministry settings, which include community and assisted living sites, hospitals and parishes. Facilitate training and evaluation of site supervisors and communication between the seminary and supervisors. Assist seminarians in identifying learning needs and goals. Prepare seminarians to write theological reflections. Prepare students and faculty to engage in group theological reflection on campus. Schedule, participate in and evaluate group theological and pastoral reflection. Evaluate and communicate progress and learning in the field. Plan and facilitate seminary-based skills-building, human and pastoral formation workshops

Pastoral Minister, Mercy Nursing Facility at OLV, Catholic Health System, Buffalo, NY, July 2020 – August 2022. In charge of spiritual care for residents of a skilled nursing facility, included accompanying individual residents in their spiritual journey, especially during adjustment, grieving, and dying. Assisted families and staff with their spiritual needs, prepared for liturgical and seasonal celebrations, conducted services, offered reflections, led prayer, organized music, and prepared residents to receive sacraments including confirmation. Maintained records on all residents, and documented services for the spiritual care department

Director of Theological Field Education, Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, NY, 2000 – 2020, and prior, at **Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, MI, 1996 - 2000**. As director, selected and evaluated community sites for supervised field education, trained and supported supervisors, educated and guided students. Taught theological reflection to students and supervisors and oversaw on-campus theological reflection. Served on faculty as well as seminarian Formation Team, and Buffalo Diocesan Deacon Review board. Conducted a summer urban ministry immersion course, and coordinated international placements for field and language

Executive Director of Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness, Lansing, MI. 1993-95. Co-founder of the organization. Advocacy, organizing, education

Program Director, Families and Neighborhoods, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, MI, 1991-93. Grant development in national emerging program area

Director, Detroit-Wayne County Homeless Strategy Coalition, Detroit Urban League, Detroit, MI 1988-91. Staffed the coalition, co-authored a study of homelessness based upon interviews of 600 individuals and sixty agencies, and disseminated findings which influenced funding, programs, and legislators; educated the public through media outreach

Executive Director, Metro-Detroit Welfare Reform Coalition, Detroit, MI 1986-88. Education and advocacy to ensure that eligible people received adequate income support through hard times

Director, Near Northwest Neighborhood Network, Chicago, IL, 1984-86. This organization grew out of Near Northwest Neighborhood Housing Services.
Assistant Director from 1983 – 84. Community organizing in crime prevention and housing, and quality of life – education, commercial, recreation and culture

Personal Adjustment Counselor, United Cerebral Palsy Association of Western New York (now Aspire), 1979-81. Direct work in community residence. Assisted first residents to move from institution to community residence to independent living

Regional Coordinator, Protection and Advocacy System for Developmental Disabilities, Buffalo, NY, 1978 - 79. Advocacy with attorney to address injustice in institutions, collect information on public transportation needs of persons in wheelchairs; advocate for persons needing education and SSI

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Steering Committee, Catholic Association of Theological Field Educators, 2017 - 2020

Board Secretary, Erie County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, 2017 - 22. Board member 2014 – 2022

MEMBERSHIPS

Mothers Demand Action for Gun Sense, 2022 – present. Be SMART educator, 2024 –

Hospitality Ministry, Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 2024 –

VOICE Buffalo- Restorative Justice- Trained Circle Keeper, 2019 -20

Advisory Committee for Sisters of Charity Hospital Clinical Pastoral Education program,
Member 2001 - 2020

Committee on Professional Conduct, Association of Theological Field Education, 2018 -
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