



Sr. Ardath Blake, HM currently serves as Spiritual Director, Coordinator of Directed Retreats and shares in hospitality ministry. She has received training and supervision in spiritual direction through the St. Bueno Spiritual Exercise Centre, Asaph, Wales UK; the Center for Spirituality and Lay Ministry of Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT and at Loyola House in Guelph, Ontario. Ardath also has a MA in Theology, an MS in Education and experience as an elementary teacher and principal as well as in parish pastoral ministry.



Dorothy Bryer presently shares her skills with VMESC as Hospitality & Physical Arrangements Associate. Dorothy has been employed by the Sisters of the Humility of Mary for 11 consecutive years in addition to the time she spent working with Villa Maria Community Center on the Villa Farm and in Nutrition Services during her teenage years.



Sr. Janet Burkhart, HM is an educator who has taught junior high students for over 36 years. She has a BS in Education from Youngstown State University, and an MA in Religious Studies from LaSalle College. Her love of teaching children has given her the opportunity to teach students from a number of different cultures, including several Native American cultures in Arizona as well as African Americans. She brings her love of learning, story-telling, ritual and music to VMESC, where she adapts her classroom and student skills to Environmental and Farm-Based Education.



Dominick Commisso currently serves as the Hospitality Coordinator at VMESC. In the summer of 2020, He graduated from Youngstown State University with a bachelors in Gerontology. He has been at the Villa for 5 years. In June of 2016, he started working as a dishwasher with Aladdin/Cura and then added another position in the kitchen being a line server. In 2019, Dom left Aladdin/Cura to work with VMESC as a Hospitality Associate. In September of 2021, he accepted a full-time position as the Hospitality Event Coordinator. Dom loves playing the tuba and has been in prestigious ensembles including the Henry H Stambaugh Youth Concert Band, the OMEA District 5 Honors Band, the All-Ohio State Fair Band, and during his senior year of high school was chosen to be a part of the Macy's Great American Band where only 250 members from across the country are chosen. Dom loves to also bowl, be outdoors, loves animals, and loves to spend time with his family and his girlfriend Ashley. Dom currently resides in Austintown.



Diana Geese currently serves as Office Associate at VMESC. She has an AS in Multimedia Communications from Community College of Allegheny County. Since employed in 2018, she has also worked as Switchboard Operator and Development Assistant. Her main hobby is card making, which has become her ministry.



Barbara Torok-Crissman currently serves as the Accountant for VMESC. She earned her Bachelors of Science in Business Administration majoring in Accounting from Youngstown State University. Barbara is a Eucharistic Minister, Lector and participates with the Finance and Pastorial Councils at her church. She also enjoys volunteering at Buhl Community Recreation Center helping out the gymnastics program. Barbara enjoys her semi-retirement by spending time with her husband, daughter, stepsons and granddaughters.



Nancy Hoffman currently serves as Assistant Registrar at VMESC and is currently re-inventing herself in the new computer age after being a secretary for 10 years and raising her daughter. Nancy's favorite pastime is spending time with her granddaughter. Nancy also enjoys dabbling in other hobbies, as the spirit moves her.



Sr. Jane Marie Kudlacz, HM currently serves as the President/CEO of Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center. Prior to assuming this role at VMESC, Sister Jane Marie was a Catholic secondary school teacher and administrator for over 40 years and also served on the Leadership Team of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary. She is a graduate of Notre Dame College and John Carroll University and has studied theology at the Universities of Dayton and Notre Dame.



Sr. Barbara O'Donnell, HM is an educator with youth and adults who offers presentations, workshops, retreats, and rituals integrating spirituality and ecological sustainability. She serves as an Ambassador with the Catholic Climate Covenant. Sister Barbara has a MA in Religious Education and a MA in Earth Literacy.



Dana Stiger began working with the Sisters of the Humility of Mary in September, 2002 as an Office Associate with Villa Maria Education Center and now holds the position of Registrar at VMESC. She enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters in their hometown of New Castle PA.