Sr. Lynn Allvin is a Dominican Sister of Oakford and has been serving the immigrant population with JRS/USA as a chaplain in detention ministry since 2010. She previously worked in the Diocese of Phoenix as a pastoral minister in a large parish in Mesa Arizona. She served as director of adult faith formation and adult spirituality, coordinator of the foreign mission and young adult ministries.

Natasha Korshak is a long time teacher of Yoga, Meditation, Mindfulness, iRest and Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR). As the former Director of Mindfulness Education for Miraval: Life in Balance Natasha designed and presented mindfulness programs for guests, staff, and the local community. In this role, she was also privileged to speak about the benefits of mindfulness to national audiences. She has completed professional training at the University of Massachusetts Medical School Center for Mindfulness in Medicine, Health Care and Society, and is a dedicated facilitator of the 8 week Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction MBSR program since 2004. She is also affiliated with the Integrative Restoration Institute and has been teaching iRest meditation since 2010.

Father Charlie Wehrley has been directing retreats since 2002. His retreats feature an underlying 12 Step spirituality, as is used by Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon and Codependents Anonymous. Fr. Charlie’s Serenity Retreats also place strong emphasis on personal empowerment.

Father Ricardo, a Redemptorist priest since 1952, has been working with migrants since 1960. After work in Missouri and California, he came to Tucson in July 1967. Since arriving in these Arizona-Sonora borderlands, he has been an activist and done Hispanic and Native American ministry in Tucson and along both sides of the border. He lives in the barrio but commute to help a little each week at our Redemptorist Desert House of Prayer north of Tucson. In the barrio, he is involved every day with social justice issues, especially the struggles of migrants and immigrants.
MONICA (NICKI) VERPLOEGEN, PH.D.

Originally from Montana, Nicky Verploegen holds a doctorate in Formative Spirituality and is a Visiting Professor at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati. For eight years she served as Director of the Spiritual and Ministerial Development at Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, MA. She now teaches in graduate programs throughout the U.S.A., including Saint Michael’s College in Burlington, VT, University of Dayton, University of the Incarnate Word, and the Deaconal Formation program for Boston Archdiocese.

NICK DE LOS REYES

Nick De Los Reyes is a 2017 graduate of the Hesychia School of Spiritual Direction program. He holds licenses as a psychologist and marriage, family, child therapist. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1973, later received dispensation.

PAUL COURY, C.SS.R.

Father Coury is Director of the Redemptorist Renewal Center. A former member of the Provincial leadership team of the Denver Province of Redemptorists, his ministerial experience includes Redemptorist formation communities, the retreat apostolate, and Liguori Publications. Father Paul holds Masters degrees in theology, religious education, art, and psychology.

ALLEN DART

Mr. Dart received his Bachelor’s degree in anthropology from the University of New Mexico in 1973 and his Master’s degree in anthropology from the University of Arizona in 1983. He has worked and volunteered as a professional archaeologist in New Mexico and Arizona since 1975 for government, private companies and non profit organizations. His studies have focused on southern Arizona’s prehistoric Hohokam culture, but he also has participated in archaeological research on other prehistoric and historical Native American cultures of the Southwest. Allen is currently the Executive Director of Tucson’s nonprofit Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, which he founded in 1993 to provide educational and scientific programs in archaeology and culture. A Registered Professional Archaeologist, he has been a recipient of the Arizona Governor’s Award in Public Archaeology for his efforts to bring archaeology and history to the public.

PAUL GABOR, SJ

Father Paul Gabor was born in Slovakia. A Jesuit, he was ordained a priest in 2004. He earned a Ph.D in astrophysics in 2009 in Paris. Father Gabor joined the Vatican Observatory in September 2010 and was assigned to the Vatican Observatory Research Group in Tucson, AZ. He became its vice director in September 2012.
PEGGY GUERRERO

Peggy Guerrero is a member of the Jordan Ministry Team, serving the Diocese of Tucson in adult faith and leadership formation. Her own formation has been in education, leadership development and pastoral ministry, her most recent degree being a Masters in Pastoral Ministry from St. Mary’s University in Winona, MN. A native of Ohio, Peggy has been a resident of Tucson for more than 30 years.

SILAS HENDERSON, SDS

Brother Silas Henderson is a member of the Society of the Divine Savior (the "Salvatorians"). A catechist, retreat leader, and author, Brother Silas holds a Masters in Theological Studies from St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology and is a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. A member of the Tucson-based Jordan Ministry Team, he is the author of four books and his articles and reflections have appeared in a variety of prominent Catholic publications, including America, Give Us This Day, Liguorian, The Priest, Pastoral Review, and Loose-Leaf Lectionary, and he provides weekly reflections on the Sunday Gospels and daily profiles of the saints for Aleteia.org, as well as midweek reflections for Liturgical Publications.

GREG WIEST, C.SS.R.

Father Greg Wiest received his Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union and was ordained a Redemptorist priest in 1989. He has been a retreat director at the Redemptorist Renewal Center since 2008. He co-ordinates the Heschia Spiritual Direction Program at the Center and has been developing the Center’s contemplative retreats. His main area of concern lies in the intersection of painting, writing, and meditation. He is also concerned with how to help GLBTQ people benefit spiritually from the Catholic Tradition.

THOMAS PICTON, C.SS.R.

Father Picton is a licensed marriage and family therapist. A former provincial of the Redemptorist Denver Province, he belongs to the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists. He has been a clinical pastoral therapist in private and community practice for twenty-four years.

GREG MAY, C.SS.R.

Father May was raised in a farming community west of Wichita, Kansas. He professed vows as a Redemptorist on July 24, 1983 and was ordained in Wichita on September 10, 1988. He has been active in parish ministry for more than 25 years. His primary focus has been with the Spanish-speaking community. He has run programs for lay leadership and Redemptorist
spirituality. He is a graduate of the Hesychia Program for Spiritual Direction. He has an interest in history, especially in those areas that pertain to the Sacred Scriptures.

CHRISTINA ROMANO

Christina Romano has been practicing psychotherapy since 1989, after graduating a Master’s Degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Maryland. She has developed a psychotherapy model called the Psychology of the True Self. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor, AZ; Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor, Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction training at University of Arizona, IMAGO Relationship Therapy.

PETER TRAN

Peter Tran is assistant director of the Redemptorist Renewal Center. He is a former editor of the Union of Catholic Asian News (UCANews). Peter’s past writings include articles in World Migration Magazine, L’Osservatore Romano, Liguorian Magazine, Asian SUNEWS, National Catholic Reporter, and Global Sisters Report. He is co-editor of A Catholic Response to the Asian Presence (National Catholic Educational Association, publisher). During his years as a Redemptorist, he worked extensively in the ministry of pastoral care for refugees and migrants in the United States and at the Vatican.

RICHARD J. POPPY, MA, LISAC

Richard is a graduate of the University of Washington and Seattle University. He is a Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor in the State of Arizona and has been involved in substance abuse and mental health treatment for the past 25 years. Richard is currently the Owner and Executive Director of Desert Star Addiction Recovery Center in Tucson Arizona. Richard previously worked for La Frontera Center in Tucson and Therapeutic Health Services in Seattle, Washington. Richard’s professional involvements include President of TPAA: Therapeutic Practitioners Alliance of Arizona, an advocacy organization. In this capacity, Richard was involved in the revision of the laws that govern clinical practitioners, as outlined by the Arizona BBHE (Board of Behavioral Health Examiners). He also advocates for mental health and addiction treatment at the local and national levels. Richard is a member of NAATP (National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers).

BISHOP RICARDO RAMIREZ, CSB

Retired Bishop Ricardo Ramírez of Las Cruces, NM was the first bishop of the Las Cruces Diocese, which was established in 1982. He was born in Bay City, TX. Both his parents and their families were migrant workers in southern Texas. He attended public schools in Bay City and graduated from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, in 1959. He was ordained a priest in 1966 as a member of the Basilian Fathers. Bishop Ramírez served in parishes in Canada,
Detroit and Mexico. He was on the staff of the Mexican-American Cultural Center in San Antonio when he was appointed auxiliary bishop of San Antonio in 1981. He is the author of a book *Power from the Margins*.

**JEFF WOCKEN, SDS**

Father Wocken’s background is in music and liturgy, receiving both his M.Div. and M.A. from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. He professed vows as a member of the Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians) in 1994 and was ordained to the ministerial priesthood in 1999. Since then, he has served in parish ministry, province administration, and formation ministry. He now serves as director of the Jordan Ministry Team in Tucson, AZ, a Salvatorian ministry for the formation of lay leaders in the Church and promotion of adult faith formation.

**PETER CONNOLLY, C.SS.R**

Father Peter Connolly is a Redemptorist from Boston. A former Provincial Vicar of the Denver Province of Redemptorists, he conducts retreats, parish missions and lectures on Celtic spirituality whenever the opportunity presents itself. Father Peter leads the retreat in traditional forms of Celtic Prayer.

**JAMIE PARRISH**

Jami has a Masters of Counseling degree with a background in psychology and neuroscience and consciousness studies. She is also has a coaching certification and a trained interfaith spiritual director. She has worked in several capacities as a therapist, in outpatient and inpatient settings. She worked both individually and in groups focused on: trauma, grief, spirituality, LGBT issues, and chronic pain. In these roles I walked with those on their path of recovery from addictions, war, abuse, anxiety, and depression. She is an EMDR Level II trained therapist, a Certified Sex Addiction Therapist (CSAT), and a Certified Multiple Addictions Therapist (CMAT). She also provide supervision and consultation to therapists and spiritual directors, and has supervised and trained graduate students in their internship programs. She also teaches at RRC’s Hesychia School of Spiritual Direction.

**JOSEPH JOAQUIN**

Joe Joaquin is a cultural affairs specialist with the Tohono O'odham Nation’s Cultural Affairs Program. He formerly served on the Nation’s Legislative Council and chaired the Nation’s Cultural Preservation Committee. He served on Old Pueblo Archaeology Center’s Board of Directors from 2001-2005 and still is a member of Old Pueblo’s Advisory Committee.