

Mary Rice Hasson



Mary Rice Hasson, J.D., is the Kate O’Beirne Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., where she co-founded and directs the Person and Identity Project, an initiative that equips parents and faith-based institutions to promote the truth about the human person and counter gender ideology. Mary has been a keynote speaker for the Holy See during the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, addressing education, women and work, caregiving, and gender ideology, and serves as a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family, Life and Youth. She speaks frequently across the country, and has testified before the U.S. Senate, state legislatures, and the Australian parliament on parents’ rights and transgender issues. The co-author of several books on education, Mary’s writing has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, *National Review*, *First Things*, the *National Catholic Register* and *Our Sunday Visitor*, among others. In March 2023, Mary was the 2023 recipient of the *Christifideles Laici* award, presented at the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast. She is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Notre Dame Law School.

Fr. Hans Zollner, SJ



Hans Zollner, SJ, is Director and Professor of the Institute of Anthropology. Interdisciplinary Studies on Human Dignity and Care (IADC) at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He is consultant for the protection of minors and vulnerable persons to the Diocese of Rome and a consultant of the Dicastery for the Clergy.

Archbishop Charles Scicluna



His Grace Charles J. Scicluna was born in Toronto, Canada and moved to Qormi, Malta, in 1960 and to Lija, Malta, in 1976. After completing his Seminary studies and a Licentiate in Pastoral Theology at the Faculty of Theology, Tal-Virtù, he was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood by the Archbishop of Malta, Monsignor Joseph Mercieca, on July 11, 1986. Monsignor Scicluna was sent to read Canon Law at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and obtained the doctorate in Canon Law with specialization in Jurisprudence in 1991. After his Rome studies he worked on the Malta Metropolitan Tribunal as Defender of the Bond and was lecturer in Pastoral Theology and Canon Law at the University of Malta. In addition to serving at various parishes, he also served as Vice Rector at the Major Seminary between 1994 and 1995 when he was called to the Vatican to work on the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Segnatura as Substitute Promoter of Justice.

He was appointed Postulator for the cause of beatification and canonisation of Dun Ġorġ Preca, was nominated Promoter of Justice at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, has lectured widely on issues concerning child protection in the Church, helped with chaplaincy work at the Convent of the Nuns of Saint Bridget, Piazza Farnese, and as Extraordinary Confessor at the Venerable English College in Rome, is a Visiting Lecturer in Penal Processes at the Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome), was ordained Bishop in 2012, was nominated member of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, was nominated as President of the Special College within the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and was appointed Bishop of Malta in 2015. In 2018, Pope Francis also appointed him as Adjunct Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith of the Holy See.

Paul Malley



Paul Malley is president of Aging with Dignity and directs its day-to-day activities and oversees its education, research and training programs. He has served Aging with Dignity since 1998.

Mitch Javidi



Mitch Javidi, a seasoned peak performance and human behaviorist, brings over 35 years of hands-on experience across diverse industries such as Academia, Military, Public Safety, Government, Pharma, and Technology. He is the mastermind behind "MAGNUS OVEA," a general theory of human behaviors through 11 Rings for enhancing interoperability and interconnectivity. He co-founded MAGNUSWorx in collaboration with Jeff Kingsfield. He is also the founder and the driving force behind the National Command & Staff College, the Institute for Credible Leadership Development, and the Criminal Justice Commission for Credible Leadership Development. As a true entrepreneur, he is also the co-founder of Epochal Technologies, Inc. and Power of Awareness.

He has training from the Joint Special Operations Command and the US Army Special Operations Command and has earned numerous distinctions.

Previously he was a tenured professor at NC State University before early retirement and now is an unpaid adjunct professor at NC State and Illinois State Universities. Mitch's influence extends globally with over 10,000 conference presentations and speaking engagements for esteemed Fortune 500 companies, government entities, and law enforcement, national, and state associations.

Sara LaChance



Sara LaChance is the founder of Stop the Movement. Stop the Movement exists to educate, equip and empower the community against exploitation and human trafficking. She is passionate about working alongside the community to keep the next generation safe in person and online. She has called Tampa Bay home for almost a decade. Her four kids keep her busy by frequenting all the local parks and ice cream shops. In her free time, she loves finding the best restaurants in the area, walking the beach and reading.

Molly Fara



Mrs. Molly Fara is the Associate Director of the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. She joined USCCB in 2020, after serving 8 years as the first Director of Child and Youth Protection for the Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. She currently serves on the Prevention Committee for the Association for the Treatment and Prevention Sex Abuse and is a volunteer for Reclaim 13- a residential program for young women rescued from human trafficking. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Dayton, Ohio with a major in psychology and minor in criminal justice. Molly earned a Master's degree in social work from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is recognized as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Illinois and the District of Columbia, and has a Professional Educator License with School Social Work Endorsement. Prior work experience includes psychiatric hospital, in-patient/out-patient substance abuse treatment, residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed youth, adult protective services and employee assistance programs. She has been married for over 30 years and has four adult children.

James Bogner



James Bogner is a retired Senior Executive Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) with over 38 years of law enforcement experience both at the municipal and Federal levels. During his FBI career, he served as the Chief of the FBI's Internal Affairs/Adjudication and Inspection Units, and as the Special Agent-in-Charge of FBI offices in the Midwest over Nebraska and Iowa. He later served as the first Assistant Federal Security Director for Law Enforcement in the newly established Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in Nebraska and Iowa.

He is a graduate of the FBI's National Executive Institute. His post-Masters work included studies in Public Policy Analysis. He has also served as Adjunct Faculty at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He has served on several local, state and national boards and councils.

He is the Chair of the Archbishop of Omaha's Advisory Review Board and his Ministerial Misconduct Board. He is also the Chair of the Missionary Society of St. Columban's United States Review Board. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Bogner served on the National Review Board for the past four years before being named as Chair in 2024.

Paul Ashton



Dr. Ashton presents workshops, courses, retreats and training seminars in Catholic dioceses across the country and internationally. His professional ministry enfolds adult education and praxis, and has included several teaching, counseling and administrative positions in schools and parishes. He also serves as a consultant to diocesan Bishops and religious community superiors.

His work in the area of child sexual abuse prevention and healing includes training facilitators, developing and implementing curricula and retreat programs, counseling, and support group facilitation development through the VIRTUS programs for over 22 years. He is the author of numerous articles and educational support materials, a chapter on vulnerable persons in *Towards Healing and Renewal* published by [Editions Dehoniane Bologna](#), and a book entitled *Etched in Hope* through ACTA Publications of Chicago.

He works with victims/survivors/thrivers of sexual abuse in the area of recovery and healing. In addition, he works with priests/religious offenders whose ministry is restricted and living a life of prayer and penance.

Paul is the founder of OPEN HEARTS HIV/AIDS Ministry and has supervised support and bereavement groups for over 30 years. Dr. Ashton holds a B.A. in religious studies, an M.A. in clinical pastoral counseling; a D.Min. in counseling and marriage and family therapy and a Psy.D. in psychology. He lives and has a private practice in Boston and West Palm Beach.

Deacon Bernie Nojadera



Deacon Bernie Nojadera has served as the Executive Director of the Secretariat for Child and Youth Protection at the USCCB since 2011. Formerly, he served as Director of the Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults with the Diocese of San Jose, California, from 2002-2011. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Joseph College, Mountain View, California; a Master of Social Work degree specializing in health and mental health services from San Jose State University; and a Master of Arts in theology from St. Patrick's Seminary and University, Menlo Park, California. He has been a member of the San Jose Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the County of Santa Clara Interfaith Clergy Task Force on the Prevention of Elder Abuse, and the County of Santa Clara Task Force on Suicide Prevention. He enjoys offering national and international workshops/training on safe environment/victim accompaniment, safeguarding, HRO (high reliability organization) principles, and topics on leadership and communication. He is married and has two adult children.

Bishop Barry Knestout



Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout is the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Richmond. Appointed in 2017, he was installed in 2018.

He was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington in 1989.

For five years, Father Knestout served as a parochial vicar at two parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington. In 1994, he was named priest-secretary to Cardinal Hickey and continued to serve in that capacity until His Eminence's death in 2004. It was during his tenure with Cardinal Hickey that in 1999 he received the Papal Honor of Chaplain to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, with the title of Monsignor.

In October 2006 Monsignor Knestout was named Secretary for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns and was appointed Moderator of the Curia and Vicar for Administration of the Archdiocese of Washington in April 2007.

Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington and Titular Bishop of Leavenworth in 2008. He selected "Christ Our Hope" as his episcopal motto.

Bishop Knestout serves and has served on several national Catholic boards and committees including: Chair for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People, Episcopal Advisory Committee for the Catholic Leadership Roundtable Board, Seminary Board of Directors at Mount Saint Mary's, Chairman of the Seminary Finance Board, Board of Directors for the Holy Family of Bethlehem Hospital Foundation, Regional Chairman for the bishops of Region IV until 2023, during which time he was also a member of the U.S.C.C.B. Subcommittee on the Church in Africa, and Subcommittee on African American Affairs, he was Episcopal Moderator for the Diocesan Fiscal Management Conference (DFMC) until 2024, is a Fourth-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, member of the Order of Malta, and member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.