



The National Association of Vocation & Formation Directors (NAVFD)

September 2020

FABULOUS ADDITIONS TO THE BOARD OF NAVFD

The Board of NAVFD is thrilled to announce that Michael MacLean and Anne Walsh are welcomed as the very first lay members of the Board. Father Wilson Andrade of the Congregation of Holy Cross also joins as a new member. Their gifts will help NAVFD enlarge its vision.

Michael MacLean is a Campus Minister at St. Thomas More College and has served there since 1998. He is a Certified Spiritual Director and a member of Spiritual Directors International (SDI). After starting his career in Youth Ministry, he has spent over 20 years

in Campus Ministry, working with Young Adults, as well as congregation members of all ages at St. Thomas More. He brought Theology on Tap to the Diocese of Saskatoon, a successful program that has been running there since 2003. He has taught the Youth Leader program from the Centre for Ministry Development, and has been a member of the Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry association since 1998, with eight years experience on the CCCM Board, six of those as Board Chair. Committed to balance and health of Mind, Body and Spirit, he is also a certified fitness instructor, and has

taught classes at Motion Fitness in multiple locations in Saskatoon. In Saskatchewan he is a Professional "A" Teacher receiving his Masters of Religious Education with Distinction from Newman Theological College in 2014. Michael is a practitioner of Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer. The fitness classes he teaches are entitled *Group Power* and *Group Active*.

Michael was born and raised in Saskatoon and has been married since 2014 to Jo-Lynn, a Catholic school teacher with her Masters in Early Childhood education.



Michael MacLean



Fr. Wilson Andrade



Anne Walsh

Michael is a comic book enthusiast and does charity work in costume for children in the Saskatoon area. He loves exercising, listening to and playing music.

Anne Walsh is a native of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. She works with the Redemptorists as the Coordinator for Partnership in Mission for the Redemptorists of North America, and as a member of the Redemptorist Adult Faith Formation Team for the Redemptorists of English-speaking Canada. She is also the Chair of the Redemptorist General Commission for Partnership in Mission and a member of the Redemptorist General Secretariat for Evangelization.

Anne graduated from Memorial University

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with a Bachelor's Degree in Education, and taught in Labrador and rural Newfoundland for seven years before heading off to St. Michael's College, Toronto to get her Master's in Religious Education and a Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies. She also holds a Diploma in Fine Arts from the University of Calgary, and a Doctor of Ministry from St. Stephen's College, Edmonton, Alberta.

Anne has been a classroom teacher, and a coordinator of Religious Education and Adult Faith Formation at the School Board, Parish and Diocesan levels. Anne has worked in Campus Ministry in Toronto and St. John's, in Youth Ministry in Canada, the US and Ireland, and has facilitated retreats, parish missions and other events in many countries. Anne is a Lay Missionary of the Most Holy Redeemer.

Anne loves crafts, singing, storytelling and folk music, and is a lover of history.

Father Wilson Andrade, CSC is a Religious Priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross. He was born and brought up in a religious family of nine children, in the southern part of India. He joined Holy Cross at the age of 15 years, completed his initial formation in India, along with the missionary work in the North East of India. He was asked to come to Canada and completed his theological studies at Regis College under Toronto School of Theology.

In December, 2010, he was ordained and began his ministry at St. Ann, St. Joseph and Native Mission in Toronto. In 2014 he became the Pastor of St. Ann parish and continued to take care of Native Peoples' Mission. Along with the Pastoral duties, he served as the Vocation Promoter for the Region of English Canada from 2012 to 2018. From 2015 to 2018, he served as the Zone Chair for the Downtown Central Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. In 2018, he became the first National Director of the Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada, that helps to promote Family Rosary and the family ministry.

He enjoys his ministry of visiting the sick in the downtown hospitals and the working in the food distribution at St. Ann Food Bank for the last 12 years. He has coordinated many youth activities including 2 international Youth Mission works of building houses in Jamaica and has helped to resettle two Syrian families in Canada.

He has an extensive collection of stamps based on bible and nature. He is passionate about pastoral and liturgical work and has written 12 plays on the life of Saints and Bible, and 3 Novena prayer booklets. He has led 4 international pilgrimages resulting in visiting 21 countries.



CONFERENCE 2021: CALLING TO NEW HORIZONS

St John's, Newfoundland

April 25 to 28, 2021!

Stay tuned for more details in our October newsletter.

RESEARCH STUDY WEBINAR:

All are invited to tune in to a webinar led by NAVFD President Sister Mary Rowell for a dialogue on the research project, "Recent Vocations to Religious Life in Canada" on October 30, 2020 at 11 am Eastern Time.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for conversation that you will not want to miss!

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83492893192>
Meeting ID: 834 9289 3192



UNDER 55ISH RETREAT 2020

From July 27-30, 2020 the 55ish and Under group of Religious gathered (virtually) for a retreat with the theme *The Surprising Journey of Prayer*. 27 participants from 16 Religious Communities, 2 directors Father Larry Gillick, SJ and Sister Bernadette O'Reilly, NDS and a tech coordinator.

SAVE THE DATE: 55ish and Under Retreat 2021 August 8 -14, Queen of Apostles, Mississauga.
Facilitator Sister Mary Rowell, csj



COMMITTED TO RESPECT AND INCLUSION NAVFD's Statement on Racism

Racism and any form of discrimination is always incompatible with God's design and can never be tolerated. Every expression and action that excludes anyone represents a total disregard for human rights and dignity and it causes irreversible harm to humanity and ultimately to the whole of creation. Racism finds its grounding in fear and ignorance. It is a denial of the realities of interconnection and interdependence and the human and Christian call to relationship.

The National Association of Vocation and Formation Directors condemns racism and all discrimination, acts of violence against others and disregard for the dignity of any person. We commit to consciousness-raising regarding racism and all forms of discrimination and we call for dialogue, reconciliation and healing. We welcome the gift and beauty of unity in diversity that is the very essence of life, respect and care.

ENGAGEMENT EN FAVEUR DU RESPECT ET DE L'INCLUSION

Déclaration sur le racisme

Le racisme et toute forme de discrimination sont toujours incompatibles avec le dessein de Dieu et ne peuvent jamais être tolérés. Toute expression et action qui exclut quelqu'un représente un mépris total des droits et de la dignité de la personne et cause un préjudice irréversible à l'humanité et, ultimement, à l'ensemble de la création. Le racisme trouve son fondement dans la peur et l'ignorance. Il est un déni des réalités de l'interconnexion et de l'interdépendance et de l'appel humain et chrétien à la relation.

L'Association nationale des responsables des vocations et de la formation (NAVFD) condamne le racisme et toute discrimination, les actes de violence contre autrui et le mépris de la dignité de toute personne. Nous nous engageons à sensibiliser au racisme et à toutes les formes de discrimination et nous appelons au dialogue, à la réconciliation et à la guérison. Nous saluons le don et la beauté de l'unité dans la diversité qui est l'essence même de la vie, du respect et de la sollicitude.