



The Franciscan Renewal Center is led by a Board of Directors comprising community lay volunteers, Casa leadership and friars. Board members are volunteers who — along with a passion for the Franciscan Renewal Center and for Franciscan spirituality — have a gift for looking at the “big picture” and deep experience in the areas of strategic guidance, financial management, human resources, health care, and more.

The primary work of the Board is to:

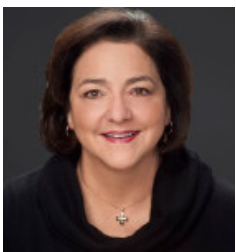
- Provide support and guidance that empowers the Franciscan Renewal Center to stay true to its mission, its values, and the broader mission of the Province.
- Ensure the Franciscan Renewal Center’s financial stability by providing financial oversight, inputting into the strategy, and assisting with the execution of fundraising and endowment growth.
- Engendering interest from the community to actively participate in, and add greater value to, the Franciscan Renewal Center by becoming Board and Board committee members.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY 2021-2022



Diane Catlin — Chair, Board of Directors

Diane first came to the Casa in 2014 and has served on the Casa’s Finance Committee since 2015. Diane was born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago and moved to Phoenix in 1996. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance, her Master’s in Accounting and is a Certified Management Accountant. Diane has experience in many sectors: banking, healthcare, restaurants, higher education/non-profit and owning several businesses with her husband. Diane utilizes in-depth analysis, insights and a collaborative approach to drive organizational improvements and implementation of best practices while ensuring the highest ethical standards are continuously adhered to. Diane has been married to Chuck since 1984; they enjoy traveling, golfing, hiking and simply appreciating the outdoors.



Michele (Mike) C. Mencuccini — Vice Chair, Board of Directors

Mike has served as the co-head of the Casa’s lector ministry, is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister, and a member of the Board Formation & Governance Committee. Mike earned a MPS in Pastoral Theology from Loyola University New Orleans and is currently a doctoral candidate at Creighton University’s School of Interdisciplinary Leadership. Her previous education includes undergraduate and post graduate degrees in architecture, accounting, and education. Mike is the Director of Finance, Facilities, and Human Resources at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School. Additionally, she is a facilitator for the Loyola Institute of Ministry’s graduate studies program. She has served on a variety of non-profit boards including: Catholic Charities AZ as President and Finance Chair; Phoenix Children’s Hospital as Finance Chair; YWCA of Maricopa County as Finance Chair; UMOM New Day Center’s (homeless shelters for women and families) as Social Enterprise Chair and; St. Francis Xavier Parish Council and School Board as President and member, respectively. Transplants from the east coast, she and her husband, Mark Voigt, have lived in Phoenix for almost 40 years where they raised their twin sons. They enjoy hiking, traveling, and the beach, where they spend their summers.



Steve O'Neill — Treasurer, Board of Directors

Steve is a member of the Casa Board of Directors having previously served on four committees and subcommittees. He received an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute. Steve's career began with 29 years at General Electric with multiple assignments in Engineering, Sales, Strategic Planning, and General Management. After a two-year stay at Rapistan as Senior Vice-President, his team acquired Pinnacle Automation, a material handling software and hardware company. Steve sold the company in 2000 and retired to Scottsdale. Currently he serves on the Board of Directors for the Honor Health Foundation. Steve and his wife, Jan, have been attending the Casa for two years. He has "inherited" Jan's two children and six grandchildren.



Mary Warren — Secretary, Board of Directors

Mary graduated from RCIA at the Casa in 2006 and has been an EM since 2007 and a bread baker until the move to the new church. She served on the Board Formation and Governance Committee (2012- 2015) and currently serves on the Sustainability Committee and crochets for the Wrapped in Love ministry. She has a PhD (Sociology, ASU) and is endorsed as an Infant Mental Health Mentor for Policy (IMH-E®(IV-P)). She currently teaches Cross-Cultural Understanding and Law, Policy and Advocacy in the online Infant and Early Childhood Development PhD program of Fielding Graduate University (2013 to present).



**Fr. Daniel Barica, OFM
Rector, Our Lady of the Angels Church at the Franciscan Renewal Center**

Fr. Daniel was born in Riverside (Chicago) Illinois in 1961, the third of four children born to Joseph and Margaret Barica, of Czech heritage. The family moved to Hollywood, Florida in 1968, where most of his schooling took place. Daniel holds a B.A. in Art from Florida Atlantic University ('83) with a concentration in photography and an M.A. in Landscape Architecture from the University of Georgia ('88). Fr. Daniel joined the Saint Barbara Province of Franciscans, entering postulancy in Portland, Oregon in 1991, after spending the summer of 1991 at the Casa as a Covenant Worker. His education continued with the Franciscans with an M.Div. degree from the Franciscan School of Theology in 1998. His solemn profession into the Franciscan order was in August, 1998, and he was ordained a priest in 1999 at Mission Santa Barbara. Ministry assignments included time at St. Barbara parish before his ordination, then at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Los Angeles (2001-2006) where he became pastor in 2003. He returned to St. Barbara Parish at the Mission as pastor from 2006-2012. Fr. Daniel was assigned to Sts. Simon & Jude Church in Huntington Beach from 2012-2020. He became Rector of Our Lady of the Angels Church at the Franciscan Renewal Center in the summer of 2020. Daniel spends most of his free time learning new things to cook, as well as engaging nature through bird watching, gardening and photography, where he likes to "focus" his lens on the natural beauty of God's creation.

Bruce Kelly

Bruce Kelley was born in Boston, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston College and a Juris Doctor from the University of Notre Dame. He has served on the Casa's Finance Committee for several years. Bruce began his professional career as a corporate attorney in New York City, moved to Phoenix in 1978 and spent a number of years first as an attorney specializing in state and local government finance and later as an investment banker concentrating primarily in the health care area, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, affiliations and joint ventures involving nonprofit and governmental healthcare entities, as well as underwriting and financial advisory services. Bruce retired in 2018 but continues to work with hospitals on a consulting basis. Bruce is married to Mary Ann, has two step children in Phoenix and Austin, and enjoys golf and fly fishing.



Susan Pitts

Susan was raised and educated in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama, earning degrees in Biology and Chemistry from Mississippi University for Women in 1972 and a Physician's Assistant Certification (with a specialty in Pathology) from the University of Alabama in Birmingham in 1975. She worked in Pathology for 42 years before retiring in 2016. The last ten years of her career were spent as the Administrative Director of Clin-Path Diagnostics, a private pathology laboratory in Tempe, AZ. Susan moved to Scottsdale in 1997 after having gone through the RCIA program in Louisiana in 1996. She first attended St. Patrick in Scottsdale, where she was a lector and active in the RCIA program. She has been at the Casa since 2006 and has served as an EM since 2008. She has been a member of the Board Formation and Governance committee since 2016, and recently participated in the Casa's 2020-24 strategic planning process. Susan currently volunteers for Duet. Additionally, she enjoys traveling, fly fishing, rock climbing and spending time with friends and family, including her beloved dog, Trudy.



Michael West

Born in Spokane, WA, Mike was 12 when his family moved to Phoenix for his mother's health. He enrolled in the US Marine Corps Officer Candidate School (Quantico) after graduating from Brophy College Prep and the University of Arizona. He served with the Third Marine Division in Viet Nam as a Platoon Commander and Company Commander for which he received a number of commendations and citations. After his marriage to Margy in 1969, the Wests moved to Phoenix, where Mike began his career in financial services in Phoenix and Southern California. During this period he served as president and CEO of two independent bank holding companies, and was a founding director of the California Community Reinvestment Corporation. In "retirement," Mike served on the San Diego Diocesan Finance Council, eventually becoming its Chief Financial Officer until his retirement in 2016 at which time Mike and Margy returned to Scottsdale. The Wests have two children and two grandchildren. Mike was recently elected to serve as an area Director for the Marine Scholarship Foundation.

EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR



Charles Brown

Executive Director, Franciscan Renewal Center

Charles serves as a voting member of the FRC Board of Directors. He was hired on November 9, 1998 as General Manager forming a collaborative leadership model with Executive Director Fr. Joe Schwab. Charles became the Executive Director on May 1, 2021, when Fr. Joe stepped down from the position. He graduated from Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado in 1984 with a BA in Business Administration. He immediately began his management career with Kmart Corporation, was promoted to General Manager in 1988 in Vista, California, and was continually promoted to larger volume stores in a variety of locations throughout California. After his 14 year successful retail management career, he choose to transition his skills to better align with his faith and spirituality as well as spending more time with his daughters. Charles furthered his education by attending Harvard on scholarship and the ASU non-profit extension. He has served as Chair of the Retreat Directors Committee for the Province of St. Barbara for ten years. Charles completed the two-year certification training and education as a spiritual director. He is a father of two lovely and faithful daughters, Amber and Bridget. He enjoys his lake cabin in Durango, fitness, travel, art and always being a lifelong learner.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA



George Dooley
Chief Financial Officer, Province of Saint Barbara

George is a CPA in addition to two other professional certifications in the fields of auditing and accounting (CRMA, CGMA). He was born and raised in Westchester County, NY and graduated from Bryant University in Rhode Island with a major in accounting. George served for nine years on the Board of the St. Anthony Foundation in San Francisco before joining the CasaBoard. He is also on the Board of the St. Francis Center in Los Angeles. His varied career includes positions as Chief Audit Executive for Gap and Visa, as well as other senior executive positions with major multinationals in the fields of supply chain, marketing, general management, and IT. While living in Russia, he helped establish the first OTC Pharmaceutical company in the former Soviet Union and has also had overseas postings in Indonesia and China. He and his wife Dawn, who recently celebrated their 35th anniversary, live in the San Francisco Bay Area near their identical twin daughters, who both live and work in San Francisco. George has a passion for music, songwriting, and fishing. He also wishes he were better at golf.



Kathleen Flanagan
Executive Director, Mission Integration & Ministry Support,
Province of Saint Barbara

Kathleen Flanagan is a native New Yorker who worked her way West. She held senior executive positions in the e-commerce industry for over 20 years. A versatile executive, her career included leadership roles in start-ups, private and public companies, including eFunds, a publicly traded, international, e-payments company based in Arizona and sold to Fidelity in 2007. While in Arizona, Flanagan became an active member of the Franciscan Renewal Center where she consulted with the staff and board on strategic planning and gave retreats on contemplative prayer and spirituality and aging. After a brief early-retirement from the corporate world, Flanagan's spiritual stirrings led her to accept the position of Executive Director at Mission San Luis Rey, a non-profit ministry owned by the Franciscan Friars of California. In 2019, she left Mission San Luis Rey to take on the role of Executive Director, Mission Integration and Ministry Support for the Franciscan Province of St. Barbara. Kathleen has served on a variety of arts, civic, and corporate boards, including the Portland Opera Company, the U.S. - India Trade Council, and as President of the Board of a Utah-based special purposes bank. She is committed to improving the dignity of the poor and has worked with non-profit organizations in the U.S., EU, Peru, India, and Rwanda to reduce homelessness, eradicate poverty, improve women's rights and education, increase investment in small business, and care for HIV patients. Flanagan is currently on the boards of the Franciscan Renewal Center in Arizona and the Franciscan School of Theology in California. She is an avid traveler, a voracious reader, an occasional hiker, and a very blessed mother and grandmother.



Father Sebastian Sandoval, OFM
Office of Vocations, Province of Saint Barbara