

Diocese of Grand Island Diocesan Review Board Members

Mrs. Kathy Hahn is a canon lawyer who serves as the Chancellor for the Diocese of Grand Island. She earned a Bachelor's in Theology from Creighton University in 2004 and a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in 2009. Kathy currently serves on the board of the Nebraska Catholic Conference and was recently appointed to serve on the KVSS/Spirit Catholic Radio Board. She and her husband of 35 years, Denny, reside in St. Paul and have two married adult children and three grandchildren. She and Denny are parishioners at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in St. Paul, Nebraska.

Richard Hoffmann, MD is a retired general internist who practiced clinical medicine for over 40 years and was on the full-time faculty of two medical schools during this time, most recently the University of South Florida College of Medicine, where he served as Associate Dean for 10 years. He lives 8-9 months per year in Grand Island with his wife of 50 years and is a parishioner at St. Leo's. They have 3 grown daughters and 9 grandchildren. He has been on the Board of Directors of Hope Harbor (a homeless shelter in Grand Island) and is actively involved in multiple outreach and social justice programs in his faith community.

Rev. Martin L. Egging 57, Bachelor of Science in education from Chadron State College – 1983, Master of Arts in Catholic Thought and Masters of Divinity, St. Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN. 25 Years in Active Ministry, currently Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Grand Island Nebraska.

Michael R. Gloor, MS, MHA, senior consultant with SAGE Healthcare Collaborative, INC, was a State Senator in the Nebraska Legislature from 2009-2016. He served Saint Francis Medical Center in Grand Island as President / Chief Executive Officer from 1993-2008, Chief Operating Officer from 1981-1992, and Director of Human Resources from 1980-1981. He is the member of numerous boards and associations including the Council of State Governments and National Council of State Legislatures, the Nature Conservancy Nebraska Board of Directors, and the Grand Island Community Foundation Board of Directors.

Mrs Janelle Armstrong is the part-time Marketing Manager at Grand Island Central Catholic Schools in addition to serving as a community volunteer. Janelle's degree in Public Relations and Marketing from the University of Nebraska at Kearney led to her positions with both for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations in Omaha and Grand Island. She grew-up Catholic in the Nebraska Panhandle, and has long-served as a volunteer bettering the communities in which she lived. Janelle resides in Grand Island with her husband and two sons, and the family belongs to St. Leo's Parish.

Stacie Goding, J.D., is an attorney in Grand Island, with experience in the area of child welfare. She has also served as guardian ad litem for children who are victims of sexual crimes. She has been appointed to the Governor's Commission for the Protection of Children and she is a parishioner at Resurrection Catholic Church.

KaCee Zimmerman has been a social worker for the past 20 years. She has worked in various fields that have included: childcare, developmental disabilities, family advocacy and child protective services. She earned a degree in Psychology from the University of Colorado in 1991. She has resided in Nebraska for the past 15 years and is actively involved in St. Libory's and Blessed Sacrament Churches.

Bobbie Gonzales has lived and worked in the Grand Island Community the majority of her life and has been enjoying retirement since 2017. She has been a member of St. Mary's Cathedral and Blessed Sacrament Parishes. She has served on the Diocesan Review Board since 2002.

Agnes Gomes, MD has lived in Grand Island since 1975. She retired after 41 years of full-time practice as a Pediatrician at the Grand Island Clinic. Dr. Gomes is passionate about children's well-being and health. She has four grown children and eight adorable grandchildren who now keep her busy.

Selena Wardyn, MEd, MAT is a lifelong member of the Grand Island Diocese having grown up and received sacraments at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in St. Paul, Nebraska. She is currently a member of Resurrection Parish in Grand Island, Nebraska. Selena is an Assistant Principal at Walnut Middle School in Grand Island and has worked for Grand Island Public Schools for 15 years in various capacities (Special Education teacher, Educational Consultant, Instructional Coach, and Assistant Principal). She possesses a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology, an MEd in Community/Agency Counseling, an MAT in K-12 Special Education, and Doctoral work in Administration. Selena previously worked as a mental health therapist in the community prior to going into education. She is the mother of two children and they reside in Grand Island.

Vincent G. Hernandez retired from Nebraska State Patrol in 2013 after 32 years of service. He served 10 years in the Traffic Division, 21 years in the Investigative Services Division (Criminal and Drug) and served as a licensed/certified polygraph examiner for 23 years. He received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is the owner/examiner of Central Nebraska Polygraph Services, conducting examinations for pre-employment to local law enforcement agencies, US Probation (sex offender's) and marriage counselors. He and his wife Sharon have been married 36 years and are members of Resurrection parish in Grand Island.

Sarah Griess, Psy.D. is a licensed psychologist in private practice with Rising Hope Counseling & Consulting, P.C. and specializes in trauma. She received her Master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Doctorate of Psychology from the University of Northern Colorado. In addition to her counseling practice; Dr. Griess works in providing services to immigrants suffering from trauma and other mental health related disorders; serves as the co-chair of the Grand Island Area Coalition on Trafficking and on the leadership team of the Hastings, Grand Island and surrounding areas; and assists the Teen Reach Adventure Camp which works with local at risk teens. Dr. Griess is an instructor for Mental Health First Aid and QPR (suicide intervention training) and works with many local agencies to enhance knowledge and challenge stigma around mental health. She is a Nebraska native, wife and mother of two.