

## *Culture of Life 2020 Speaker Bios*

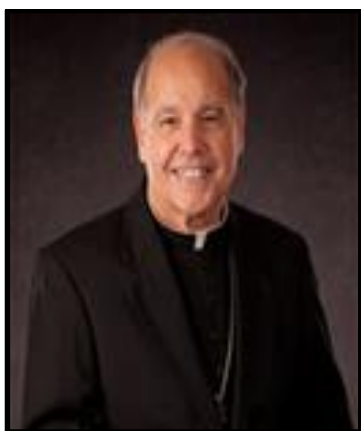


*Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito*

The Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito was appointed on July 1, 2003, by His Holiness Pope John Paul II to become the fifth Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach. In a Eucharistic Liturgy of Installation at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola on August 28, 2003, Bishop Barbarito became the spiritual leader of a Catholic population of more than 250,000 Catholics who worship in 53 parishes and missions in Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee Counties. Born in Brooklyn, New York on January 4, 1950, Bishop Barbarito was ordained to the presbyterate by Brooklyn Bishop Francis J. Mugavero of St. Francis of Assisi, Astoria, on January 31, 1976. After ordination, he was assigned to St. Helen Church in Howard Beach, Queens. He remained there until 1981 when Bishop Mugavero appointed him Assistant Chancellor of the Diocese of Brooklyn. He held that position for one year, and then attended the Catholic University of American in Washington, D.C., for two years, earning a Licentiate in Canon Law. He served as Master of Ceremonies for Auxiliary Bishop Joseph P. Denning from 1984 – 1990. He was named Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of Brooklyn in 1984, and remained in that position until 1992, when Bishop Thomas V. Daily, Bishop of Brooklyn, appointed him as his Episcopal Secretary.

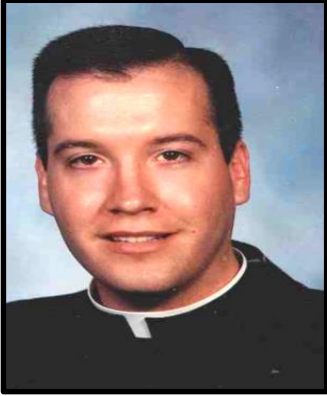
Bishop Barbarito was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn by Pope John Paul II on June 28, 1994, and ordained a Bishop on August 22, 1994 by Bishop Thomas V. Daily. He was assigned as regional Bishop for Brooklyn Vicariate East as well as Vicar for Ministry for the Diocese of Brooklyn, responsible for the ongoing formation of priests in the diocese. In 1999, Bishop Barbarito was appointed as Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, where he was installed on January 7, 2000, at St. Mary Cathedral.

Since his ordination in 1994, Bishop Barbarito has served as a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on the Relationship between Eastern and Latin Rite Catholic Churches, as well as the Canonical Affairs Committee. He is currently serving on the Committee for Safe Environments. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. In addition to his positions with the USCCB, Bishop Barbarito serves as the Vice President of the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops and is the Episcopal Liaison for its Education Committee.



*Bishop Felipe J. Estévez*

Bishop Felipe J. Estévez was born Feb. 5, 1946, in Havana, Cuba and arrived in the United States on an Operation Pedro Pan flight as a teenager. He was ordained in 1970 and has done extensive studies in spiritual theology, earning a doctorate from Gregorian University in Rome. He is fluent in English, Spanish, French and Italian. From 2001 to 2003, Bishop Estévez served as spiritual director of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Fla. where he served as rector from 1980 to 1986. He was the pastor of St. Agatha Parish in Miami for 14 years, while also directing campus ministry at Florida International University. Appointed Auxiliary Bishop on Nov. 21, 2003, and ordained Jan. 7, 2004, he oversaw the archdiocese's Ministry of Pastoral Services including family life, youth, campus, prison and respect life ministries, as well as all church movements and new communities. In 2010, he was appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Miami. On April 27, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI named Auxiliary Bishop Felipe J. Estévez the tenth Bishop of St. Augustine. He was installed on June 2, 2011, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jacksonville. Bishop Estévez is the second of three children (Carlos and Marty) of the late Adriano and Estrella Estévez.



*Father Joseph Papes*

Father Joe Papes is the youngest of four and was born in West Palm Beach, Florida. On December 14, 2001, he was ordained to the priesthood and was first assigned to St. Jude Catholic Church, Tequesta. In 2002, then Bishop Sean O'Malley, OFM Cap., assigned Father Joe as the Spiritual Moderator of the Respect Life Office. Since then Father Joe has worked with and counseled over 250 men and women through Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion retreats and one-on-one counseling. Every year from 1999 through 2018, he attended the March for Life in Washington, D.C., and visited with various legislators. He has also served on the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops State Pro-Life Coordinating Committee and has been able to meet with numerous state legislators in Tallahassee during the Catholic Days in the Capitol promoting the Bishops of Florida pro-life agenda. Some of his other assignments in the Diocese of Palm Beach have included St. Julianna Catholic Church in West Palm Beach, Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lake Worth, and Chaplain at St. John Paul II Academy in Boca Raton. Currently Father Joe is striving to build the Catholic presence and community on campus at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. Father Joe serves on the Advisory Board for Birthline/Lifeline and is also a member of the International Police Chaplains Association, a Chaplain for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and Homeland Security.



*Father Gavin Badway*

Fr. Gavin was born and raised in Phillipsburg, NJ, along the border of Pennsylvania. He grew up in a Catholic family of 6 children. He graduated from Boston University in 1988 with a BS/BA degree in Finance. Upon graduation, he worked as a broker for 1 year before venturing into owning ice skating rinks for 3 years. During that time, he decided to leave the business world behind and answer the call to the priesthood. He moved to Florida and was accepted by the Diocese of Palm Beach in 1993 and entered the St. Vincent De Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach in 1984. He graduated and was ordained in 2000. His first assignment was at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in West Palm Beach for 3 years. He then served as the Director of Vocations and Seminarians for 3 years before going back to Holy Name as the pastor for 8 years. From there, he was pastor as Ascension Parish in Boca Raton for 6 years before being named the new Rector of the Cathedral on July 1, 2020.



*Greg Schleppenbach*

Greg Schleppenbach is the Associate Director of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. In this role, Greg helps develop strategies and policy positions on abortion, bioethical issues such as euthanasia, end-of-life care, human embryo research, etc., working in collaboration with the USCCB's offices of Government Relations and General Counsel. Greg's other duties include serving as the Secretariat's key liaison with other Church and pro-life organizations to pursue effective advocacy on public policy issues, and as primary spokesperson on assisted suicide, destructive embryo research, and other biomedical issues. Prior to joining the USCCB, Greg worked for the Nebraska Catholic Conference for 25 years, 23 as the State Pro Life Director and the last 2 as Executive Director. Greg and his wife Jacqueline live in Alexandria, VA.



*Michael Sheedy*

Michael Sheedy has served the Conference since January 2002 and as executive director since January 2014. He represents the bishops of Florida in an official capacity before the governor's office, legislative leadership and State agencies, as well as national and statewide governmental and private organizations. He organizes and administers the work of the Conference on behalf of the bishops, who comprise its board of directors. He directs Conference staff in developing and maintaining relationships with key representatives and leaders in State government and in analyzing the moral dimension of public



*Ingrid Delgado*

Ingrid Delgado began her service to the Conference in October 2013. She represents the Conference on issues of human life, dignity and social justice before the legislative and executive branches of government and private organizations. She works with Florida's diocesan respect life directors through the State Pro-Life Coordinating Committee and staffs the Conference's Prison Ministry Committee. She initiates legislative networking with various groups, monitors and participates in the state appropriations process, and coordinates legislative and advocacy projects throughout the state.



*Dale Recinella*

Dale S. Recinella, author of the books listed above, has served for twenty-five years as a spiritual counselor and Catholic Correctional Chaplain in Florida's prisons. On behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Florida, in 1998 he began ministering cell-to-cell to the  $\approx$  400 men on Florida's death row and the  $\approx$  2,000 men in Florida's long-term solitary confinement. For 17 years, he and his wife, Dr. Susan Recinella, have ministered as a team during executions: he serving as spiritual advisor to the condemned and his wife serving as a lay minister to the condemned's family and loved ones. They also minister to the families and loved ones of murder victims. Mr. Recinella, who received a Masters in Theological Studies (M.T.S.) summa cum laude from Ave Maria University's Institute for Pastoral Theology (2009) and law degree magna cum laude from Notre Dame University Law School (1976), is a licensed Florida lawyer and has taught international law/business ethics in Europe, at the undergraduate and graduate levels, at St. John's University at the Vatican (Oratorio) and at Temple University in Rome; and has designed and taught Credible and Responsible Ministry in Prison, Certificate Program in Prison and Detention Ministry, at Saint Leo University Theology Department, Saint Leo, Florida USA (2013 - 2015). He has been a Community of Faith columnist for The Tallahassee Democrat; and his column about respect life, the death penalty and prison ministry appeared regularly for eleven years (1999 – 2010) in The Florida Catholic, statewide newspaper of the Catholic Bishops of Florida. He has received: - Holy Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (2016), the highest Papal Honor a lay person can receive, issued by Pope Francis for distinguished service to the church. - Law & Spirituality Award, Catholic Lawyers Guild, St. Augustine Diocese (2011). - Humanitarian Award, Franciscan Alumni Association (2001). - Press Award, Catholic Press Association (2000). - University of Notre Dame Exemplar, faith and citizenship in action (1997). - Citizen Volunteer of the Year, by the Executive Staff of Florida State Prison (2013) and the chaplains of Union Correctional Institution (2000). Has appeared frequently on worldwide Vatican Radio, extensively addresses audiences nationally and in Europe, and with Dr. Susan, has raised 5 children.





*Lisa Addeo*

Passionately Catholic, Lisa Addeo is an international speaker for St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body having completed her course work from the TOB Institute in 2015. She is on fire to spread God's vision of our sexuality through a new set of lenses to live our lives "fully alive" in this fallen world!!! She is 62, married 38 years, lives in Palm City and has a 22 year old daughter who is a religious sister in Madrid Spain.



*Dr. Sarah Hill*

Sarah Hill is the Regional Vice President of Mission Integration for Christus Santa Rosa Health System & The Children's Hospital of San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Hill is also currently an Executive Committee member of the Supportive Care Coalition, a coalition of 19 Catholic health systems committed to advancing palliative care. She is also a member of the University of Pennsylvania's Palliative and Advanced Illness Research (PAIR) Center's External Advisory Board. She has also been selected to be on the Technical Expert Clinical User Patient Panel (TECUPP) and Measure Specification Panel (MSP) for the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine's (AAHPM) CMS MACRA Measure Development project. She was also in the past a member of the National Quality Forum's palliative and end of life care metrics committee. In 2014, Dr. Hill received the Tomorrow's Leader award from the Catholic Health Association. Dr. Hill has delivered presentations including keynote addresses on palliative care at various national and regional events including the Catholic Health Association Annual Assembly, the Center to Advance Palliative Care annual assembly, the American Society on Aging, and the Supportive Care Congress. She has also been a speaker, guest lecturer and guest panelist on bioethics and has been a facilitator for ethics conferences. Dr. Hill received her Bachelor's degree in molecular biology/biochemistry and a minor in theology from Marquette University in 2003. She also received the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Emerging Leader Award in 2003 from the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation. She received her Master's Degree in Health Care Ethics and Health Communication from the University of West Florida in 2006. Dr. Hill received her PhD in Health Care Ethics from Saint Louis University in 2016.



*Kristen Hanson*

Kristen Hanson is Community Relations Advocate for the [Patients Rights Action Fund \(PRAF\)](#), a national, secular, non-partisan leader in the defense of the rights of patients, people with disabilities, our elders, and the poor from the threat of legalized assisted suicide. PRAF is a 501(c)(4) not for profit corporation. Mrs. Hanson did her undergraduate work at The University of Miami, and earned a master's in Education at SUNY New Paltz. She is the widow of JJ Hanson, a Marine Corps combat veteran, and late president of the Patients Rights Action Fund. At 33, her late husband, JJ, was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer and given only a few months to live. He went on to live for over 3.5 years, bravely dedicating his final days to fighting against the legalization physician-assisted suicide. Kristen continues to share their family's story to provide hope to people who find themselves in similar circumstances and to challenge policymakers and medicine to reject such a dangerous public policy. She has been published in media outlets such as the Washington Post, the New York Post, USA Today, and Real Clear Policy, among others. She has also appeared in television interviews on CBS Sunday Morning News, Fox and Friends, and the Tucker Carlson Show.



*Dr. Charles Camosy*

Charlie Camosy grew up in the cornfields of Wisconsin, but he is now an Associate Professor of Theology at Fordham University in the Bronx, where he has taught since finishing his PhD in theology at Notre Dame in 2008. Among other places, his published articles have appeared in the American Journal of Bioethics, Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, Journal of the Catholic Health Association, New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, New York Daily News and America magazine. He is the author of five books. *Too Expensive to Treat?* (Eerdmans) was a 2011 award-winner with the Catholic Media Association, *Peter Singer and Christian Ethics* (Cambridge) was named a 2012 “best book” with ABC Religion and Ethics, and *For Love of Animals* (Franciscan) was featured in the New York Times. *Beyond the Abortion Wars* (Eerdmans), was a 2015 award-winner also with the Catholic Media Association. His most recent book, *Resisting Throwaway Culture* (New City), was published in May of 2019 and won first place from the Catholic Publishers Association as “Resource of the Year.” His next book, currently under peer-review, connects secular medicine and bioethics rejection of fundamental human equality to their rejection theology as a discipline worth engaging. In addition to advising the Faith Outreach office of the Humane Society of the United States, the pro-life commission of the Archdiocese of New York, and the American Solidarity Party, Camosy received the Robert Bryne award from the Fordham Respect Life Club and received the 2018 St. Jerome Award for scholarly excellence from the Catholic Library Association. He has four children, three of whom he and his wife Paulyne adopted from a Filipino orphanage in June of 2016.



*Donna Gardner*

For 16 years, Donna Gardner worked at the Diocese of Palm Beach in the Office of Respect Life as Coordinator of Healing Ministries where she launched the post-abortion healing ministry, known as Rachel’s Vineyard. This ministry counsels men and women who have been traumatized by their abortion or miscarriage experiences and offers weekend retreats for healing. Donna also introduced the ministry to inmates at correctional facilities and those no longer hoping to be new grandparents. As a psychotherapist, Donna has ministered to those who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder or wounds brought about by sexual trauma, military combat and family issues. Donna also has directed more than 20 bible studies including those for career women, married couples, stay-at-home mothers and post-abortive men and women. She helped bring LIFETEEN Youth Ministry to the Diocese of Palm Beach high school teens, serving in the ministry with her husband Eric for over a decade. In 2016, they opened a non-profit foundation called Magdalene’s Joy, which allows Donna to continue ministering to the post-abortive through Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats in the Diocese of Palm Beach, Central and South America as well as the Caribbean Islands. Donna earned her Master of Science/Counseling and Psychology degree at Palm Beach Atlantic University; her Bachelor of Science degree in Merchandising and Marketing at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, NY and her Associate of Arts in Communications, Media Arts and Journalism at Suffolk County Community College in Selden, NY. Donna and Eric reside in Jupiter Farms.



*Lisa Rowe*

Lisa Rowe has spent the last 2 decades equipping and empowering thousands of at-risk children, hurting adults and broken families find hope, healing, and restoration. Lisa’s clinical experience, coupled with her organizational leadership has assisted government, non-profit and private organizations to grow their impact, increase their sustainability, and leave a national imprint. Lisa has invested a great deal of time and leadership into helping men, women and families heal from the following adverse experiences: foster care, teen parenting, sex trafficking, an unexpected pregnancy, divorce, abortion, codependency, and addiction. Her passion for revealing the root of dysfunctional behavior and helping people find freedom from early childhood trauma is evident in her own life, the lives she helps lead, public speaking engagements, and the program model she has and continues to build to serve clients.



*Janine Marrone*

Janine Marrone: President of the Board, Support After Abortion (Co Founder) of Luncheons 4 Life; Active philanthropist of time, talent and treasure. Has 30 years in the financial services industry. The last 20 years as a management strategist with cross functional experience in operations, sales and relationship management. Skilled in change management. Last position was as a Division President, MBNA Corporation, pioneer of Affinity card marketing. Currently she is cofounder of Luncheons4life (Florida, Georgia, Illinois and Missouri) for the last 7 years brings together like minded people supporting life in 9 different locations for purposing of networking, promoting cooperation and collaboration and activation of resources. Founded Support After Abortion through a local Pregnancy center in SW FL in 2007. Underwrote the discovery process and consumer research for what is now its own entity and 501(c)3; Support After Abortion. She leads its Board as Director



*Father Shawn Monahan*

Fr. Shawn Monahan, OMV, is a native of Boston, and is an ordained priest of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary. Over the past 18 plus years of ministry, he has experienced a variety of apostolic ministry ranging from parish life, hospital ministry, assisting in seminary formation as well as parish missions, and directing retreats as a certified spiritual director.

Drawing upon these compiled experiences of ministry, Fr. Shawn will present several frameworks which can serve immensely all clergy, counselors, and individuals seeking to assist those searching for a path of healing and restoration, a path that necessarily goes through our broken hearts.



*Katherine Bowers*

Katherine Bowers is the Program Director of Birthline/Lifeline, a program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach, where they offer positive, life-affirming services to pregnant women and those with small children. She has held this position since May 2016. Prior to then, Katherine worked at Birthline/Lifeline as the Coordinator of Counseling Services and In-service Education since July 2009. She continues to be grateful for the opportunity to work at Birthline/Lifeline, as she has a passion for helping to make a change in our culture to one that defends, protects, and values every human life. Katherine received her Bachelor of Arts degree from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in 2006, a Master of Social Work degree in the Spring of 2009 from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas, and a Master of Nonprofit Management degree from Florida Atlantic University in May 2013. She lives with her husband John and their three beautiful children, Amelia, Cecilia, and Johnny, in Wellington, FL, where they are active parishioners at St. Therese de Lisieux Catholic Church. The “organized chaos” of the life that she and her husband are building with their children is the most fulfilling part of life for her.





*Angela Simpson*

Angela joined God's Resources Inc. as Executive Director in July of 2016. Prior to serving with God's Resources, she served as the Executive Director of Gulf Coast Storks, (an affiliate of the national organization Save The Storks), a mobile unit ministry that provided free pregnancy tests, sonograms and peer counseling to women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy. Prior to serving with Gulf Coast Storks, Angela served in three pregnancy resource centers as a client advocate. Angela has 13 years of life-affirming counseling experience, counseling over 1400 women and men advocating for them and the lives of their children. Angela has served on the Board of Directors for Sarasota-Manatee Right to Life and served on God's Resources Board of Directors prior to accepting the position of Executive Director. Angela has an extensive professional background in management and administration, both in the church and secular business environment. Angela and her husband, Mike, reside in Jupiter and her greatest blessings call her "Nana."



*Donna Cori Gibson*

Catholic singer, songwriter, and speaker, Donna Cori, has been sharing her songs sung prayers, and meditations via Golden Arrow Catholic Music and Media in Catholic churches and prayer groups, and on TV for 22 years. She is a repeating guest at many conferences and events from coast to coast. She can be heard in interview and song on Catholic radio stations across the nation and worldwide on Mother Angelica's EWTN Global Catholic Network and sister short-wave station WEWN.

### *Speaker, Singer, Songwriter and Missionary*



*Sean Forest*

In January of 2000, Sean founded Movin' With The Spirit, Inc. (MWTS), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to boldly proclaiming God's eternal Truth and love. The group's mission was to reach out to the lost and lonely in the name of Christ. Since then, Sean has had the opportunity to speak to hundreds of thousands of teens and adults across the country and internationally. He has been a guest on multiple programs on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) and has been featured in nationally recognized magazines and newspapers. Sean has performed and spoken at venues such as: The National Catholic Youth Conference, World Youth Day, and the Creation fest and Soul fest Christian music festivals. He is an annual keynote speaker at the Steubenville youth conferences-and challenges men at diocesan men's conferences throughout the country to live their faith and lead others to Christ. He reaches out to both the hearts and minds of his audiences, in keeping with the focus of Pope John Paul II's *Fides et Ratio* (Faith and Reason). Sean's music has earned him honors at the UCMVA UNITY Awards. For his extensive work with the groundbreaking youth ministry, he was the recipient of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry's "For God and Youth" award. Find out more about his ministry and music at SeanForrest.com Building on his organization's work in the U.S., Sean has also mobilized a team to house, feed, and care for the poor of Haiti-children and villagers in desperate need of support. Haiti180 (haiti180.com) constructed and operates a chapel, lively orphanage, state-of-the-art school, and home for the elderly and a medical clinic for the local and surrounding communities. The Catholic digest recently published an article about his mission in Haiti. Sean is a graduate of Holy of Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, Conn., where he did work as an instructor and retreat leader. He now lives in the Nashville, TN with his wife Julie and three children.