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Current Position: Director for Parish and Diocesan Services, Catherine of Siena Institute, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

As director, Katherine works with the Institute's local collaborators, Catholic institutes and apostolates, parishes and dioceses on four continents to develop and implement pathways that foster the emergence of disciples and lay apostles in their communities. She recruits and oversees the implementing of the Called & Gifted discernment process and Ananias Training, as well as supports Institute teachers and interviewers, and local teams nationally and internationally.

She also speaks on the topic of evangelization and discipleship at retreats, conferences, parish and diocesan days as requested. Her work with the Institute is an outgrowth of several years' collaboration with Sherry Weddell during her tenure in parish ministry, some of which Sherry relates, along with the experiences of others, in her book, **Forming Intentional Disciples**.

Previous Positions in Pastoral Ministry:

- 2004-14** Director of Evangelization/Pastoral Associate, St. John Fisher Parish, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
- 2000-02** Youth Ministry Coordinator, St. George Catholic Community, Patrick AFB, FL
- 1999-2000** Confirmation Coordinator, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Indialantic, FL
- 1979-99** Over the course of these two decades, I supported my local faith communities (usually military chapel communities of 100-1000 families) by serving as the need dictated: catechist to preschoolers through adults, retreat leader, RE coordinator, liturgy coordinator.

Education and Professional Certifications:

- 1980** Valdosta State College (University), B.S. Mathematics/Secondary Education, *magna cum laude*
- 2001** The Center for Ministry Development and The Diocese of Orlando, FL, Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies
- 2002** The Diocese of Orlando, FL, Master Catechist
- 2005** Saint Joseph College of Maine, M.A. Pastoral Studies
Thesis: *Partnering Families and Youth Ministry: Justifications and Implications for Parish and Society*
- 2007** The Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Master Catechist
- 2009** The Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Pastoral Associate

Major Presentations, Programs, and Publications by Topic

Discernment of Charisms

Presented at numerous workshops in the US, Canada and Europe on charisms and charism discernment over the past eight years. Trains and travels with the Institute teams through North America and the UK assisting local parishes and diocese in implementing the Called & Gifted discernment process.

Evangelization

Publications:

“A Parish Moves Ahead”, in **Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples**, Sherry A. Weddell, Editor, Our Sunday Visitor, January, 2015.

Ananias Training, a multi-media training designed to be used in parish and ministry settings to form ordinary Catholics “in the art of accompaniment” in order to evangelize and disciple one another, with Bobby Vidal, Catherine of Siena Institute, 2018.

Pray with Scripture, Meet God. Creator and principal author of this resource, soon to be available as a free download from the Catherine of Siena Institute website. A series designed to assist ordinary Catholics to engage and pray with the Scripture in order to deepen their relationship with God. The Leader Guide is currently available; Advent 2019 and a series Jesus: Bread of Life due out this summer.

2015-present: Formation Days and Retreats Summary

Led over 100 Formation days and retreats for clergy, parish and diocesan leaders, Catholic schools, DREs and pastoral councils in places such as St. Louis, MO; Los Angeles, Cypress, Orange, and San Bernardino, CA; Scranton, PA; Canada—Calgary, AB, Halifax, NS, Prince Albert, Saskatoon, SK; Rapid City, SD; Biloxi, MS; St. Petersburg, FL; Kirkland, WA; Crookston, MN; Houston, TX; Orlando, FL, London and Portsmouth, UK; Philadelphia, PA.

A sampling of workshops and formats offered:

- Workshop on Evangelization in a Post-Modern Culture for youth and young adult leaders, Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- Lay Witness Training: Archdiocese of New York, NY
- Ananias Training: Ely, MN
- Diocesan Study Days: Dioceses of Prince Albert & Saskatoon, SK. Focus: Strategically planning to become a parish of intentional disciples.
- Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples, Queen of Peace parish, Aurora, CO
- Formation for School Leaders, Christ the Redeemer Schools Division, Calgary, AB
- Formation Days, Diocese of Pueblo, CO
- Parish Leadership Formation on Forming Intentional Disciples, Christ the Redeemer, West Vancouver, BC
- Formation Days for Catholic School Teachers, Faith Formation conference speaker, Fall River, MA
- Speaker for the 2017 FORMED Leaders’ Summit
- Forming Intentional Disciples and RCIA, Diocese of Knoxville, TN
- Forming Intentional Disciples, Biloxi, MS

Personal: Katherine is married to Michael and spends her off time learning about high altitude gardening and quilting in Colorado Springs.