Independent Task Force on the Response to Sexual Abuse within the Diocese of Springfield - Members



Maurice Boisvert of Shrewsbury is a licensed independent clinical social worker and president and chief executive officer emeritus of YOU, Inc. He led the organization in a broad range of therapeutic, educational and residential services through more than 50 programs.

In addition, Boisvert received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Assumption College and an MSW from the University of Connecticut. He has been an adjunct

professor at Assumption College and Clark University, and more recently at Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. He will serve as planning consultant.



Daniel Ford is a retired Massachusetts Superior Court Judge from Pittsfield having served three decades on the bench.

Judge Ford received a BBA in finance from the University of Notre Dame and a Juris Doctorate from Boston College Law School.

He began his career as an associate with Katz and Lapointe in Pittsfield from 1975-1979. He was First Assistant District Attorney of Berkshire County from 1979-1987, Of counsel

to Cain, Hibbard, Myers and Cooke in Pittsfield from 1987-1989 and Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court from 1989-2019.

Judge Ford is a member of the Berkshire Bar Association, the Hampden County Bar Association and the Massachusetts Bar Association.

He presided over some of the most high profile cases in recent history including those of convicted child killer Lewis Lent, Wayne Lowe who carried out the 1992 mass shooting at Bard's College at Simon's Rock, and Alfred Gaynor, who was convicted in 2000 of the murder of four women and later confessed to the murders of at least five more.

He will serve as chair of the task force.



Orlando Isaza of Easthampton is a social worker who has been a founding member of many local organizations including the Eric Carle Museum, the Seuss Park, the Holyoke Pre-Natal Care Center, the Holyoke Health Center, the Holyoke Midwifery Program, and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts. He served as director of community development at the Crossroads Community Growth

Center, director of the Springfield North Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance and as special assistant to the President of Holyoke Community College. He earned an MSW from the University of Connecticut and has also taught sociology and social work at various institutions in the region.



Ronald Johnson is president and CEO of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services in Springfield. In addition to his role at MLKFS he has held Senior Executive leadership roles at the Center for Human Development and MassMutual Life Ins.

A recipient of numerous accolades and prestigious awards for his role in community service, Johnson is one of the Founders and Co-Chairs of the Brianna Fund for Children

with Physical Disabilities with his wife Donna Johnson. He has served on numerous community boards some include Future Works, founding board member of Leadership Pioneer Valley, Community Music School of Springfield, CISA, Martin L. King Jr Charter School of Excellence and is a past moderator of St. John's Congregational Church. Johnson received his bachelor's degree from Western New England University, attended the University of Connecticut School of Social Work and earned a master's degree from Cambridge College.



Father Michael Pierz is pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Agawam. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2013. He has also served at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Belchertown as a parochial vicar.

Father Pierz is a member of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Springfield. He is a canon lawyer and also serves as a defender of the bond for the diocese.

He is a graduate of St. John's Seminary and the North American College in Rome.



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Sister of St. Joseph Mary Quinn of Springfield is a past vice president and president of the Sisters of St. Joseph. For the last eight years, she has worked as program coordinator of Out of the County Reentry Programs and program developer at the Women's Correctional Center in Chicopee.

Sister Quinn also has worked as a high school teacher and guidance director at St. Joseph's High School

in Pittsfield, as a therapist at the Counseling Center in the Berkshires and as the coordinator for a restorative justice program for the Hampden County Sheriff's Department.

She holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Boston University and is licensed in mental health counseling and marriage and family therapy.



Jim Stankiewicz is retired from a 45-year career in pre-K through 12 education. He has worked as a band director, middle school assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent. He most recently was the head master at St. Agnes Academy in Dalton.

He has served on the Springfield Diocesan Review Board since the 2000s. He went before the review board in 1993 to be heard as a victim

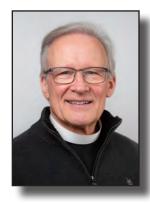
of clergy abuse and is committed to supporting survivors and working to protect children and vulnerable adults.

He holds a master's degree in educational administration.



Joan Tabachnick has developed educational materials and innovative sexual violence prevention programs for national, state and local organizations for 25 years. Her primary focus is on preventing the perpetration of sexually harmful behaviors, particularly in adolescents and young adults. She serves on a number of national and statewide task forces including the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Stop It Now!

Tabachnick, who holds a BA from Connecticut College and a MBA from Yale University, is currently a fellow with the Department of Justice SMART Office focusing on preventing campus sexual abuse.



Father William Tourigny is pastor of St. Rose de Lima Parish in Chicopee. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1980. He has served as parochial vicar of several diocesan parishes and pastor of St. Joseph and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, both in Springfield.

Father Tourigny served on the diocesan Catholic school board, the clergy commission, and presently serves as dean of the Hampden East

Deanery and is a member of the Presbyteral Council of the diocese. He holds a master's of divinity degree from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD.



Irene Woods is the founding executive director of the Children's Advocacy Center of Franklin County and North Quabbin in Greenfield. Established in 2015, the CAC works with child victims of abuse and their non-offending family members throughout the investigation and intervention process. The CAC serves the most rural and geographically isolated region of Massachusetts.

Before leading the CAC, Woods

worked at various supervisory and management positions at Massachusetts Department of Children and Families focusing on investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect. She retired from DCF in 2016. She also serves on the Domestic Violence Task Force for the City of Greenfield.

She is a licensed independent clinical social worker. She earned an MSW from the University of Connecticut School of Social Work and a BA from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

She will serve as vice-chair of the task force.



Amber Zinni is a clinical social worker and trauma therapist at the Trauma Institute and Child Trauma Institute in Northampton.

Following her graduation from the Smith College School for Social Work, Amber joined the team at the Trauma Institute and Child Trauma Institute. Specializing in intensive trauma treatment, Amber is trained in EMDR, Progressive Counting (PC), ego state work, and has advanced training working with survi-

vors of clergy sexual abuse. She has significant experience as a trainer, teacher, and facilitator using the intergroup dialogue (IGD) model. She received her BA in African American Studies and history from the University of Virginia and a M.Ed. in Social Justice Education from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.