

JOSEPH GRANT

I am a native of Scotland. I completed 15 years of religious formation with a Catholic missionary community. I have served for several years as a Catholic minister, teacher and spiritual advisor. While I was a member of the Xaverian Missionary Congregation, I ministered in Europe, the U.S. and South America.

I served for six years (1998-2004) as Consultant for Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese of Louisville. Later, I worked as Director of Programs for JustFaith Ministries (2004-2016), and created several nationally recognized formation processes for youth and adults across the U.S. Since 2012, I have offered retreats and classes at the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center. I served as Minister of Peace and Justice Formation at St. William Catholic Church (2016-2019). Since 2019, I am serving as Retreat Director, Spiritual Director and Consultant for the St. Luke Center/Institute in Louisville. This Center provides outpatient services for clergy and men and women religious, spiritual direction, candidate assessments and education services.

I served as Adjunct Professor at Spalding University, from 2005 to 2009, teaching classes on Peace, Justice and Service. In 2008, I presented the annual Keenan Lecture at Spalding University. In 2010 and 2012, I taught the Pastoral Ministry course on Spirituality and Justice at St. Meinrad Archabbey Seminar, Indiana. In 2014, I presented the keynote address for the National Thomas Merton Society at Bellarmine University. Since 2016, I have served on the Advisory Board for the Angela Merici Center for Spirituality, a congregational work of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville. In 2000, I co-founded the Crossroads Ministry retreat center in inner-city Louisville. This center serves young people across the Archdiocese of Louisville and beyond and has hosted over 20,000 young people. In 2003, I served as writer and coordinator of the National Youth Congress with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. I have led many retreats, workshops and classes on Christian spirituality, across the U.S.

I have authored books for St. Mary's Press, Franciscan Media and JustFaith Publications. I have also written numerous books and articles on scripture, social justice and spirituality. entitled My latest book, *Wandering and Welcome: Meditations for Finding Peace* (2019) has been published by Franciscan Media in Cincinnati. I was a columnist for the *National Catholic Reporter* (2016-2018)

In 2004, I received the award for Gospel Values of Peace and Justice from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. In 2013, the Justice Walking Program which I authored for JustFaith Ministries was recognized by the National Catholic Campus Ministry Association for Excellence in Education for Justice.

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