

Saint Joseph Lay Carmelite Community

Rochester, Minnesota LLC #2415

Historical Timeline



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1992 • Members of Nativity Lay Carmelite Community in Minneapolis/St. Paul

began to discuss a Rochester Lay Community with Rochester members:

Pam Beaulieu and Karen Riester.

• Priests from Alysford (Darian, Illinois) assisted initiation and visits of Lay Community:

Father Robert Emmet Lee, OCarm. and Father John Webber, OCarm.

• Pam Beaulieu served as first Lay Community Director--served two consecutive, two year terms.

• Karen Riester served as Formation Director.²

• Lay Community Meetings were held at and the formal relationship with Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church began:

<https://www.rescathroch.org/WP/>

December 1993 • Charter Members of Saint Joseph Lay Carmelite Community:

Carol Bouquet, Sandra Groslic, Mary Kelly, Michael Kelly, Lorraine Ludwig, Theresa McGuire, Doug Noga, Suzanne Norris, Heiu Nguyen, Dave Plevak, Marissa Plevak, Deb Poire, and Dee Wipf.

¹ This Carmelite shield is found on the first Application for Reception to the Saint Joseph Lay Carmelite Community.

² Formation texts and books were short, brief in nature compared to recent materials. "Aspirant" (now Phase 1) formation took place in member's homes initially. "Novices" (now Phase 2) and "Professed" (now Temporary Professed-three years and Final Professed) were the definitions of members. See attachment of Application Form.

Visitor³: Sr. Christine Griggs.

Lay Community Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Donald P. Schmitz

1993-1997 • Director⁴: Pam Beaulieu.

Formation Director⁵: Karen Reister.

Visitor: Sr. Christine Griggs (1996 was Fr. Robert E. Lee).

Spiritual Assistant: Father Donald P. Schmitz.

1998-2001 • Director: Sue Norris.

Formation Director: Marissa Plevak.

Visitors: 1998 Sr. Christine Griggs; 1999 Fr. Robert E. Lee and Fr. Patrick McMahon.

2001 Sr. Libby Dahlstrom.

Spiritual Assistant: Monsignor Donald P. Schmitz.

2002-2005 • Director: Tammy Palubicki

Formation Director: Lynne Gaffey

Visitor: ? Fr. Lee deceased during his time to Visit, 2003.⁶

Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Thomas Loomis.

2006-2008 • Director⁷: Diane Doty.

Formation Director: Bob Kertis.

Visitor: Sr. Libby Dahlstrom.

Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Thomas Loomis.

³ A "Visitor" is the official from the Lay Carmelite Office of the Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary in Darian, Illinois, sent to advise and review the Lay Community thus assuring proper Lay Carmelite activities. <http://laycarmelitespcm.org/generalinfo.php>

⁴ Appointed/elected positions were two year posts (two consecutive limit) at this time. Appointed position of Director and Formation Director occurred to begin the Lay Community; the proceeding positions of Director were elected. Formation Directors were/are appointed.

⁵ Twelve members were Received in July 1995. Lay Community began participation in Days of Prayer and Recollection hosted by other Lay Communities in Minnesota.

⁶ See obituary <https://legacy.suntimes.com/obituaries/chicagosuntimes/obituary.aspx?n=robert-emmett-lee&cpid=981811&fhid=2059>

⁷ Director positions increased to terms of three years during this time.

2009-2014 • Director: Ceil Wright.

Formation Director: 2009 Bob Kertis; 2010-2014 Kathy Tiegs.

Visitor: Sr. Libby Dahlstrom.

Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Sean Haremza.⁸; 2012-2014 Fr. Kevin Connally.

2015-2020 • Director: Terese Horlocker.

Formation Director: Michael Kacir.

Visitor: Sr. Libby Dahlstrom.

Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Shawn Haremza.

2020-present • Director: Marie Theresa Goihl.

Formation Director: Paula Plummer.

Visitors: Regional Coordinator Terese Horlocker and Regional Formation Coordinator Marie Theresa Goihl.

Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Shawn Haremza.

⁸ See <https://www.rescathroch.org/WP/people/father-shawn-haremza/>