



## Board Members

### President, Archbishop William J. Manseau

is guided by the renewal spirit of Vatican II. He has been a long-time leader in advocating for married priests and women's ordination. In 2013, he became Bishop Ordinary of GSC. Bishop Manseau was one of the founders of FCM, and has served as president of CORPUS.



### Archbishop Peter Paul Brennan

was co-founder of SBM and founder of ECDA (now renamed Good Shepherd Companions). He is President of Married Priests Now, Senior Bishop of the African Orthodox Church, and Primate of the Order of Corporate Reunion.



### Bishops Virginia Lynch Graf, and Robert Graf

were called by their local community to serve as first husband and wife bishops in 2013. This singular event highlights the gift of marriage to the world at large. Robert is Communications Director for GSC; Virginia, education director and coordinator of volunteers.



### Bishop Christine Mayr-Lumetzberger,

a woman of fortitude and vision organized the priestly ordination of 7 women on the Danube River in 2002. Christine is co-founder of Roman Catholic Womenpriests, RCWP. Her husband, Michael brings his photography skill to support and showcase her dedicated service.



### Rev. Gail M. Weisman

has served in the inner-city for 20 years providing therapeutic services with a focus on healing and resolving trauma experiences. Mother and grandmother, Gail was ordained a catholic priest in 2013.



### Richard Kowalczyk, Esq.

brings a lifetime of service to several religious organizations as counsel and other leadership positions. He is Chancellor and Board Member of GSC, and a member of Jubilee House Church.



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## Good Shepherd Companions

An Ecumenical Catholic Ordinariate  
*Building Bridges of Faith, Hope and Love*

Good Shepherd Companions, (GSC), are inspired by the Spirit of Jesus as were His companions along the road to Emmaus. Our hearts burn within us. We believe in the Divine Presence active in men and women around the globe. We envision a new invigorating movement of conscious care for the earth and all its creatures. We are on a journey as companions building bridges of faith hope and love. Will you join us for a time to journey together?

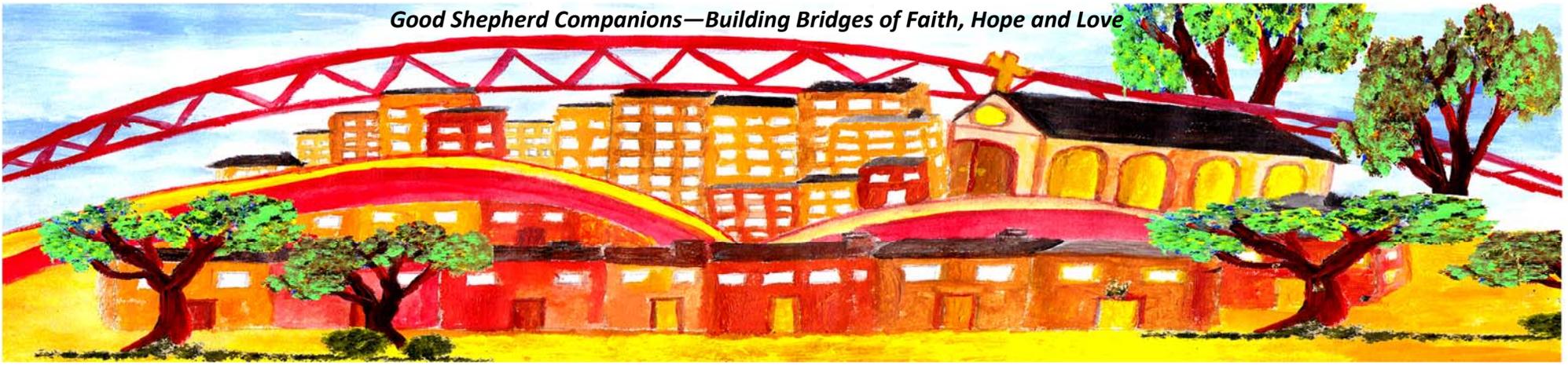


GSC started in Flushing, New York as an outreach to the marginalized of society. Since then, it has grown into an international network of caring.

### Specific Aims of GSC:

1. to embrace new models of spiritual interaction and service, utilizing the spiritual gifts of both men and women, and supporting the priesthood of men, women and married priests;
2. to collaborate with ecumenical groups and institutions to break down hostilities among religious believers and to respect other cultures;
3. to strengthen family life through wholesome activities, and opportunities, respecting moral choices of married couples, and supporting the divorced and remarried;
4. to participate in educational efforts which recognize the intrinsic relationship between religion and science, and to protect the earth from abuse and ignorance;
5. to cultivate attitudes of equality, peace and justice by encouraging cultural systems to move away from war, poverty and abuse, (most often victimizing women and children,) to a sustainable egalitarian system.
6. to encourage a review of the penal system in the USA.

## Good Shepherd Companions—Building Bridges of Faith, Hope and Love



### Spirituality, Faith, Inspiration within GSC

**Spirituality** pulsates throughout creation. It is an awareness of our unity and respect for the world around us, clarifying and nurturing all relationships, recognizing that everything is more than mere objects for our use. **GSC** models Jesus' spirituality. We live an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit, and all creation. Jesus invited his followers to live in unity with each other.

**Faith** is more than adhering to doctrine. **GSC** is a new call to see God as intimately present and active in our lives, not as a dominant patriarch, or demanding king. Faith inspires loving men and women to believe in new visions and possibilities.

**Inspiration** is living with awareness of God's Spirit empowering our actions. It is sometimes counter-cultural and works towards bringing real peace and justice to all. God's Spirit is a gift, not an illusion, private, remote, nor a reward. It is not other worldly. Empowered with the Spirit, **GSC** hopes to break down artificially constructed social and religious barriers, and build new bridges to support all life.

### Modeling New Ministries and Building Bridges

**House Churches** were a basic structure of the early Christian Movement. Jesus' ministry often occurred in sharing a meal with men and women. The early church understood this sign of equality and intimacy as a way to build up the family of God. The small setting encourages prayer, dialogue and hospitality.

**Hospital ministry** integrates treatment for the whole person, physical, spiritual, emotional. Effective healthcare integrates spiritual faith with human touch. Jesus is probably best recognized as a healer of physical and spiritual brokenness. Healing begins with extending healthcare to all.

**Weddings**, celebrate not only a special day, but a lifetime of love and service to one another and newly extended families. In a variety of settings, wedding celebrations build bridges between families. They are often occasions of social healing and spiritual reconnection. To develop ministries which continually support marriage is essential.

**Counselling** brings together the expertise of the counselor and the spiritual experience of the counselee. Forgiveness, healing of relationships, renewal of self are steps in the integral journey to mental health and healthy relationships.

**Poor children** in the USA, Central America, Africa, and India are a deep concern. Together we hope to develop new ways of addressing this need, along with supporting active ministries already in place.

**GSC** members engage in healing, the most damaging wounds of Christianity's history: the dividing of Christ's Body, the Church.

The **Arts**, wellsprings for growth and modeling new ministries, celebrate our shared humanity.

**GSC** participates with other renewal groups like **International Federation for a Renewed Catholic Ministry; Federation of Christian Ministries, Married Priests Now!**, and local **Ministerial Associations**.

### What does "An Ecumenical Catholic Ordinariate" Mean?

**Good Shepherd Companions** describe ourselves as an **Ecumenical Catholic Ordinariate** building bridges of understanding and cooperation for the common good of the Human Family. As an international, transformational community rooted in the long history of Christianity, east and west, we are more than a territorial diocese. With the same aspiration to unite the Roman Church with the Anglican tradition through establishing Ordinariates, GSC members feel the call of God's Spirit toward **Ecumenical and Interreligious unity**.

Being **Ecumenical**, we are open to all the followers of Jesus, and working toward reunion of all the Baptized. **Catholic**—sharing the beliefs and vision of the Ecumenical Councils. **Ordinariate**—purposely and distinctly formed with the hope of being recognized as a specialized member of the global Catholic community.

### Governance and Structure

Deacons, Priests, and Bishops of **Good Shepherd Companions** generally follow a **work-priest** model for their own financial support.

The **Bishop Ordinary** serves as President, and has an elected **Board** for consultation and planning. The Bishop Ordinary and Board appoint assistants and committees as needed.

**Synods** are meetings of all members to discuss important issues and ministerial service. Along with clergy, each community elects 2 non-clergy members to be voting members of the synod.