

Chapter Nominees 2019-2021

Desiree Archer

I live in the Coastal Region of Guyana, South America. I am a retired Governmental Officer. As a Franciscan I take time to be still and embrace a spiritual practice that refreshes my soul with faith and God will empowered me with boldness to fulfill His ministries and be what I am meant to be. I worship at St. John's Anglican Church being active in the Church work, visit indoor members, hospital visit sharing the Word of God and praying with them. I assisted with meals for School Children and the needy in my community Women's Group, Craft and Vacation Bible School/Good News Camp for children and adults they are enriched spiritually and knowing a skill.

Anton Armbruster

I am blessed to be a son of the Order, deeply humbled to have been nominated, and marvel each day at God's love. I now serve as convener of the LI Fellowship, and as an AFD (a prior formation counselor). While not aspiring to any formal roles in the Order, I have vowed to respond with a whole-hearted "yes" if asked. Since Profession, I've been asked to facilitate retreats on behalf of other fellowships, serve as Rule mentor, and contribute on a wide range of Order initiatives at the invitation of our Provincial Minister and Chaplain. I continue active service on my parish vestry, as Eucharistic Minister and Visitor, and leader of our Bible Study Group. I bring 38 years of service as a facilitator of vision-based transformational leadership work with a passion for collaborative innovation. I founded Strategic Action Services Inc. with the vision of listening for the finer questions "*so that others may discover their own true genius.*" I maintain a ministry as a Jungian psychotherapist serving those unable to otherwise afford it. I hold the MA and Ph.D. in Psychology and a post-doc in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy. I received the STL from the Free Catholic Institute and an honorary doctorate from the Sanctus Institute. I am a long-time student of the New Cosmology and all things

Teilhard de Chardin, the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition, & Franciscan Mysticism. I am prepared to do all I can for the Order as may be prompted by the Holy Spirit.

Claude Berkley

I am honored by the nomination to serve on the Chapter of this great organization. I am Claude Berkley, Diocesan Bishop of Trinidad and Tobago, married with two grown daughters. I became involved in the Society of St Francis through Fr. Peter Patrick who was a member of the first Order and subsequently became a member of the Third Order. He encouraged a group of us on Tobago to embrace the Franciscan Way and we did. In fact, the adult portion of my life has been shaped spiritually by the rule of the Third Order.

I served as a schoolteacher at both the primary and secondary levels. I studied theology at Codrington College, Barbados and did post graduate work at the College of the Ascension, Birmingham. I have had great relationships with the Franciscans who served in the Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago. Brother Deryck Forde did my retreat in preparation for episcopal orders.

I am keenly interested in a revival of Franciscan life in the Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago in particular and in our Caribbean Lands in general. The society certainly has something to offer to the building up of spirituality in the West Indian context. I was happy to attend the centenary celebrations in Cincinnati and to share fellowship with brothers and sisters from different contexts.

Edith Burkhalter

I have been part of the St. Care Fellowship in Seattle since 2003 and professed since 2007 but I have been a follower of Francis most of my life. I am currently convener of our Fellowship and have been active in planning and organizing our regional convocations. I teach violin, viola and piano to children and adults. Most of my students have been labeled disabled. I also tutor children – younger children in all subjects, teens in language arts, social studies and theology. Some of the children I have tutored have some kind of learning challenge. I am

married to John and we have four grown sons, three grandchildren and three foster grandchildren. I have served youth in my church for almost all of my adult life. I have taught adult faith formation classes on things like sin and redemption, prayer, mysticism, disabilities and sacramental access, St. Francis and St. Clare, The Gospel of John, the contemplative life, writing and living a rule of life, and raising contemplative children. I am a licensed preacher in my diocese. I would love to see our Order become more diverse and inclusive, particularly people with learning differences and young parents. My children were teens when I was in formation but I did try to include them as much as possible. I know parents with young children struggle to find a way to live out their Franciscan vocation while keeping up with the immense demands of parenthood. I wonder if there is a place for a kind of family Franciscan journey, a shared vocation. I'd love to see guidelines developed that would make this possible. I have an autistic son so much of my focus in life has been on people with disabilities. I wonder how we can do a better job of including people with cognitive and developmental disabilities. Maybe we could develop a kind of mentorship to help with the significant amount of reading and writing that is required. These are issues close to my heart and I would love to have the opportunity to enter into conversations about them.

Tracey Fiore Carroll

I have been professed in the Third Order since February of 2007. Since that time I have served as a formation counselor, an area chaplain, the assistant fellowship coordinator (I'm the person who has set up some of our virtual fellowships and leads people to those as necessary), and I have served one term on chapter. I would like to serve on the second term because I believe that there are some amazing things being done in chapter and in the order. I truly believe that the Holy Spirit is at work throughout our order and I would love to be a part of the next 3 years of inspiration. I am married to Bill Carroll now almost 26 years; mother to Rachel who is now 20 and Daniel who is about to be 18. I am a wife, mom, priest, Franciscan, dog and cat mom, and whatever else comes my way.

Jeff Golliher

The Rev. Canon Jeff Golliher, Ph.d, is a cultural anthropologist, member of the Society of Saint Francis, and an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of New York. As an anthropologist, Jeff lived with indigenous peoples in Central America, and among pilgrims on the Isle of Iona, Scotland. For ten years, he was Coordinator of the Rene Dubos Consortium for Sacred Ecology and Canon for Environmental Justice and Community Development at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in Manhattan. Since 1993, he has been the Vicar and now Missioner of St. John's Episcopal Church in Ellenville, New York. From 1991 until early 2019, he was the environmental representative for the worldwide Anglican Communion at the United Nations. Jeff has spoken at several Franciscan Convocations, organized global conferences on spirituality, ecology, and community development, and was part of a team of environmentalists who wrote the policy guidelines for the UN's Biodiversity Convention. He has also written and/or edited numerous books and articles on many of these subjects: *Crisis and the Renewal of Creation: Church and World in an Age of Ecology* (1996) and *Healing God's Creation* (2004). More recently, he has been writing about contemporary perspectives on the spiritual path. *A Deeper Faith*, published by Tarcher/Penguin, 2009, was also translated into German. *Moving Through Fear: Cultivating Your Seven Spiritual Instincts*, also published by Tarcher/Penguin, was published in 2011. He was born and raised in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina. He currently lives with his wife, Asha, in Kerhonkson, New York.

William Graham

Bill Graham has been a professed tertiary since 1976. He has served the Order as a formation counselor, fellowship convener, and Fellowship Coordinator (2010-15). He has led retreats and been the speaker at regional convocations. He retired two years ago after four decades as a bivocational priest and teacher in NE. He now lives with his daughter in MA, where he serves on the Diocesan Youth Commission and the Danvers town Inclusion committee. He is a past district governor of Lions, especially helping organize the Peace Poster contest for 11-13 year olds. He's also an active race walker and cyclist.

Gerald Hancock

I live just south of Nashville in Franklin, Tennessee. My roots are in the Baptist church of southern Mississippi and I entered into the Episcopal Church through the marriage door, by the grace of God. I was professed in 2017 and since 2014, I've been the co-convener of the Wind, Water, Fire, and Earth Fellowship.

My professional background is working in heart surgery for 45 years as a Perfusionist. In 2010, I retired as a Department Head at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville. I've been a member of St. Paul's Episcopal in Franklin since 1979. During that time, I've served four times as Junior Warden and taught Faith Leaders for seven years. For the last ten years I've facilitated "Theology-on-Thursday" and am currently a LEM and LEV. As a volunteer, I work with the homeless in Nashville and Franklin.

In addition to being the co-convener of our local fellowship, I assisted in planning the 2017 Southeastern Convocation in Alabama and the 2018 Southeastern Convocation in Georgia. Today, the Third Order is in the process of revitalizing itself as a part of global transformation. It seems to be a time to hear anew the Spirit calling to Francis from the San Damiano Cross, "Rebuild my church." If elected, Mathew 25 will be my call to action, the action that Bishop Curry and Tom Johnson challenged us all to do.

1. Return to the example that Brother Francis presented. Feed the hungry, clothe the poor, shelter the homeless. You don't need to spend time deciding what to do, just do it.

2. First revitalize yourself, you will become a visible image that others will want to follow. Once you have revitalized yourself, invite others to join you in serving.

Sarah Hartzell

As a leader Sarah begins with love, and listening. Compassion for the under dog, consensus decision making, collaboration, and creative problem solving are all characteristics of how she participates in a team effort for the benefit of all. Sarah has initiated numbers of initiatives in her church and work life, and has been called a visionary by some. She sees a Third Order, vibrant and alive, as a force for good within the the Episcopal church, and the world. She hopes the Chapter job will be both simple and fun, and that she will use the power of the position rightly. She describes her work as “ministry of the moment”, and is passionate about convincing people “there is something you can do” relative to the seemingly overwhelming problems of our world.

Now retired, Sarah has spent her working years at non profits, social service agencies, working with the unemployed, the elderly, and the homeless. Her education includes an undergraduate degree in French literature, a teaching certificate, and a Master’s Degree in Contemplative Psychology. Following the horrific events of 9-11-2001 Sarah’s vision of how the empowerment of women can bring peace resulted the founding of the non profit, Circles of Ten: Women for World Peace. In 2011, having gotten acquainted with some street people by walking around downtown Boulder, she initiated a Common Cathedral outdoor worship service, for them. In 2013, concerned about the special needs of homeless women, she initiated Boulder Homeless Women’s Initiative, which gathered the local agencies and churches which serve the homeless to consider to hear directly from the women about their needs. Sarah and her husband Bob Simmons, live in Boulder, Colorado where they host international visitors attending the International English Center at the University of Colorado. Sarah does yoga and nordic walking for exercise and has a 4 ½ year old rescue dog named Frances who she is training as a therapy dog. She also works part time in the floral department where she not only sells flowers but ministers in the moment with customers and co-workers. In the Third Order she meets regularly with her fellowship group and serves as a formation counselor.

Charles McCarron

I feel privileged to be part of the Chapter election process. Professed in TSSF in 2005, I have been formally a Franciscan since my days as a Capuchin postulant at 17 years old. I lived as a Capuchin Friar for almost 20 years. My “career path” was to be a professor of Franciscan Studies, and I spent many summers and a full year at the Franciscan Institute. I taught the Capuchin novices, (as in later years I would teach the SSF novices and professed at Little Portion) and edited and contributed to several of the Institute’s Publications. But it was about that time that the AIDS epidemic began, and Franciscans were the pioneers in AIDS ministry. It changed my path and became my full-time ministry for about 20 years, including a few months in Uganda. In my home Diocese of Long Island, I have served as Executive Director of Episcopal Community Services, began an emergency shelter for homeless LGBTQ youth, had a child welfare program in NYC serving 250 families, did outreach to undocumented immigrants and was Director of Super Storm Sandy relief. Serving at the time as a Diocesan Canon, I was concurrently Vicar of several congregations. I now serve as the Rector of St. Mary’s, Shelter Island. I came to the Island to embrace a more contemplative life, which has been a longing and thread throughout my journey. To help me grow authentically into that path I’m now a student in the Living School of the Center for Action and Contemplation. I would try to bring all my experiences and a contemplative stance to ministry with the Chapter as we continue to discern and nurture our community’s ongoing living out of the Franciscan charism.

Josiah (Jotie) Noel

Living in a rural coastal community in the in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, on the east coast of Canada, affords me the joy of daily walks along the seashore or hikes through the woods just by walking out my front door. My wife, Pauline, and I savour the local outdoors in our town and in our travel trailer - permanently fixed in the wilderness. Taking TSSF life profession vows on June 18, 2002, has transformed my life as a Christian and full-time parish priest. Much like education and learning in general, I see formation as an unfolding grace that invites us into renewal and continuous growth. I was recently asked if I had spent all my life in

Newfoundland? My response was, "Not yet!" I see my Franciscan Formation in the same light. I feel like a piece of pottery that is continuously being remade and refashioned for love and mission. Exercising my professions as fisherman (three seasons), teacher (four years) and parish priest (thirty-one years) has been an amazing voyage. I have served in a variety of parish settings: an isolated parish on the coast of Labrador with twenty-four congregations, three multi-point rural parishes on the island, and our Cathedral as Rector and Dean (for thirteen years). My pastoral and administrative skills continue to be an asset for my local church and our diocesan family. In my free time I am Chair of our Inter-Church Food/Clothing Bank which is partnered with 13 other churches from various denominations. With good humor and collegiality, I am Archdeacon of the rural area of the diocese: fifteen parishes with 34 congregations. As an islander whose family moved here three hundred years ago to harvest the fishery, I share a sense of belonging with other Newfoundlanders affording us a strong sense of time and place. This identity calls for responsible evaluation of lifestyle and employment for the present stewardship of the land and the sea in preparation for future generations. The local economy's dependence on primary industry: fishing, mining, hydro-development, and more recently offshore oil, has generated a corporate conscience for the care of creation that continues to challenge everyone. My Franciscan spirituality has been a complimentary fit that continues to call me to challenge my lifestyle and that of my parishioners. I continue to unpack the stimulating experiences of my recent pilgrimages to Assisi, Rome, and Jerusalem as I reflect upon how these physical spaces have impacted the growth and life of the Christian faith community. After thirty six years of marriage Pauline and I look forward to spending time with our three adult children and two grandchildren. I have enjoyed serving on Provincial Chapter for the past triennium.

John Rebstock

I approach the possibility of serving on Chapter with humility, love and joy. I learned a great deal about our Order last year while serving as convener for the rule task force. Members of the task force thought deeply about our Principles and how they inspire us and ground our

lives. We also heard from many tertiaries about hopes, challenges, dreams and concerns about how we live our Franciscan calling. I would like to help Chapter “grow the seeds” that have been planted in recent years, such as helping us: connect with and mentor one another in our lives of prayer, study and work; affirm our charism of flexibility and graciousness towards one another as we live our rules in our varied life contexts; continue the great work underway in the Order to proactively anticipate and address the needs and hopes of all our members, especially those in need of attentive love because of physical isolation, infirmity, family obligations, felt marginalization or disaffection; and improve communication, transparency and openness about what is happening in the Order.

I have been professed for 12 years and have worked in the Order as a formation counselor, assistant formation director, and fellowship convener. I am married to Terry Doyle, TSSF, and together we provide weekday care for our four grandchildren. We live in Maryland.

David Ryniker

I entered the Third Order as a Postulant back when I was only 23 years old. I was professed in 1985, and am now going on 37 years in total in the order. You do the math (just kidding, I’m 60 now, just over 34 years professed). Over the years I have been a Fellowship Convenor (Kansas), I organised several Regional Convocations (Oklahoma), organised annual retreats, and served as a Formation Counsellor for many years. I have spent much time with the First Order Friars in the Solomon Islands, by the way, and lived with them for almost 3 months one time and on another occasion for about 1 month. My vocation as a Franciscan (as defined in my Rule of Life) is to write, teach and research on issues of poverty, inequality, and racism. I was born and raised in Kansas, where I have at varying times volunteered with the homeless, run a food pantry for people in need, and volunteered with refugee resettlement. I moved to Canada in 1992 to pursue a doctoral degree in Anthropology. Today I teach at the University of British Columbia such courses as Racial and Ethnic Inequality, Development in the Third World, and similarly themed courses. In Canada I have been a Delegate to the Diocesan Synod (where I spearheaded a somewhat controversial resolution seeking the blessing of same-sex

relationships). And I have been involved in many aspects of parish work (though my favourite part is singing in the choir!). I have never been on Chapter and this is my first time being nominated, which I find a tremendous honour and privilege. I think I would bring to Chapter a joyous love of the Poverello, whose life still inspires me after all these years. That probably doesn't make me unique, but it does make me someone who wants to serve, to experience, and to love as completely as I can my brothers and sisters in this amazing journey we have.

Janet Strickler

Five years ago I was discerning how to deepen my spiritual life after leaving my job in the warehouse of a small company to be an artist. I was delighted to discover that there was such a thing as an Anglican Franciscan order, and started into formation right away. The Franciscan charism appealed to me especially because of the principle of Joy, "rejoicing in God's world, its beauty and its living creatures, calling nothing common or unclean, mixing freely with all people, binding up the broken-hearted, and bringing joy into the lives of others." I grew up in Colorado, where I still live, and much of my relationship with God has come through communion with the natural world. I live with my husband, who is a wonderful vegan cook, and a cat named Kaylee, on what might be described as a suburban homestead. We do our best to live simply and lightly on the earth, and our entire yard is planted with vegetables, fruit, and herbs. I think it's important for Chapter to include a diversity of voices to reflect the diversity of our order; lay and clergy, men and women, rich and poor, elder and younger, east and west, north and south, long-time and newer Franciscans.