



## **Core Leadership Team**



**Ellen Barrosse** is the founder of Synchrogenix, a global pharmaceutical services company (offices in England, Sweden, the Philippines, and across the US) that she sold in 2014. Since then, she has consulted with for-profit and nonprofit organizations in the areas of strategic planning, organizational culture, and corporate growth. She has been involved politically at both the state and national level, and she has a strong understanding of data development and how it may be used to communicate ideas and reach out to new communities.

She is a parishioner of the Cathedral of St. Peter and serves on several boards, including the Wilmington Institute Library, the Elm Institute at Yale, and Susan

B. Anthony Pro-Life America. She served until recently on the Republican National Committee, the Witherspoon Institute (Princeton) board, and the Collegium (University of Pennsylvania) board. Ellen has been married to Paul Antle for 44 years, and they have three daughters—Laura, Mary, and Sarah.



Brenda Burns moved to Delaware over 30 years ago and became a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church on French Street. Brenda has two children and three grandchildren. She retired from Scott Paper Company in Tinicum, Pa and she is also a retired School Counselor from the Colonial School District. Brenda has served on several diocesan committees including the Diocesan Liturgy Committee, the Catholic Schools Board of Education and the Synod Committee. Prior to his retirement, Bishop Malooly appointed Brenda to be the Director of the Ministry for Black Catholics.



**Paul K. Henderson** worked for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for 25 years holding a number of positions including Associate Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Director of Programming for World Youth Day 1993, Executive Director for the Jubilee Year 2000, Executive Director of USCCB Publishing, and USCCB Director of Planning.

In 1995 Paul was named to a five year term on the Pontifical Council for the Laity, from 1997-2000 worked with the Holy See's Central Committee for the Great Jubilee, and from 2007 until 2012 worked with the Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Since leaving the USCCB in mid 2013 Paul has assisted a number of national Catholic ministry organizations and diocesan Communication offices in developing strategic pastoral plans. For the Diocese of Wilmington he has

been a member of the diocesan convocation for the 150 anniversary and a member of the diocesan core team for the Synod on Synodality. He presently is chairperson for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry Partner Leadership Council.

Paul is a parishioner of St. Edmond's in Rehoboth Beach.

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**Monsignor Steven Hurley** was ordained to the priesthood in 2003. Prior to entering the seminary, Monsignor worked in law enforcement for eight years. He holds Masters degrees in Theology and a Masters in Business Administration.

He has been an associate pastor at Our Lady of Fatima in New Castle and St. Ann's in Wilmington. He is currently the pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle in Wilmington. In addition to his pastoral ministry, Monsignor Hurley has held the position of Chancellor and since 2014, he has served as the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.



**Dr. Patricia Kelly** has served as a clinical developmental psychologist in private practice and as a consultant for more than 35 years and she continues to work in private practice. Pat has also had the privilege of working with and for many presbyterates and religious communities. Those challenging experiences have deepened her understanding of the Gospel message and her awareness of the vital role as agents of change that ministers provide. As a member of the Lay Core Leadership Team, Pat is grateful for the opportunity to journey toward pastoral planning with the priests and deacons of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Pat is married to Jim Kelly, a retired civil engineer. They have been abundantly blessed with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. After many years

of enjoying the Eastern Shore, they are now permanent residents of Maryland and members of Ss. Peter & Paul in Easton.



Ana M. Schmitt became involved with the Church in the Diocese of Wilmington when she came from Puerto Rico in June 1994. Later, in 1996, she became a teacher at St. Paul's School until 2010. At St. Paul's Church she was also a member of the Cursillo Hispanic Movement and eventually was part of the leadership of that movement, both locally and regionally. She worked with the Franciscan Friars during their time at St. Paul's, since 1996 until they left in 2020. During this period, she received the Franciscan Medal Award given to a parishioner for his/her contribution to the advancement of the values and ideals of St Francis of Assisi, the Order of Merit from the Diocese of Wilmington, Benemerenti Papal Award in 2005. She also received the City of Wilmington Faith Award. Over the years she also assisted various clergy with their Spanish, both at

the Diocese and at St Paul, whether through translation or through informal classes to improve their ability to communicate with parishioners.

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Dan Sinnott was born and raised in Bethlehem, PA and received an undergraduate degree in Social Welfare/ Sociology from Mt. St. Mary's University and received his MBA in Health Administration from Temple University.

Dan and Gail have three adopted children and are long time members of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in North Wilmington.

Dan is a seasoned executive with more than 40 years of leadership experience. For most of his professional career Dan worked in Catholic hospitals in the Philadelphia area and Wilmington, DE. Presently, he actively pursues assisting first time CEO's/ Presidents who are facing a turnaround situation.



Samantha Wallace lives in Hockessin with her husband, Howard, where they are both parishioners at St. Mary of the Assumption. Sam had a 23 year career at MBNA America, reaching an executive level in Business Development and Relationship Management. During this time she built skills in problem solving, business planning, and professional coaching. After leaving the bank, Sam spent 5 years at DecisivEdge, a technology software development company, where she earned her Human Resources Accreditation through SHRM, and managed the HR needs of staff in the US, Canada, and India. Now retired, Sam spends time as a member of the Board of Catholic Charities, participating in multiple ministries at St Mary's, and a member of the Core Leadership Team for the Diocese of Wilmington.