

LEVEL 1 - MINISTERIAL PROGRAM - English & Spanish



JACOB FLOREZ
Marriage and Family

Jacob Florez is the Associate Director of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life for the Diocese of Sacramento. He holds a degree in Psychology from Franciscan University of Steubenville and has completed studies in Theology of the Body at Christendom College. With over seven years of experience in marriage and family ministry, Jacob is dedicated to forming and supporting couples through comprehensive, faith-based preparation and enrichment.



Fr. Jesus Hernandez
Matrimonio y Familia

Fr. Jesus Hernandez is a priest of the Diocese of Sacramento. Born in Mexico, he studied philosophy at the Seminario Hispano de Santa María de Guadalupe in Mexico City before continuing his theological formation at St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park, California, where he received a M.Div., M.A., and S.T.B. in Theology. After his ordination in 2018, Fr. Hernandez served as parochial vicar at Holy Trinity Parish in El Dorado Hills and St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln. He was later sent to study Canon Law at The Catholic University of America, where he earned a Licentiate in Canon Law (J.C.L.). He currently serves as a full-time Judge at the Tribunal of the Diocese of Sacramento, assisting the Church in its ministry of justice and pastoral care.



SHANNON LANGER
Introduction to the
Sacred Scripture

Shannon Langer is a product of the Diocese of Sacramento. She started as a Youth Minister when she was 19 and continued to become a Master Catechist and Director of Religious Education. She has also taught elementary school through high school. She currently serves at St. John the Baptist Parish in Folsom as Director of Religious Education and on the Diocesan Christian Initiation Sub-Committee. Her passion is sharing the faith with others especially through the Christian Initiation Process and formation for adults throughout the Diocese. Being a model of catechesis by echoing the teachings of Christ drives her. Shannon has degrees in: AA in Math, BA in Liberal Studies, and an MA in Theology.



**HERMANA YOLANDA
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Introducción a la
Sagrada Escritura

Mi nombre es Yolanda Barajas, Misionera de la Fraternidad Verbum Dei. Cuento con 46 años de Vida Consagrada y una amplia experiencia misionera desarrollada principalmente en América y Europa.

Soy Licenciada en Teología Dogmática por la Pontificia Universidad Gregoriana (Roma) y Maestria en Estudios Pastorales por Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (USA). Cuento, además, con formación en Misionología, en Ejercicios Espirituales Ignacianos por la Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Madrid) y en Medios de Comunicación por la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca.

Actualmente vivo y desarrollo mi misión en Sacramento, California, donde realizo labores de docencia bíblico-teológica, formación de líderes parroquiales, retiros espirituales, predicación y acompañamiento espiritual. Asimismo, colaboro en Radio Santísimo Sacramento, promoviendo el conocimiento, la profundización y el anuncio de la Palabra de Dios.