

Year of Faith Monthly Networking Bible Study

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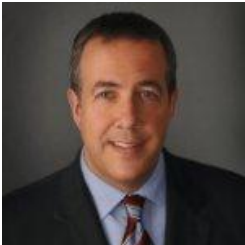
Lea Dacanay, Vicariate Stewardship Consultant, Stewardship and Development Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago, serves the 366 parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago as a consultant to the stewardship professionals and parish leadership groups, in their efforts to educate parishioners about stewardship and inspire the 2.4 million Catholics throughout Cook and Lake counties. Prior to joining the Stewardship & Development office, she served as Circulation Marketing Manager for New World Publications. Before coming to Chicago in 2002, Lea worked in media and marketing for advertising agencies in Hawaii. She is also a spiritual director and a licensed massage therapist. In her few moments of spare time, she loves to dance, cook and search for great deals on good wine!



Greta Matzen is originally from Paolo, Kansas and studied psychology and philosophy at the University of Kansas, where she graduated in 1997. Shortly thereafter, she loaded up a truck to move to the great state of Texas in order to be closer to family. She then graduated from Baylor law school.

After practicing law in Texas for about 12 years, she recently joined us here in Chicago, where she is practicing as senior litigation counsel for a major insurance company, CNA, in its in-house insurance coverage firm, Colliau Carluccio, Keener, Morrow, Peterson & Parsons. Greta loves tennis, running, her dog, children, spending time with her family and good friends, reading, art, and exploring the great city of Chicago.

She converted from Episcopalian to Catholic and was received by St. Patrick's, in Dallas, Texas in 2010. Greta continues to eagerly learn about the Catholic Church and to deepen her faith.



Paul Laliberte, Vice President, Wunderlich Securities

For more than 10 years, Mr. Laliberte has assisted his clients by developing customized financial strategies to help them achieve their life goals. He is licensed to manage clients' investments using stocks, bonds, mutual funds, ETFs, College Savings Plans, and closed-end funds in taxable and tax deferred accounts (including IRA accounts and retirement plans). He also licensed to provide Life, Disability and Long-Term Care Insurance. Paul joined Wunderlich Securities in 2005 after three years with Morgan Stanley. His resume also includes management and accounting experience with such companies as AT&T Broadband and MediaOne and with the accounting firm of Ernst & Young.

Paul is a graduate of the University of Vermont where he received his Bachelors of Science in Business Administration. Additionally, he is a member of the St. Clement Church in Lincoln Park. Paul is a history buff and learning to cook!



John Thurmond is a Director at Lateral Link's Chicago office, where he matches highly qualified attorneys seeking new opportunities in Chicago and the Midwest with top-notch Law Firm and Corporate employers. Prior to joining Lateral Link, John practiced law for several years in Chicago, specializing in commercial real estate transactions, zoning and governmental relations, both in-house at ORIX Real Estate Capital, Inc. and in the law firms Kirkland & Ellis LLP, SNR Denton LLP & Schiff Hardin LLP. John received his J.D. from Notre Dame Law School & his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame. Prior to entering the legal industry, John was a Surface Warfare Officer in the United States Navy, specializing in satellite communications aboard amphibious assault ships. John is active in the community, working extensively with the Notre Dame Club of Chicago, with the Public Interest Law Initiative of Chicago and with the Associate Board of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, where John is a founding member and former chair. In his spare time, John pursues his other passion, soccer, working with a competitive youth travel soccer club as a strategic advisor and coach, training coaches for the local American Youth Soccer Organization region & playing goalkeeper in recreational soccer leagues around Chicago.



Victoria Rock is CEO and President of Victoria Court Reporting Service, Inc. (VCRS), Victoria's Transcription Services, Inc. (VTS) and VTS Consulting Services. Ms. Rock, an industry leader, is constantly looking to new advances in the field. In 1999 she opened VTS, a business and medical transcription company, to help her clientele benefit from valuable transcription tools, including Internet voice file sharing. She launched The Victoria Network in 2005. An alliance of more than 100 U.S. court reporting services firms working under the aegis of VCRS, The Victoria Network gives clients access to highly qualified reporters nationwide and across the globe. Late in 2010, she launched VTS Consulting Services, an administrative support company that assists women and minority business owners with their paperwork when applying for certification or registration of their companies with corporations and government agencies.

Victoria frequently speaks at national and international conventions on topics that include industry forecasts, real-time and Internet real-time applications, business development and advisory boards. She also has been quoted in both the Chicago and national media. In 2004, Victoria was inducted to the Chicago-area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame for being an outstanding innovator and high tech entrepreneur. She was named a Chicago Chapter National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) "2012 Woman Business Owner of the Year," "2012 Corporate Woman of Achievement," and recognized as the "Corporate Partner of The Year Award for Significant Involvement 1st Year."

Her community involvement has included volunteering to take bimonthly minutes of the meetings for the Center for Disabilities and Elder Law; hosting a weekly Catholic bible study at her office; donating videography services to the Girl Scouts of America; and donating time at area soup kitchens.

WELCOME OUR SEMINARIANS



Br Ryan Carlin, LC was born in Baltimore, Maryland in March 1988 and is one of two children of Shawn and Cathy Carlin. He first met the Legion in 1997 and was involved in their youth and young adult work in Maryland and Virginia until he joined the Legion of Christ after graduating high school in 2006. He spent his first three years of seminary training in Cheshire, CT and then studied one year of philosophy at the Legion's College of Philosophy in Thornwood, NY before coming to Chicago in September 2010. Br Ryan has been involved in youth leadership with the Boy Scouts of America (where he earned his Eagle Scout Rank in 2004), Leadership Training Program, ConQuest Clubs for Boys (where he directed the RANGERS club from 2002-2006), and youth sports leagues (particularly Lacrosse). He is now beginning his third year of "apostolic" internship here in the ChicagoLand area, assisting Fr Patrick Murphy and Fr Michael Moriarty in their work with the Lumen Institute and ministering to the Legion's supporters throughout the Midwest region. Aside from Youth Leadership his main interests include, but are not limited to: all things outdoorsy (backpacking, mountain biking, kayaking, rock climbing, camping), all things military (strategy, history, weapons), and Country and Christian music.



Br Dustin George was born and raised in Annapolis, Maryland. When he was ten years old he began to attend the local Conquest boys club which he was later to lead at age fifteen. Shortly before his sixteenth birthday he left home to discern God's will at the Legion's high school seminary, Immaculate Conception Apostolic School, in Center Harbor, New Hampshire. During his two years there he worked with one of the local parishes teaching CCD to the fifth-grade class. In 2004, after graduating from Immaculate Conception, Br Dustin entered the Legion's seminary in Cheshire, Connecticut and was asked to do his two years of novitiate in Canada. In 2006 he made his religious profession and returned to Cheshire for two years to obtain his associate's degree in classical humanities. In 2008 he moved to Rome where he studied philosophy, graduating with a bachelor's degree. Br Dustin arrived in Chicago in August, 2010, and has been working with the local Conquest Boys Clubs and serving as Spiritual and Character Mentor for middle-school boys at East Lake Academy in Lake Forest and Everest Academy in Lemont. Presently, he works assisting the Legionary youth and vocation director in the Midwest region.



Br. Brett Taira is a synthesis of Japanese and Chinese ancestry, Hawaiian lifestyle, and Californian innovation. A cultural Buddhist by upbringing, this Orange County resident became a convert to the Catholic faith at age 20. Br Brett completed bachelor's degree at Rice University majoring in both Philosophy and Electrical Engineering. On Sep 15, 2004, Br Brett first donned the Legionary uniform in Cheshire, CT. Having completed both novitiate and humanities in Cheshire, Br Brett studied philosophy at Regina Apostolorum in Rome. He resided for two years in the Center of Higher Studies and dedicated his time to the establishment of the International Leadership Semester of the European University of Rome, as well as leading private tours through the art and history of the Eternal City. Br Brett then served for two years in the Legions General Directorate while completing his licentiate studies in philosophy, specializing in the field of ethics. Br. Brett began his apostolic internship as a vocational promoter, with great eagerness to serve the Church and to learn from the many experienced priests and religious of Chicago community. He is now currently working as a formation instructor at Everest Academy and East Lake Academy.