

## VITAE SUSAN V. VOGT

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As a freelance speaker I do talks, trainings, and retreats across the U.S.A. and in several foreign countries (Korea, Japan, India, Guam, and Kenya). Recently I have done writing for the USCCB, *U.S. Catholic*, and the Marianists. Along with being editor of the *Family Perspectives Journal* of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM), I also am a trainer for NACFLM's *Ministry with Families* seminars. I also teach several Virtual Learning Community Faith Formation courses for the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives of the University of Dayton. Periodically I also lead parenting programs for the Family Nurturing Center in Northern Kentucky. For the past two summers I have participated in and chaired federal grant reviews in the areas of marriage and family programming. Freelance work has been very satisfying for me in that it has allowed me to piece together these many fascinating jobs.

### EMPLOYMENT:

2004 to present: Freelance author, speaker, relationship coach  
Editor of the Natl. Association of Catholic Family Life Minister Journal  
Facilitator for on-line Marianist Founders course and Community course  
Facilitator for Family Nurturing Center, Parent/Adolescent Program  
Cincinnati Coordinator for Teens Acting for Peace (TAP)  
University of Dayton professor of Christian Marriage (Fall 2006)  
1995 – 2003: Director of the Family Ministry Office, Catholic Diocese of Covington, KY  
1982 – 1995: Co-Director of Family Ministry with husband, Jim. Sharing one full time job allowed both to have time at home with our children while they were young.  
1978 – 1982: Associate Directors, Marriage and Family Ministry, Diocese of Kalamazoo, MI  
In an earlier life I also worked as a parole officer, welfare worker, and family counselor.

### EDUCATION:

M.A. (Counseling) Western Michigan University, 1979  
B.A. (Social Work) University of Dayton (minors in Theology and Psychology), 1969

### CERTIFICATIONS:

- Fully certified by the Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment (ACME) to lead marriage enrichment programs and retreats for couples.
- Certified by Interpersonal Communications Programs to lead communication workshops.
- Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) by the National Conference of Family Relations
- Myers-Briggs Type Indicator authorized workshop presenter

### NATIONAL BOARDS:

- Advisor to the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family Life (2000-2002)
- Past secretary for National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM)
- Marianist Volunteer Program Board (1996-99) and Task Force (2003-04)
- Marianist Lay Network of North America (MLNNA), Secretary (2005 to present)

FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCE

- Founder/leader of several lay Christian communities in Cleveland, Kalamazoo, and Cincinnati
- Head of Spirituality for the National Marianist State of Vowed Laity

BOOKS:

Author: *Raising Kid's Who Will Make a Difference – Helping Your Family Live with Integrity, Value Simplicity, and Care for Others*, Chicago: Loyola Press, 2002

Author and Editor: *Just Family Nights – 60 Activities to Keep Your Family Together in a World Falling Apart*, Brethren Press, 1994

Co-author: *Kids Creating Circles of Peace*, Institute for Peace and Justice, 2000.

Co-authored summary chapter in, *Helping Teens Care - And Parents Survive*, Crossroad, 1991.

PERSONAL: Married since 1971; Four young adult children

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*For joint vitae, see below*

## SUSAN & JIM VOGT

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### EMPLOYMENT:

Susan is a freelance author, speaker, and relationship coach. She is also editor of the National Assoc. of Catholic Family Life Ministers Journal and facilitates on-line Marianist courses. Before this, she and Jim were Directors of the Family Ministry Office, Catholic Diocese of Covington for over 20 years.

Jim is national director for the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative. Before this he worked with the Parenting for Peace and Justice Network founded by of Jim and Kathy McGinnis and was Co-Director of the Covington Family Ministry Office.

Our 15 years of job sharing situation in which we split one full time job between us allowed one of us to be home while our children were young. This gives a foot in both worlds. Previously, we were Associate Directors, Marriage and Family Ministry, Diocese of Kalamazoo, MI.

### EDUCATION:

Jim: M.A. (Urban Affairs) University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; B.A., University of Dayton

Susan: M.A. (Counseling) Western Michigan University; B.A., University of Dayton

### CERTIFICATIONS:

- Jim and Susan: fully certified by the Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment (ACME) to lead marriage enrichment programs and retreats for couples.
- Jim and Susan: certified by Interpersonal Communications Programs to lead communication workshops.
- Susan: Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) by the National Conference of Family Relations
- Susan has been trained to lead Myers-Briggs Type Indicator workshops.

### NATIONAL BOARDS:

Susan: Advisor to the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family Life (2000-2002)

Susan: Past secretary of National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM)

Susan: Marianist Volunteer Service Community

### BOOKS:

Susan: *Raising Kid's Who Will Make a Difference – How To Live with Integrity, Value Simplicity, and Care for the World*, Chicago: Loyola Press, 2002

Author and Editor of *Just Family Nights — 60 Activities to Keep Your Family Together in a World Falling Apart*, Brethren Press, 1994.

Co-author of *Kids Creating Circles of Peace*, Institute for Peace and Justice, 2000.

Jim and Susan: Co-authored a chapter in, *Helping Teens Care (And Parents Survive)*, Crossroad, 1991.

Jim: Co-author of *Families Creating a Circle of Peace*, Institute for Peace and Justice, 1996.

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