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ACCOMPLISHMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

2017 Company of Grace Award

2013 FBI Director's Community Leadership Award

'2013 Best of St. Louis Award' *by the River Front Times' (RFT)*

2008 Lifetime Achievement Award *presented by the Archdiocese of Saint Louis' Lawanga Center*

City of Saint Louis Resolutions for Community Contributions *2007, 2009, & 2010*

Publication*; "Hidden Voices, Reflections of a Gay Catholic Priest," June, 2013.*

Appearances on ***CNN****,* ***BBC****,* ***NPR****,* ***Huffington Post, Moscow TV****,* ***CBC****, and numerous others to promote the dignity and equality of all.*

SUMMARY:

I am a passionate humanitarian with a commitment to helping others. I am skilled in providing professional counseling which integrates psychological, social, behavioral and spiritual wellness. I am currently a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) in NY; a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in MO; and a Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker (LBSW) in MO. I am also recognized as a National Certified Counselor (NCC).

WORK EXPERIENCES

GARYTHERAPY (Apirl 2019 – present.) (www.garytherapy.org)

- I offer professional counseling services on a sliding scale in a private practice setting.
- My specialized interests are in addictions, LGBTQ affirmative therapy, mindfulness and spirituality.

LIFE COUNSELING AND WELLNESS (June 2013 – present.) (www.lcaw.org)

- I offer, support, direction, guidance and counsel to individuals regardless of their income, race, gender or sexual orientation.
- Life Counseling And Wellness is currently a 501c3 nonprofit agency which promotes the dignity and well-being of all people by offering counseling on a sliding scale.

CLOUD-COUNSELING (January 2016 – Present). (www.cloud-counseling.com)

- I currently provide psychotherapy and guidance to individuals by assisting them in successfully solving complex social problems in private practice.
- Cloud Counseling offers telemental health therapy by using a shared virtual space to conduct video and phone sessions to create positive change.

NORTH GRAND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES (May 2005 – March 2018)

- I am currently serving as the president of the Board of Directors.
- Founder and Former Executive Director (2005-2009 & 2012-2018) of North Grand Neighborhood Services (NGNS), overseeing and creating all aspects of the organizational programs including housing development and teen employment.
- The Solomon Project is a program of NGNS designed to build affordable housing which has reduced the percentage of abandoned and neglected homes in our targeted area from 42% to less than 5%.
- Angel Baked Cookies was nationally recognized social enterprise that empowers youth by providing employment, social, emotional and academic training.

SAINT LOUIS ARCHDIOCESE (June 1998 – June 2013)

- Pastoral care provider, offering counseling services and spiritual direction to individuals and families.
- Oversaw the parish budget (ranging from $350,000 to $1,000,000 a year), parish school, parish counsel, budget committees, liturgy committees, parish youth groups as well as other administrative duties related to operating a parish and school.

EDUCATION:

- M.Ed. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in May, 2016 from University of Missouri St. Louis.
- Masters of Divinity Degree in May, 1998 from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.
- B.A. in Social Work in May, 1985 from South East Missouri State University.