

2019-20 ST. THOMAS MORE PASTORAL COUNCIL



April Broussard

I am a native of Lafayette and graduated with a B.A. in political science from The University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Moving to Baton Rouge in 2001 for law school, I received my juris doctorate from Southern University Law Center. My primary practice is family law. My daughter, Katherine, has been enrolled at STM since pre-K is now 10 years old and will be entering 5th grade. I have been an active member of many ministries here at STM, serving as lector and altar server as well as being the current vice president of Women's Ministry. I enjoy spending time with my family, as well as cooking good Cajun food, reading and traveling.



Lena Orobator Igiede

I am married to Anthony Igiede with three beautiful children and am a licensed mental health counselor by profession. I was born into a Catholic family with an uncle who is a Jesuit priest. My early Catholic orientation started from when my parents enrolled me in Covent Elementary Catholic School where I graduated and proceeded to Marymount Catholic High School. I have been a devoted member of the Catholic faith and I have enjoyed every step of my journey. I choose to serve as a member of the St. Thomas More Pastoral Council because I value the importance of service to the community and to the house of God. I have always remembered the values my parents imbedded in us growing up that when we help to build the house of God, he will also build every aspect of our lives. I hold strongly to the saying in Acts 20 verse 35, which states, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."



Lindsay Carlino

I am a lifelong resident of Baton Rouge, graduating from OLOM, St. Joseph's Academy and LSU. I have my master's in counselor education from Southeastern Louisiana University and am a licensed professional counselor. I have spent the last seven years as the school counseling department chair and freshman class counselor at St. Michael the Archangel High School. I recently accepted a position as a school counselor at St. Joseph's Academy. While I will miss my St. Michael family, I am excited about the opportunity to return to my alma mater for the upcoming academic year and am looking forward to a new challenge. In my "free" time, I am a CASA volunteer with adolescents in the foster care system. I am excited to serve on the pastoral council and believe that my counseling background and school expertise will be helpful to the parish. During only a few short years as a parishioner at St. Thomas More, it has been wonderful to be a part of such a welcoming and diverse church community.



Mike Nola

I have been a life-long resident of Baton Rouge and parishioner of St. Thomas More for over 35 years. I have been married to Mary Blasco for 49 years and both of our sons attended STM. I am a graduate of Catholic High and LSU, and retired in 2011 from The Advocate. Currently, I serve STM in the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, as Eucharistic minister, and with the funeral ministry.

St Thomas More has been an important part of my family for many years, and I look forward to continuing to serve the parish. It is truly my home and my family.



Carol Tingle

As a resident of Sherwood Forest and a member of STM since 1988, I am humbled by the opportunity to serve on the pastoral council as our faith community continues our journey of growth and service. I am a registered nurse with over 40 years of nursing practice and also have over 20 years of experience in education. I am excited about the continued spiritual growth of our faith community and welcome a role of service to STM.



George Holder

I am the husband of Leigh Dazzio Holder and the father of six children, all of whom are currently attending or have graduated from St. Thomas More School. Originally from Long Beach, Mississippi, I attended St. Thomas the Apostle Elementary School and St. Stanislaus College. Moving to Baton Rouge to attend LSU in 1991, I fell in love with the city, and never left. I have been a parishioner at St. Thomas More Catholic Church since I met my future wife in 2000. I graduated from LSU with a degree in chemical engineering and currently work for Edge Engineering and Science, LLC in Baton Rouge as a senior engineer. A licensed professional engineer in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina, and Wyoming, I am a passionate Catholic, deeply in love with St. Thomas More Church and School, and I actively strive to enrich my spiritual life and the spiritual lives of those around me.



Sammy Terito

I am a lifelong member of St. Thomas More. I graduated from STM, was married to my wife, Patricia, here, by Father Greene, and have had both our boys, Corey and Patrick, graduate from here as well! I like being a pastoral council member because I feel like I'm paying back St. Thomas More for the great things the parish has given to me.



Erica David

My name is Erica David. I am the daughter of Thomas and Kathleen Balhoff, who have been longstanding parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish. My grandparents, Donald and Ella Plaisance, were founding members of St. Thomas More Parish. My four siblings and I attended St. Thomas More School, and I graduated from STM in 1994. I then graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in 1998, followed by LSU. My husband, Brad, and I have three children (Robert 9, Abby 8, and Audrey 8) who just began school at St. Thomas More last school year. Brad and I couldn't be more excited to be a part of the St. Thomas More community. In the past, I've been involved in the home and school association at our children's previous school. During that time, I also assisted with the children's choir on a regular basis. I'm now eager and looking forward to deepening my roots at St. Thomas More by serving on the parish council.



Bassam Harb

I've been married to my wife Dee for 32 years and have two wonderful children, Emily and Ryan who are both STM graduates. I've been an STM parishioner since 1990 and served on the school board, Men's Club board, parish festival chairman, Lenten fish fry committee, youth group leadership team, Scouts Troop 229 Board, and as Eucharistic minister. I retired from the City Parish after 32 years of service in the IT field supporting Law Enforcement and am currently consulting as a Public Safety Project Manager. I grew up in Lebanon in the Catholic faith surrounded by the love of my family. My parents instilled in me at a young age the service to God, family, and country. Serving the parish and the community has been my tenure since moving to Baton Rouge. I was honored to be nominated and considered to serve on the pastoral council. I want to be an instrument for consultation and good advice and help the priest to know more about his people and their needs. I look forward to inspiring our parish family with a vision of our future Church, enabling us to better meet the needs of all.



Connie Boudreaux Silva

Growing up in St. Aloysius Parish, I was always active in my faith community there, at St. Joseph's Academy, and at LSU. I'm very excited to deepen my participation at St. Thomas More and meet more of my fellow parishioners. My husband Mark and I joined STM in July 2017 after moving into Broadmoor. We love being a part of this neighborhood and parish and look forward to a long future here with our family! We were previously members of St. Gabriel and Sacred Heart in Iberville Parish. My professional career has focused on communications and marketing, spanning many industries. Currently, I'm the content strategist at Gatorworks, a digital marketing agency just around the corner from St. Thomas More. Mark and I are expecting our first child this July!



Ryan Empson

I was born and raised in St Thomas More Parish and attended STM from K-8 grade, and then I later graduated from CHS. I received a B.S. from LSU in education and a master's degree from Southeastern Louisiana University in educational leadership. I have been a high school history teacher for the past 17 years, and I am currently teaching at University High School. My wife, Tamara, and I have been married for 10 years and we have three boys: Taylor, Luke, and Caleb. We moved to Gonzales in 2009 due to work, but we moved back to BR in 2016 and rejoined St Thomas More Parish, a church that feels like home. I want to serve our parish through the pastoral council in order to help facilitate the growth of the entire community, and to advance the mission and vision of St Thomas More under Fr. Alello's leadership. The school, church, and community should be celebrated for their inclusion, forward-thinking and desire to minister to those of our community.



Paulette Bailey Wilson

My husband, Woodrow, and I were long-time parishioners of St. Louis King of France before becoming members of St. Thomas More. I came through the RCIA process in 2004 and have been involved in parish ministry ever since. Professionally, I have been involved in lobbying for public policy and advocacy in Louisiana for many years, especially for children and other under-represented groups. It is my hope that the skills I bring to my work on the pastoral council will be of service to our diverse and multi-cultural community here at St Thomas More.

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Christine Breaux Hosea

I am a STM alumni. Married to Stephen Hosea for 21 years, we have three children: Camille, Matthew, and Maryfrances, all graduates of STM. This is my second year as STM trustee. I have been a member of STM parish for over 40 years. and have been active in the school and church. I received the Mother Seton Award in 2019. I wish to continue to serve STM due to my love of this parish. This is my home and I want to continue to see it grow and thrive.



Mary Lemoine

Our family joined St. Thomas More Parish in 1965 and were active in the parish, particularly with the school. We then became part of St. Louis King of France, becoming active there as well. I am grateful to once again be a part of STM and welcome the opportunity to help in ways that I can for the growth of our parish..