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Compassionate, faith-filled leader and team player possessing strong interpersonal skills. Adept at identifying and drawing out talents and gifts of others. Ability to work with people in recovery, crisis and transition in an empathetic, empowering manner. Graduate with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of St. Thomas who is self-directed: able to take initiative, manage volunteers, locate resources, and communicate effectively.

CORE Qualifications

- Strong work ethic
 - Self-starter and initiator
 - Conflict resolution experience
 - Multi-cultural communication training
 - Analytical/problem-solving abilities
 - Confidential advisor
 - Mentor
 - Complex interviewing skills
 - Group Facilitation Experience
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Interviewer. *Archdiocese St. Paul and Minneapolis (Called and Gifted Program)* 2014 to Current

- Identifying talents, strengths and charisms;
- Strengthening self-awareness to aid discernment;

Personal Care Attendant. *Lifeworks/Direct Care* October 2018-Current

- Caring for physical and emotional needs of disabled persons
- Facilitating environmental changes to improve quality of life
- Outreach and accompaniment of the elderly in final stages of life

Assistant Program Manager. *Livingwell Disability Services* Jan. 2019- Jan. 2020

- Managing and supervising staff serving disabled clients
- Advocating on behalf of disabled persons as well as staff
- Fulfilling desires and needs of disabled' persons families
- Ensuring ethical and lawful care of disabled persons

Parish Support. *St. Michael's Catholic Church* 2016 to October 2018

- Managing property and finances for the rectory
- Facilitating communication between parishioners, staff, clergy, and donors
- Analyzing needs, producing creative solutions, and implementing projects

Ministry Leader, *NET Ministries*

1995- 2014

- Mentoring staff, including conflict management, ongoing training, and small groups
 - Interviewing volunteer candidates
 - Conducting retreats
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VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Catechist and Capital Campaign Cabinet Member. *Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church* 2016-Current

- Teaching sacramental preparation for children and adults
- Managing small group discussions for Alpha Program and Evangelical Catholic
- Networking with donors

Program Support Deaconate Formation. *St. Paul Seminary*

2003 – 2020

- Interviewing and training Deaconate candidates and wives
 - Addressing critical program needs on the advisory committee
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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Catholic Studies. *University of St. Thomas*. St Paul, MN (GPA 3.86)

2018

RELEVANT HIGHLIGHTS

- Keynote speaker for Pilots for Christ International annual convention 2017
- Speaker for St. Paul's Outreach, NET Ministries, and Together We Encounter Christ 2000-2014
- Board of Directors for Wakota Life Care - crafted financial plan that eradicated all debt 2005 – 2008

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Dear Guild Members,

I am AnnMarie Kraker, originally from the heart of Native America in Arizona. As the daughter of a Catholic deacon, I spent my childhood deeply involved in my father's ministry. Visiting the sick in the hospital and the elderly in nursing homes and delivering food boxes to the hungry were some of my daily activities as a child. These experiences gave me a heart for all people in vulnerable circumstances and a conviction to uphold the dignity of all persons. As an adult, I moved to West St. Paul to become involved in Net Ministries, a Catholic evangelization ministry.

I have spent the last thirty years actively bringing the healing love of Jesus to others through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Recently at Living Well Disability Services, I managed staff, coordinated medical care of patients, and ensured that patients received the highest level of quality care. Currently, I work for the elderly in their homes. I have had the honor to serve them in their vulnerability, as well as walk with their families during the final stages of life. As a parishioner at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Saint Paul, I have volunteered as a Confirmation and First Communion Catechist, a lector, and as a cabinet member of our capital campaign.

People regularly approach me with their deepest struggles: grief, frustration in their spiritual life, and struggles to forgive - just to name a few. My hope is that they might experience compassion, kindness and understanding. For some, I am able to speak of the tender love of Jesus. For others not of the Christian faith, I am easily able to give a loving human connection. Every day, my hope is that through me, every person I encounter might have an experience of what it is like to be loved, even if just for a momentary exchange.

Four years ago, I went back to college and received a Catholic Studies degree from the University of St. Thomas. At St. Thomas, I grew in my intellectual understanding of the dignity of the human person. My own voracious love of learning, the academic standards of St. Thomas, and a rootedness in Catholic teachings give me the foundation necessary to engage many people in all walks of life.

Active participation in my parish is a central part of my daily life, including daily mass and weekly Eucharistic adoration. I have experienced Catholic parishes as a compassionate, respectful and joy-filled place. My volunteer and work experience are applicable to both nonprofits and profits alike.

Thank you,

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