

## NOMINEES FOR PDCARE BOARD SECRETARY



**Mary Ann Corcoran**  
**Saint Pius X**  
**Broomall, PA -Delaware County**

### **Educational Background**

B.S. Accounting- cum laude  
Saint Joseph University  
Church Ministry Graduate  
M.A. Systematic Theology  
St. Charles Seminary  
Wynnewood, PA.

### **Experience**

Supervisor –PSFS Bank  
Parish DRE1986-present  
County Rep of PD/CARE Association  
Many volunteer positions in diocese

### **Experience as a PDCARE Member**

I started my position at St. Pius X in October of 1986. After attending as many meetings as possible, I came to the conclusion that the meetings we as DREs attend provide a wonderful connection to the office of OCF. We grow spiritually, professionally, and to stay updated with current theological & recent documents. My life is renewed and strengthened; thirst is quenched. And what I bring back to my catechists, creates a rippling effect.

### **How would you use your gifts and skills, to further the mission of the Church, and the Association and the building of the kingdom of God?**

If elected to serve as Secretary of the Ex. Board, I would honor the job description. I would support by my presence and my energy and gifts, the events of the Association & OCF. I would pray to be an instrument of God's voice And to share my perspective on issues of concern that is brought to the table. If the meeting begins with prayer, and the Holy spirit is invited to be present, something completely different from the expectation of each person, emerges from the meeting and all are filled with joy.



**Joanne Trageser**  
**St. Rose of Lima**  
**North Wales, PA – Montgomery County**

### **Educational Background**

B.S. Secondary Education  
Bloomsburg University  
Religious Studies Certificate  
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary  
Wynnewood, PA.

### **Experience**

Catechist/Elementary & Secondary Education  
RCIA Adult Faith Formation  
County Rep of PD/CARE Association  
Senior Consultant the *Raphael Group*  
Director of Education & Employment, Fort Riley

### **Experience as a PDCARE Member**

I started by teaching for one year in a Catholic school and catechist in Diocese of Pittsburgh. For fifteen years I was a catechist without a parish Because I was military wife, I was a catechist "wherever the Army sent us." Thru my early history I traveled many places, due to the Army, and was able to ring the Word of God to many! Upon my return to Archdiocese of Philadelphia I volunteered as a catechist at St. Rose of Lima. I became the DRE in 2002 – present.

PD/CARE and the camaraderie with my fellow DREs that I enjoyed over the 14 years have been, with no exaggeration, an integral part of my ability to continue to be an effective DRE. The Association along with OCF sets the framework for all of us in the parishes. It helps the DREs to share, learn and feel supported in this critical ministry. PD/CARE allows us to join in prayer and fellowship; it supplies a friendly and supportive network and it enhances our professional development so that we can provide the highest level of catechesis to our parishes.