

KEVIN STASZKOW

EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Accomplished pastoral executive, educator, and ordained deacon with 25+ years of senior leadership experience across diocesan administration, university lecturing, and large-scale event production. Proven expertise directing multi-disciplinary teams, managing complex budgets, executing high-stakes public liturgies and conferences (up to 3,500 attendees), and spearheading diocesan and regional faith formation and youth initiatives.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Diocesan & Parish Administration • Large-Scale Event Logistics • Academic & Theological Instruction • Budgeting & Resource Stewardship • Cross-Functional Team Leadership • Lay Ecclesial Formation

EXPERIENCE

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY | Santa Clara, CA

Quarterly Lecturer, Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries | June 2022 – Present

- Design and teach graduate-level coursework bridging pastoral theology with practical parish administration and leadership.
- Mentor aspiring and active ministry professionals, integrating tool-building and collaborative case studies into curriculum.

DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO | Sacramento, CA

Events and Special Projects Manager | July 2025 – Present

- Direct all operational logistics, liturgical planning, and site production for major diocesan gatherings, conferences, initiatives and liturgies.
- Serve as Lead Producer for premier annual events: ON FIRE NorCal Jam (2,500 youth), Fired Up Confirmation Conference (3,500 youth), and Ministry Days (up to 1,500 ministers and parish leaders).
- Coordinate diocesan, regional, national and international initiatives including branding and marketing, and training in collaboration with parish staff & clergy, pastoral councils and pastoral center staff.

Director of Evangelization & Catechesis / Family, Faith Formation & Young People | Feb 2011 – June 2025

- Directed full operations and strategic vision for a comprehensive diocesan department encompassing 12 distinct ministries, 3 university Newman Centers, an 8-week summer camp, and retreat facilities.
- Provided executive leadership & performance coaching to a team of 20 professionals (14 direct reports)
- Standardized catechist certification frameworks and instituted advanced lay leadership pathways across 102 parishes and missions.
- Funded and implemented the first diocesan cohort of the Lay Mission Project.
- Ministries included faith formation, youth & young adult ministry, marriage, family and respect life, lay leadership formation, catholics with disAbilities, and ethnic ministries including black and hispanic ministry.
- Directed operations for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (Serra Route), coordinating high-profile civic and sacramental events including boat flotilla on the Sacramento River, Procession from Tower Bridge past the Capitol to the Cathedral, mass inside Folsom Prison, and a boat procession across Lake Tahoe.

Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry | June 2008 – Jan 2011

- Oversaw regional youth and young adult ministry strategy, providing consultation, resources, and leadership training to pastors and parish coordinators throughout Northern California.
- Coordinated diocesan youth delegations and represented the diocese in regional and national ministry coalitions.
- Designed, developed, and produced ON FIRE and FIRED UP events that serve 5000+ youth annually from 9 dioceses in Northern California and Northern Nevada.

EARLIER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Director of RCIA, Adult Faith Formation & Youth Ministry | St. Pius Parish, Redwood City (2005-2008)

Director of Religious Education | Our Lady of Grace Parish, Castro Valley, CA (2001 – 2005)

Theater Director & Producer | City of Pleasanton, CA (1994 – 2004)

Managing Director | Children's Theater Workshop, Pleasanton, CA (1990 – 1994)

EDUCATION & FORMATION

- **Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministries** | Holy Names College, Oakland, CA (2004)
- **Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (Minor: Ethnic Studies)** | University of California, Berkeley (1990)
- Diaconate Theological Formation (STEP) | University of Notre Dame (2015 – 2018)
- Certificate in Parish Administration | Diocese of Oakland (2003)
- National Certificate in Youth Ministry | Center for Ministry Development (1996)
- Graduate Studies in Ethnic Studies | California State University, San Francisco (1990 - 1993)

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

- Chair, Region XI Diocesan Directors of Catechetical Ministry (2023 – 2025)
- Co-Moderator, Multicultural Ministry Network, NFCYM (2019 – 2022)
- Coordinator, Region XI Diocesan Directors of Youth & Young Adult Ministry (2016 – 2018)
- Chair, Lay Ecclesial Ministers Council, Diocese of Oakland (2002 – 2005)