

Steven Wolf, M.S.

Director, Father Flanagan League Society of Devotion

Father Flanagan League Society of Devotion, Advisory Council Appointee



Professional & Education:

Steve is the founder and President of Issues Management Solutions, LLC a national level consulting firm that is focused on public affairs, government relations and strategic organizational issues management. IMS was founded in 2001. Steve has served as the executive director of the Nebraska Business Leaders Summit, Director of Community Relations, US Strategic Command, Chief of Environmental Public Affairs for the National Guard Bureau at the Pentagon, and a reporter for *The Orlando Sentinel* in Florida. He has served in the Army National Guard and currently in the Army Reserve since 1980 with his current position with the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Upon graduation from Boys Town High School, as an Omaha World Herald scholar in 1980, Steve attended college at the University of Nebraska and graduated with a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Central Florida in 1986. He earned a M.S. in Public Administration from Central Michigan University in 1998. Steve earned certificates in Advanced Risk Communication from Columbia University, Dispute Resolution from the Harvard-MIT Negotiation Project, and Non-Profit Fund Raising Management from the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Community Service & Philanthropy:

Steve lead the project to dedicate life-size bronze statues of Father Flanagan in Ballymoe, Ireland and Boys Town, Nebraska while also forging a Sister-City relationship between the village where Father Flanagan was born and raised in (Ballymoe) with the village he founded in Nebraska (Boys Town). He chaired the Community Service Committee of the Nebraska Chapter of the Public Relations of Society where he assisted organizations including Project Extra Mile, Presbyterian Outreach and was a founding member of the James Leuschen Fellowship (scholarship foundation). He currently serves on the Nebraska Business Development Center's Veteran Assistance Program board of directors and is a media relations committee volunteer with the Omaha Metro Medical Response System.

Faith & Ministry:

Roman Catholic. Steve converted to Catholicism on Holy Thursday in 2001 after being raised primarily Baptist and spending an extended period of his adult life as an agnostic. He attributes his conversion to his greater awareness and focus on Father Flanagan's life and motivations that began with Steve leading the Father Flanagan memorial project for Ireland that began in 1999. He is a registered parishioner with St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Omaha, and is a mandated Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and Lector. He aspires to become a deacon. Steve served on the founding board of Project Interfaith in 2008.

Family & Personal:

Steve and his wife Keery were married in 1991 and have five daughters. Keery has taught Religious Education and Special Sacraments at St. Roberts Bellarmine Parish, Omaha; and she also is a Certified Behavioral Analyst specializing in working with families that have children with autism. His three oldest daughters Hailey, Sydney and Amanda are active with youth ministries at St. Bellarmine Parish and attend Marian High School, Omaha. Their fourth child Erin is in elementary school. Keery and Steve continue to measure their youth and vigor pursuing their youngest daughter, Anna who is approaching two years of age.