



Lois Harr
Distinguished Lasallian-Administrator
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Lois Harr has lived and worked in the Bronx her entire life.

Lois received her BA in Political Science from Fordham College. Upon graduation, she began a ten-year career as a community organizer with the Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition. During those years, Lois organized tenants and community residents around housing and neighborhood issues such as lack of heat and hot water, safety and city services.

In 1988, Lois began her second career in Religious Education at Christ the King Parish (CTK) in the South Bronx. In 1991, she received a Masters degree in Religious Studies from St. Joseph's Seminary. At CTK Lois worked with one of the largest religious education programs in the Bronx and participated in parish-wide efforts to improve public education in the South Bronx. While continuing her work at Christ the King, Lois received a Professional Diploma in Religious Education from Fordham University in 1994. She has also done doctoral studies in Religious Education at Fordham.

She served on the Board of Directors of the Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition for several years and was a founder of the Jonas Bronck Academy, an alternative NYC public middle school housed at Manhattan College and she has been a Fair Trade Ambassador for Catholic Relief Services since 2007.

In 1998, Lois was appointed Coordinator of Social Action in the Department of Campus Ministry and Social Action at Manhattan College and became Director of the department in 2002. She is an Adjunct Instructor in Religious Studies where she teaches a service-learning social justice course on urban issues.

Lois completed the Lasallian Leadership Institute in 2003 and was a participant in the Lasallian Social Justice Institute in 2004 and 2005. In the summer of 2006 she served on the planning team for the third LSJI on homelessness. During the summers of 2007 and 2008 she was a facilitator / presenter for LSJI San Francisco.

At Manhattan, Lois has participated in Lasallian Lunches, Lasallian Conversations and she has presented to colleagues on the Lasallian story. She is the advisor to Lasallian Collegians and has planned and participated in LOVE (Lasallian Outreach Volunteer Experience) trips to Ecuador and Kenya. Lois regularly attends the Huether Lasallian Conference and she organized and presented on Fair Trade at Huether in 2008.

She and activist husband, John Reilly, Manhattan College class of 75, live in his grandfather's house in Bedford Park. They have two young adult daughters, Caitlin and Maura, both MC graduates.