

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER BIO

**Graciela:** Deacon Mario Contreras's wife. Parish member since 1978. Hispanic Ministry and Spanish Mass founder 1990. Promoter Team coordinator and organizer of Hispanics in Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates. Participates in different parish ministries. Professional experience in corporate accounting. Graciela has worked for the Archdiocese of Chicago coordinating Hispanic Ministry for 14 years. She is currently working at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in the Instituto de Liderazgo Pastoral. Advisory experience includes Archdiocesan, Executive, National, Regional levels. President for the Midwest Catholic Association for Hispanic Ministry. Graciela has a wide range of formal education and formation from various colleges and formational Catholic institutions.