

San Juan Diego Catholic Regional High School Board of Trustees



Robert A. Dyer
Chairman

Robert "Bob" Dyer is President and CEO of Growers Select Produce Inc, a company that grows, packs, ships and markets watermelons grown in Mexico and the U.S. since 1987. He and his wife, Christina, are active members of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in McAllen. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University in 1983 and is a member of Knights of Columbus . His hobbies include organic gardening, enjoying grandchildren, and cooking. A third generation Valley native, Bob Dyer grew up south of Pharr and speaks fluent Spanish.



Ernie Dominguez
Vice Chairman

A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Notre Dame Law School, Ernie serves as an Attorney with the Law Firm of Orendain & Dominguez in McAllen. He has been a past member of the Our Lady of Sorrows School Advisory Council and currently serves on the Diocesan Advisory Council. His wife, Iris, is Assistant City Attorney for the City of McAllen.



Raul Cabaza, III
Secretary

The Managing Vice-President and Shareholder with Shepard Walton King Insurance Group, Raul is a Certified Insurance Counselor specializing in insurance placement for school districts, utilities, non-profits, and other special entities. Dedicated to serving others, his many civic and church interests include Past Chair of the Knapp Medical Foundation and the McAllen Mayors Prayer Luncheon Committee. He currently serves on the Board of Su Casa de Esperanza. He is a proud father and husband of 28 years.



Lorena Castillo
Treasurer

Lorena Castillo is a partner in the accounting firm of Negrete & Castillo, L.L.P. She is past president of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, RGV Chapter, past president of the Junior League of McAllen, current President of the board for the Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo County, and a member of the board for Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc. She is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish where she has taught CCD and been involved with ACTS.



Ricardo Aguirre

Ricardo "Rick" Aguirre is a retired United States Federal Law Enforcement Officer. He spent 29 ½ years working with the Department of Homeland Security with the Customs and Border Protection US Border Patrol and retired as an Assistant Chief Patrol Agent here in McAllen. He has held multiple positions with community organizations including Easter Seals, McAllen Jaycees, OLS Knights of Columbus, OLS School Advisory Board, El Milagro Clinic and OLS ACTS Board. Currently Rick and his family are part of a group called Emily's Meals. They, along with other family teams go out daily on the streets of McAllen and feed the homeless. He is happily married with 5 children and currently resides in McAllen.

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Corazon Gladys Ajero, MD

Originally from the Philippines along with her husband, both doctors by profession, and both products of Catholic education from elementary, college and medical schools, Dr. Ajero greatly values Catholic education. Both of her children graduated from St. Joseph Catholic School, with the oldest graduating from Juan Diego Academy as valedictorian for the class of 2016 and the youngest graduating as valedictorian for the class of 2020.

Dr. Ajero has served as a parish council member and currently serves as a school council member at St. Joseph Catholic Church, where she & her family worship. She is also involved in the ACTS ministry there.



Sonia Candanoza

Sonia Candanoza is a parishioner of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mission. Her two children are currently enrolled in Catholic Schools. She has been an active member of Catholic Schools. She served as the PTO Treasurer and Secretary at OLG School in Mission. She was an active member of the Turkeyfest Silent Auction Committee at St. Joseph Catholic School in Edinburg. In addition, she has served various roles at Our Lady of Sorrows.



George Cardenas
Advisory Counsel

George Cardenas is a Regional President for Vantage Bank Texas and is responsible for Commercial Lending in the Rio Grande Valley, Laredo, and El Paso. He joined the Bank in 2003 and has over 20 years of lending experience. Mr. Cardenas is a Trustee Board Member of the Boys and Girls Club of Edinburg, a Board Member of the Juan Diego Academy, and on the Zoning Board of Adjustments in Edinburg. He is an Advisory Board Member of the UTRGV Business School and of the McAllen Economic Development Corporation. George is also actively involved in the Cattle Barons Ball for the American Cancer Society and served as committee chair in 2015. He and his family attend Our Lady of Sorrows Church. George is married to Christina Cardenas and they have a 7 year old daughter named Zoe.



Asa Cozad

Grandson of one of JDA's founding board members, Celine Cozad, Asa is a parishioner of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. He is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. Asa went to high school at Texas Military Institute and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He worked in the engineering field for 10 years, including 4 years as VP of O'Brien Resources in Shreveport, LA. He returned to the RGV in August, 2018 and is the owner of El Rucio Consulting and Cozad Resources.



Beatriz Gonzalez

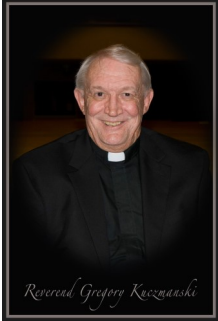
A proud parent of three children, all of whom attended Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School. Bea Gonzalez is an active mother, businesswoman, and member of the Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Community, where she serves as president of the school's PTSO, and member of the Advisory and Development Council. Bea has also participated on the ACTS Core Team, and as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. In the community, she is active in the McAllen Child Study Club and with the Girl Scouts.

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Guadalupe Gonzalez

Lupe brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the board, with over 40 years in education including as principal at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic School in Mission (a school he attended as a child), and 3 years experience as Basilica administrator. Lupe continues to be actively involved in the city of Mission as a business owner and as a co-director of the CCD Program at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.



Fr. Greg Kuczmanski

As a Catholic Priest of the Diocese of Brownsville, Fr. Greg has served the Church for more than 45 years. He is now retired; however, he says Masses at two nursing homes each week and when asked, substitutes in various parishes. He has actively supported the development of Juan Diego Academy. Fr. Greg has served on numerous Diocesan councils and boards, as well as Board of the Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone.



Fr. Gregory T. Labus

Rev. Gregory T. Labus was ordained a priest for service in the Catholic Diocese of Brownsville on May 27, 2006. He has served as assistant to the rector at the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle-National Shrine, parochial vicar of Immaculate Conception of Mary Church in Harlingen, parish administrator at St. Mary's Church in Santa Rosa, and pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Mercedes. On May 18, 2012, Father Labus returned to his home parish, St. Joseph Catholic Church, as pastor of the parish and school. He was the first new pastor in more than 16 years, proceeding the death of Msgr. Robert Maher, who was Pastor since November 16, 1995. Father Labus plans to continue to highlight the importance of music to the liturgy, which is sustained by a strong level of participation by the people.