

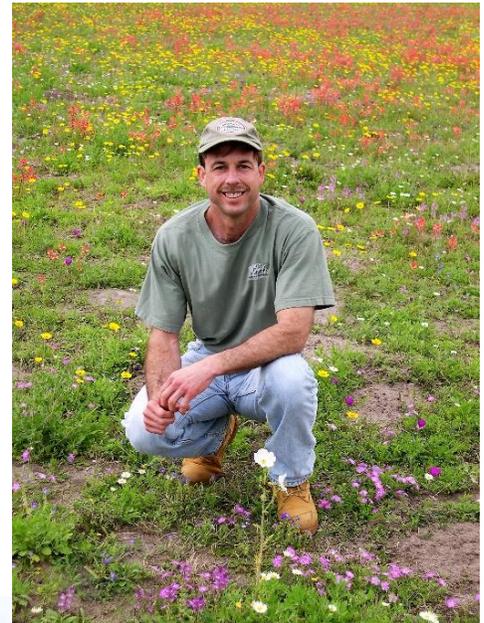
## Presentation Sisters US Unit hires Maurice Lange as Justice & Peace Director



Maurice was born in San Antonio and raised there as well as on family farms and ranches in south central Texas. Being immersed in both a multi-cultural setting and the beauty of nature evoked Maurice's Christian and ecological vocation.

Since very early childhood Maurice was taught by Sisters and has benefited deeply from women religious throughout his life. Maurice also grew from religious formation with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate through high school, college, novitiate and studies in theology. Himself becoming an Oblate and then ordained priest in 1990 Maurice served both in parishes and renewal ministries as well as experiencing missionary settings such as Zambia, Mexico, Thailand and Venezuela.

In 1997 Maurice attended an Earth Literacy program at the renowned Genesis Farm in New Jersey (sponsored by the Caldwell Dominican Sisters). He was invited back to Genesis Farm for a two-year internship in 1998-99 and this depth experience was profoundly formative. Maurice then helped enmesh the new Oblate priority of the Integrity of Creation with founding the Oblate Ecological Initiative. He received tremendous support and mentoring from the Oblate Director of JPIC Fr. Seamus Finn (*from County Cork, Ireland!*). Maurice also served on the Oblates' JPIC committee from 2000-2009.





Feeling the call to step aside from religious life, Maurice was hired by the Franciscan Sisters in St. Louis in 2009 where he served for 8+ years as their Director of Eco-Justice. Educating and animating both the Sisters and the public regarding these Franciscans' corporate stance proved to be so life-giving! During these years Maurice met the love of his life Regina, and they were married in 2017.

Most recently Maurice served as Executive Director of the Oblates' Lebh Shomea House of Prayer in south Texas. This deeply meaningful renewal ministry was closed during the COVID pandemic; thus, Maurice became available and was selected for the position of Justice and Peace Director for the Presentation Sisters!

Maurice looks forward to meeting each of the Sisters and many, many Presentation People! As we are all learners, this new chapter of education and animation will further Maurice's journey and make him even more effective in his role and living out his vocation. May the passion of the Presentation Sisters for Justice and Peace help build the reign of God here on this unique planet Earth!

