



FR. BERNARD YOUTH CENTER

MARK DOL: EXECUTIVE CO-DIRECTOR,
OPERATIONS & FACILITIES



Mark is one of our two Executive Co-Directors here at the Fr. Bernard Youth Center, managing specifically facilities and operations. Facilities and operations encompass making sure all aspects of the facility are in working order for all the groups that visit. He organizes and oversees projects happening here, and oversees Retreats and Maintenance of the facilities. Having been involved in full time ministry within the Catholic Church for nearly 30 years, it is a joy for Mark to be part of our retreat team that leads retreats we organize and run in-house.

By profession, Mark trained as a Chef in a small bouquet restaurant in his native homeland of New Zealand. He then joined the Institute for World Evangelization - ICPE Mission, a Catholic Lay Missionary Organization whose primary focus is the motivating and training of lay Catholic Missionaries in the work of the New Evangelization. During a 7-year break period when his son started school, Mark returned to the Hospitality industry, managing a busy restaurant and team in a 5 star Hotel in Malta. During that time he continued education through distant learning, obtaining a diploma in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Returning with his family to full-time missionary life, Mark directed the ICPE Community in Germany. After a 5-year tenure in Germany with his family, they were asked to come out to Oregon to pioneer work for the ICPE Mission here. Mark served as Youth Minister for the Santiam Canyon Parishes for 6 years before joining the team here at FBYC in Fall 2015. He brings with him a multitude of skills acquired from his many years in ministry and the hospitality industry.

Mark is married to Patricia; they met and married in Germany while serving with the ICPE Mission there. They have a grown son, Joshua who is presently serving with the Oregon National Guard while studying at OSU concurrently.

The mission of the Fr. Bernard Youth Center is to provide a sacred place for prayer and spiritual growth for youth, their families, and mentors; rooted in the Sacraments and the Catholic Faith; fostering lifelong discipleship through retreats and other formation programs.