

Priscilla Geisterfer  
Faith Development Coordinator

Priscilla was raised in southern Ontario. At the age of 22, she decided to live in a community in France called L'Arche. The L'Arche community was founded by Jean Vanier and welcomed people with mental and physical disabilities from institutions into homes within which volunteers from around the world have come as assistants. Priscilla remained with L'Arche until 1988 and left to join an Ecumenical community for spiritual growth and personal healing called "The New Era Centre", in England. There she acted as the liaison between the Centre and a group of Monks and Nuns on retreat from France.

In 1996, Priscilla completed both a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Ottawa as well as a certificate in Theology from Saint Paul University. She then entered the M.A. for pastoral counseling where she completed one year of group dynamics and then transferred into the M.A. in Theology to concentrate on Biblical Studies and more specifically the portrayal of women in the wisdom literature of the Hebrew Bible. She completed her M.A. TH in 1999 and took three years off her studies to raise her family.

Priscilla came to Fredericton in 2004 as the Doctoral Fellow in Catholic Theology at Saint Thomas University. She has since completed her doctoral thesis and taught several courses at STU and elsewhere. She has published articles and presented in international biblical conferences on topics related to finding the sacred in the mundane.

Finding the sacred in the everyday has been a passion of Priscilla's and has led her to work closely with children and families toward this end. As a result, she has become a certified Godly Play Storyteller. She has not let the Judeo Christian context of finding the sacred through play limit her use of sacred storytelling. In fact, as a volunteer for the Buddhist Community in Fredericton she has written sacred and made sacred stories for the Bodhi School and presented them to budding Buddhists and their parents.

Priscilla is currently studying to become an Interfaith minister and a Interspiritual Spiritual Guide. She works closely with the interfaith community in Fredericton to build peace and community.

At Nashwaaksis United Church, Priscilla coordinates the Faith Development for children youth and families. She is passionate about breaking down complex theological concepts into day to day experiences for anyone willing to engage on their spiritual journey.