

## **Office of Victim Assistance Ministry**

**Ms. Jasmine Salazar , LMSW – Tel: 718-623-5236 x 1018 email: [vacministry@diobrook.org](mailto:vacministry@diobrook.org)**

Jasmine Salazar comes to the Office of Victims Assistance Ministry with a strong background of over 15 years providing direct services in the social service field. Prior to coming to the Diocese of Brooklyn, Ms. Salazar worked for seven years at Good Shepherd Services' Brooklyn Preventive Program. As a Case Worker she provided crisis intervention and counseling for families who were dealing with various stressors and were at risk of having their children removed into placement. In 2005, after earning her Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work with a concentration in Children and Families from Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services, she continued her work with Good Shepherd Services as a Licensed Social Worker, providing counseling to children, adolescents and adults who were dealing with a range of issues including domestic violence and child sexual, physical and emotional abuse, while also supervising Social Work Graduate Students who were in field placement at the Preventive Program. In addition to providing families with counseling and facilitating parenting groups and other workshops within the community, Ms. Salazar also served as a liaison and advocate in assisting families to secure entitlements and navigate various municipalities including the Administration for Children's Services, the Human Resource Administration, New York City Police Department, NYC Department of Education and NYC Courts.

Ms. Salazar has had experience working with both victims/survivors of abuse and perpetrators. During her years as a Case Manager at Safe Horizon, the largest organization helping victims of crime and abuse in the United States, she provided crisis intervention, short term counseling, safety planning, referrals and advocacy within Queens Criminal Court's Anti-Stalking and Domestic Violence Unit and in Brooklyn Supreme Court's Domestic Violence Felony Part. In this capacity Ms. Salazar collaborated with New York City Police Department Detectives and both the Queens and Brooklyn District Attorney's Offices in order to provide assistance for both primary and secondary victims of abuse. Before working with victims Ms. Salazar was employed by CAP Behavior Associates, which during the 1990's was one of the few outpatient clinics treating sexual offenders. While working as a Service Coordinator and Office Supervisor, Ms. Salazar was in constant contact with law enforcement officials, providing treatment progress and compliance updates for sex offenders mandated to treatment by the NYC Probation Department, NYS Division of Parole and NYC Criminal Courts.

Ms. Salazar was raised within the Diocese of Brooklyn, and is a product of Catholic School Education having attended both elementary and high school at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn and completing her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a concentration in Human Life Span and Criminal Science at Fordham University in 1999. For over 15 years Ms. Salazar

ministered to the youth of the Diocese of Brooklyn through her service as youth leader at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, as a mentor on the Diocesan Youth Council and various leadership roles within the Movimeinto de Jornada de Vida Cristiana (Jornada Movement). As President of the Jornada Movement, Ms. Salazar became a certified Virtus Facilitator and also made it a priority to encourage other youth leaders within the Jornada Movement to be active in providing a Safe Environment for our youth, and become Virtus Facilitators themselves. Aside from ministering to the youth of the Diocese, Ms. Salazar also assisted the immigrant population of the Diocese through her volunteer work as a Social Worker at the Saint John Newman Immigration Center, and as a Hispanic representative on the Pastoral Planning Council at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

In 2009, Ms. Salazar began her work as Coordinator of Office Operations and Executive Assistant to the Chancellor. Ms. Salazar was instrumental in developing and maintaining a relationship between the Diocese of Brooklyn and the NYPD Special Victims Division to provide a timely, immediate and comprehensive response to new allegations of sexual abuse of a minor. After almost three years serving in this capacity, Ms. Salazar has worked in partnership and developed the respect of her colleagues within the Diocese.