

# Press Release

## **St Gregory Centers, Inc. elects new Directors to Board**

Experience, national and international recognition describes members.

**July 13, 2009:** St Gregory Centers, Inc announced today that they have elected new members to the Board of Directors. Members include:

**Michael Vasquez** - co-founder and Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of St Gregory Centers, Inc. Since 1990 Mr. Vasquez has been the founder of industry changing health care companies in the US. In 1993, one of his companies developed one of the first fully implemented electronic medical record systems in America. After taking the company public, the company was later sold to 3M Healthcare. In 1997 as Founder and CEO, his company developed the first real-time processing capability for hospitals directly into Medicare. After the Mayo Foundation purchased a portion of the company, 1500+ hospitals and clinics implemented the software and by 2004 processed an estimated \$39 billion in Medicare revenue for most of the leading hospitals in America. In 2000 he was named Ernst & Young "Entrepreneur of the Year" and inducted into the Entrepreneur of the Year "Hall of Fame" He received his Executive Health Management Certificate, Harvard School of Public Health; BS, Drake University.

**Stanton Peele, PhD, JD** – author of the "Life Process Program" offered exclusively at St Gregory Centers, Inc. Dr. Peele has been investigating, thinking, and writing about addiction since 1969. His first bombshell book, "Love and Addiction", appeared in 1975. Its experiential and environmental approach to addiction revolutionized thinking on the subject by indicating that addiction is not limited to narcotics, or to drugs at all, and that addiction is a pattern of behavior and experience which is best understood by examining an individual's relationship with his/her world. This is a distinctly nonmedical approach. It views addiction as a general pattern of behavior that nearly everyone experiences in varying degrees at one time or another. In 1991, Dr Peele published the first version of the *Life Process Program*© which, as he says, "has become the most advanced addiction recovery program in the U.S."

In addition to being a clinical psychologist and lawyer, he has become a world renowned expert on addiction, most recently in June 2009; he was the keynote speaker in Paris to 1000+ EU drug and alcohol counselors. He is the author of multiple books on the subject of addiction and is regularly asked to comment as an expert on the subject. He has appeared on Oprah, Hannity and Colmes, Fox and Friends and ABC. A few examples of recognition for Dr Peele's work: creation of the "Annual Stanton Peele Lecture", 1998, by the Addiction Studies Program, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia.; "Alfred Lindesmith Award", 1994, from the Drug Policy Foundation, Washington, DC.; "Mark Keller Award", 1989, from the Rutgers Center for Alcohol Studies, New Brunswick, NJ ; "Lifetime Achievement Award", 2006, International Network on Personal Meaning, Vancouver, BC.

**Arthur Horvath, Ph.D., ABPP** - Dr. Horvath has been active in professional psychology and behavioral health at the local, state, national and international levels. In 1985 he founded Practical Recovery, which offers an alternative to 12-step and disease-oriented addiction treatment programs. He became a board certified clinical psychologist of the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) in 1990. He is a Past President (1990) and Fellow (1993) of the [San Diego Psychological Association](#) and a Past President (1988-1990) of the San Diego Phobia Foundation. In 1992 he was appointed by Speaker Willie Brown to the California Controlled Substances Prescription Advisory Council, which produced recommendations regarding California's triplicate prescription program for controlled substances.

At the national level, he was the Secretary-Treasurer (1995-98) of the American Psychological Association's [Division on Addictions](#) (Division 50), and served as President from 1999-2000. The Division has over 1200 members and is the world's largest organization of addictive behavior psychologists. From 1995-2008 he was President of [SMART Recovery, Inc.](#), an international, non-profit network of free, self-empowering, science-based support groups, face-to-face or online, for abstaining from any type of addictive behavior, substances or activities.

Since 2000 Dr. Horvath has been an adjunct faculty member at the [Leadership Studies Program, School of Education, University of San Diego](#), where he helps leaders in all fields develop their leadership and executive potential.

In 2006 he founded Pysys Psychology Group, Inc., which includes over ten divisions, including Practical Recovery, Supporting ME (Moderate Eating), and the Center for Cognitive Therapy La Jolla.

Dr. Horvath's publications, media interviews, and presentations to professionals are helping to change how individuals, professionals and societies understand addictive behavior. He has appeared with CNN, Time and ABC. Dr. Horvath is one of the leading addiction therapists of our time.

**Tom Moreland, MHSA, CHCE** – Founder/CEO, Iowa Hospice. Founded in 2005, Tom has built the largest hospice care provider in Iowa and in July 2008 became part of Voyager Hospice Care, Fort Worth, Texas. Tom is also the founder and CEO of St. Jude Hospice in Oakdale, MN, Hospice of the Miami Valley in Xenia, OH and St Thomas Communications which operates a hospice career website [www.hospicecareers.com](http://www.hospicecareers.com)

Tom worked two summers with the Missionaries of Charity (the order founded by Mother Teresa) in San Francisco at the "Gift of Love" AIDS Hospice. Tom witnessed the unconditional love the women had for the men at the hospice. When they cared for them, fed them, bathed them, cleaned for them, cried with them, and ultimately went on the journey of death with them, they never saw a criminal, an intravenous drug user, a non-Christian, or someone with a different sexual lifestyle.

Tom earned his MHSA from the University Of Kansas School Of Medicine and is a Certified Home Health and Hospice Executive.

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***Dr. Charles Wadle, D.O.*** - Medical Director, St Gregory Centers, Inc. Dr. Wadle has been practicing general psychiatry and addictions treatment since residency completion in 1985. After graduating from Drake University College of Pharmacy he attended medical school. He is Board Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry, American Society of Addiction Medicine, American Board of Addiction Medicine, and American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians. He has practiced in a variety of public and private settings including Mental Health Centers, State Mental Health Institute, County Hospital, Eating Disorders Program, and Substance Abuse programs for children and adults.

The establishment of private practice, Wadle and Associates, P.C., began in 1990 expanding to twenty licensed clinicians. With the diverse clinical team, services are provided to all age groups. Dr. Wadle has extensive experience with detoxification for prescription and street drugs focusing on ambulatory detoxification protocols. Further, he has been involved with statewide implementation of mental health and substance abuse services since 1995 as the medical director for the Iowa Plan, managed by Magellan Health. He and his lifetime wife share eleven children together and multiple grandchildren.

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