

MEET FR. STEVE AND JULIO...TWO NEW CRBFI BOARD MEMBERS

Two relatively new members of our community joined the Cardinal Ritter Birthplace Foundation Inc. Board of Directors at the September 17, 2020 meeting.

REVEREND STEPHEN J. BANET

Fr. Steve began attending the CRBFI board meetings in July 2020. He quickly became actively involved in planning the Unity Prayer Service held on September 19 at the Town Clock Church.

Following ordination on May 21, 1977, he served the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for the next 42 years at parishes in Indianapolis, Columbus, and Greenfield – with one exception. In 1997, he was “*released from diocesan responsibilities to accept a five-year term as pastor, Our Lady of Mercy Parish (English-speaking), Brussels, Belgium, and on staff, American College Seminary, Louvain, Belgium.*” (Archindy.com) He retired in 2019 and returned to the Banet family homestead in Floyds Knobs where he spent his youth. He will serve a three-year term as a CRBFI board member.



JULIO C. ARAUZ

Julio has only been in southern Indiana since November 2019. He, along with his wife Brenda Molina and their daughter emigrated from Nicaragua in 2019 seeking political asylum. They’ve settled in Clarksville and are members of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in New Albany. From his Facebook page we learn that he was “*Owner and Founder at Law Firm Dr. Julio C. Arauz Rayo and Legal Advisor at Embassy of Denmark in Nicaragua.*” He is an attorney by trade and is currently working as an advisor in the insurance industry. Julio will serve a three-year term as a CRBFI board member.

