

Introducing the Deacons of Heart of Jesus Parishes



Meet Deacon Al Wolverson

Deacon at St. Peter's Church in Stanton

Family members: Wife, Cheryl, 4 Children all married and 10 grandchildren

Deacon Al was ordained a Deacon 14 years ago on May 5th, 2012.

What first attracted you to the Diaconate and how did you know that God was calling you?

I believe I first looked at the Diaconate at the invitation of Deacon Fred Ridder in the mid 90's, if I recall correctly. It may have been God calling but it was not my plan. I just didn't feel I could do justice to being a husband, a father to 4 children and be an effective Deacon all at the same time. If one is married, your spouse and children better be on board. I always felt that either one or the other would be short-changed. I still feel that way today. I am impressed with a married man with a young family that can effectively take on the responsibility of a job, a spouse, and a growing young family. I just didn't feel that the diaconate was the right fit for me at the time. Later in life I answered the call and glad I did.

What are your duties within your Parish or our Family of Parishes?

I enjoy being able to assist the Celebrant at the altar during Holy Mass. The opportunity to pray with and pray for fellow parishioners, and the privilege of being able to "lend an ear" to someone in need. Also to be able to help someone, even in a small way, who is dealing with a troublesome situation in their life and helping families to deal with the grief process that accompanies the loss of a loved one. I also do most of the visitations/wake services for St. Peter's.

What is your favorite part of being a Deacon in our Parishes?

I enjoy taking the Eucharist to the Catholic residents of care facilities and those who are homebound. It is such a joy to see the appreciation for and the anticipation of receiving the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ in the Eucharist.