

Deacon Tony Announces his Retirement as Business Administrator

For the past forty-five years I have worked for the Catholic Church in various capacities as a teacher, principal, director of instruction, school system president, superintendent, Director of the Diaconate and now as a business administrator. Since 2010, I have also served as a deacon, first at St. Therese Parish in Appleton and now here at Stella Maris.

Forty-five years – and I have loved it! However, I still have much to do while I am still young enough to do it. The home we built in 2021 still needs to be finished. In August of 2024 our daughter, Claire, and her family will be moving from Spain, and we want to help them get settled in the home we still own in Appleton. Diana and I want to have more time to spend with family and friends and to share in the beauty and wonder of Door County.

I have already shared with Father Tom that as of May 31, 2024, I will be retiring as business administrator for Stella Maris Parish. We have a great staff, and I am very proud of what we have accomplished in these last four years. Our parish is on a positive trajectory in attendance, membership, involvement in parish ministry and finances. Our endowment will soon be reaching \$2,000,000 and our parish is two years into our capital improvement plan. Most important of all, our parish is living our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ and sharing His love through the ministry that we do throughout Northern Door.

As an ordained deacon, I will continue to serve Stella Maris Parish for as long as I am able. That service will include assisting at Mass and preaching; directing the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults; outreach and funerals as needed; Marriage preparation and weddings as needed; Liturgies of the Word with Communion and other prayer services as needed; continuing to serve on the discipleship team and leading Entrust; and serving on the Worship Commission. I will also continue to serve the Diocese of Green Bay as an advocate for those seeking annulment.

This move to Door County and Stella Maris Parish continues to be great for Diana and me. Thank you so much for your warm welcome and ongoing friendship. This is home for us, and you are family!