

**NOMINATION RESUMES
2015 PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Pastoral Council Elections will be held during the weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday 14/15 November 2015.

Four members of our faith community will be elected for three-year terms of service, taking office in January 2016.

Fourteen candidates have submitted nomination forms and are eligible for election. Their nomination resumes have been reprinted here so that you may vote in a prayerful, reflective, and informed manner.

Please review these resumes in preparation for voting that weekend.

Gregory Anderson

AGE (if under 21):

MEMBER OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SINCE: 2003

YEAR OF CONFIRMATION: 1978

PLACE: St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Tonawanda, NY



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

Lesson Planner and Participant in FIRE Group 2014-Present
Regular attendee of Together Growing in Faith programs (2007-2014)
Shield The Vulnerable Training through Archdiocese of Baltimore
Graduate of St. Bonaventure University, including theology courses

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

Current (All at SKD): Cantor; member of the Adult Choir; member of the worship space set-up crew; assistant to the volunteer director of Vacation Bible

School

Former: Member, Nursery ministry (SKD); Member, Community Service Ministry (Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community, Alexandria, VA); Lector (St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Tonawanda, NY)

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

I consider my faith to be very much a "work in progress." I feel God's presence and guidance in my life on a daily basis. Through prayer, the experience of the sacraments, and fellowship of my fellow parishioners, I strive to deepen my relationship with the Holy Trinity and more fully incorporate our Christian values into every facet of my life.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

My experiences as both an educator and a small business owner have brought me into a contact with an astounding variety of people with whom I have had to work cooperatively. I have also learned: to communicate complex concepts clearly, to be prepared and organized, and to handle multiple tasks simultaneously. It is my hope that these God-given-and-developed talents will help me serve the parish.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

I am proud to belong to such a vibrant community of believers. I think we can build on our well-established foundations by creating a more concrete presence in the community through our new church building, extending our outreach, and doing our best to meet the needs of all members of our parish family.



Open hands & loving hearts

Pat Christoff

AGE (if under 21):

MEMBER OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SINCE: 2000

YEAR OF CONFIRMATION: 1983

PLACE: St. John's Frederick, MD

Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

I have been a camp counselor for my daughters' outdoor Christian School, helped with VBS, and was a sponsor for Confirmation and RCIA

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

I am currently on the Property Management Committee.

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

I give thanks to God every day and I am very excited to be a part of SKD.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

I enjoy seeing progress in the church. I have been blessed to operate a business for the past 25 years and hop I can use my business experience to enhance SKD.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

Our mission statement can be achieved through community involvement, helping others in need, and educating the public about the Catholic faith.



Open hands & loving hearts

Eric Cote'

AGE (if under 21):

MEMBER OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SINCE:

YEAR OF CONFIRMATION: 2011

PLACE: Saint Katharine Drexel

Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

None

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

I am a current member of the Knights of Columbus Court 14011

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

God plays a very important roll for me and my family. We look to him for guidance and support. I first started attending St. Katherine Drexel when I started dating my wife. I was baptized Catholic, but never had any further education in the church. My parents divorced when I was young and my mother was non-affiliated religiously so we drifted in and out of several different faith communities. When I was a teenager I stopped participating altogether. The church has always been an important part of my wife's family, so I began attending mass with her and her family. We were married by Father Keith ten years ago. At the time it was more about the importance to my wife, I still did not fully appreciate who and what God was. As our family grew and we had our first child baptized I began to appreciate more of the role of God in my life. While pregnant with our second child I decided it was time to fully commit myself to God and the church. I attended RCIA classes here at St. Katherine's and in August of 2011 became a confirmed Catholic. The community of St. Katherine's as well as Father Keith were integral in that decision and I am grateful.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

I have been employed by the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company since 1999. My experience with running construction projects in every aspect (cost estimating, budgeting, scheduling, coordination of work) would be beneficial to the Council.

I was involved with running a local dart league for 6 years (2 as the president, 1 as the vice president, and 4 as a board member)

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

"Saint Katharine Drexel Parish pledges to be a Eucharist-centered, welcoming community, forming loving disciples, giving selflessly in realization of the Kingdom of God."

I believe that St. Katherine's is the living, breathing embodiment of this mission statement. I would likely not have began my journey with God were in not for the welcoming community that it is. I am a loving disciple because of this. I am excited about the possibility of becoming a council member so that I can give back to the community. I think that we can continue on the path we are on, continue to look for opportunities within our community and throughout to be a beacon of God's love. I believe that the community at St. Katherine's can continue to lead the way as we face the challenges that our ever changing world present to us by continuing to be the welcoming community that we are and opening our arms to those seeking to find their home with God.

Carol Ann Davis

AGE (if under 21):

MEMBER OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SINCE: 2004

YEAR OF CONFIRMATION: 1978

PLACE: Wilde Lake Interfaith Center



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

I was involved in my son's religious education as an assistant teacher during elementary school years, I spent several years in a fire group. Then I was a sponsor for a new member of our church in RCIA. I have also been a Eucharistic minister at our church as well as at Citizens Nursing Home and still continue this calling.

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

Eucharistic Minister

Assistant teacher for TGIF

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

My relationship to God is very deep. I truly believe he has put every human on this planet for specific reasons and pray regularly for his guidance. The church is my closest connection to our God and really helps to keep me humbled by all present. It has been an honor to share with all members of our church in various ways.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

My personal life is enhanced by my work experience. This is true because I have been blessed in self-employment as a hairdresser who works from home as well as being able to visit clients in difficult positions who aren't able to travel very often. Then my second job is substitute teacher at the Career and Technology Center as well GTJHS. I really enjoy being with high school students and learning about their future plans.

I think both of these jobs might bring an even larger community of people to our church.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

Our parish is doing a wonderful job carrying out the mission statement. I'm sure with recommendations in the years to come, we will continue to strive for any calling that helps to share our mission statement.

Patrick C. Dugan

AGE (if under 21):

MEMBER OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SINCE: 1998

YEAR OF CONFIRMATION: I was 12-14 yrs. old **PLACE:** Puerto Rico



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

I have no formal theological training. However, I have had many years of professional leadership training through my 25+ years of experience in the IT profession. I have worked with people from all over the world to accomplish common company goals. Many of these roles were as peers as well as direct reports in the corporate structure. I very much enjoy open communication and collaboration, however I would consider myself to be one who likes to help drive decisions (right or wrong). Putting adequate discussion toward making decisions is very important. However, making decisions is even more important to ensure forward progress. Yes this does mean that mistakes might be made. Learn from them and move on.

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

Several years ago, my wife (Anne) and I taught the preschool catholic education during the TGIF sessions. Currently we are taking advantage of the F.I.R.E. curriculum with fellow parishioners and their family members. We share in the creation of topics, games, prayers, etc. for our F.I.R.E. meetings.

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

My relationship with God has grown much closer and more personal these past several years of my life as I struggled with personal spiritual growth needs as well as providing care to my mother until she made her move to Heaven this past September, to watch over me from above :-). I would say that my relationship with the Church has been more participation from attending Mass, F.I.R.E, and other gathers - from time to time. Part of the reason I am interested in the Pastoral Council is to find ways I can become closer to my church community and give back to a Parish that has provide so much to me and my family.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

I think I touched on this above in the relationship to God and the Church section. I try to live my life with gratitude to God for all things throughout the day. I know I often take "events and happenings" for granted and don't always thank God for them (like not having traffic on the way to work, or getting rain when needed, or my sports team winning). The important thing that I have become closer to these base few years is that nothing happens on accident and those "things" are happening around me all the time. I just need to open my eyes, ears and heart to them, acknowledge them...and thank GOD for them.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

Wow...almost like a "solve world hunger" question. I know I don't have the large answer to that, however I believe we need to keep it simple. Stay relevant and close to the individuals within our parish with the goal of - BE THE EXAMPLE. Attraction to what we have is what will bring more to us, to God and to those outside our community.

Rose Marie Fitzpatrick

AGE (if under 21):

MEMBER OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SINCE: 1998

YEAR OF CONFIRMATION: 1948

PLACE: Saint John the Evangelist, Frederick, MD



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

Training for CCD at St. John's. Frederick. I taught 6th – 2 years, 8th Grade – 2 years, Confirmation

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

I trained and was certified as a Eucharistic Minister at St. John's, Frederick – 60's, 70's

I help with taking Eucharist to Citizens Care on Sundays, Mondays – Citizens Mass, new minister at St. Katharine's – however – I helped at SKD and then

stopped to help my husband.

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

I feel that this community has made it possible for me to have a closer relationship with God and our church. I feel wanted and want to reach out and give that love to others.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

I have been a volunteer at Frederick Memorial Hospital for 6-8 years ongoing at same day surgery and more recently at FMH Cancer Treatment Center. I see many people and it makes me feel good to be there to talk and help them in their hour of need – It is very rewarding to help others.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

Saint Katharine Drexel parish can carry out our mission statement by being there at the many functions we have and making ourselves available to all who are new and need guidance and welcoming them into our wonderful community.

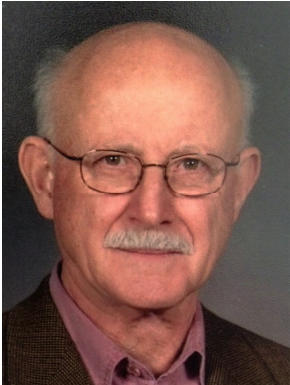
Bill Hefley

AGE (if under 21):

MEMBER OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SINCE: 1998

YEAR OF CONFIRMATION: 1994

PLACE: St. Anne's, Gilbert, AZ



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

Home Study, e.g., Daily scripture study, catholic writers (O'Conner, Merton, Martin, etc.), America magazine (Jesuit pub), and others.

Bensalem small group semi-weekly studies: Frs. Rohr, Rolheiser, Barron, etc.
Leadership: More than 28 years of Air Force operations and construction project management. Eleven years aircraft prototype manufacturing.

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

Current: EM, Funeral Altar Server/Sacristan

Previous/Other: Mass Setup, Lector, Usher

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

God and I are almost always on speaking terms, but I don't always hear that well.

After reading Pope Francis' biography (Piqué), and listening to him, I am enthusiastic over his Church reforms.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

Together with the above activities, I've learned that it is most essential that constructive recommendations and solutions always accompany any problems brought to the table.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

Pope Francis has shown the way for the Church to be in this world. We should listen to him and follow him in the steps of Christ.

Kim Johnson

AGE (if under 21):

MEMBER OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SINCE: 2000

YEAR OF CONFIRMATION: 1984

PLACE: *St. Louise de Marillac (Upper St. Clair, PA)*



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

- I have no theological training, however, I do have extensive leadership training. I've spent nearly my entire career in higher education and have been fortunate to participate in many leadership professional development opportunities.
- I was a member of Leadership Frederick County (2003-2004)
- I am currently pursuing an MBA with an emphasis in Organizational Development.

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

- Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: - St. Katharine Drexel, Mother Seton Parish (Germantown, MD)
- Bereavement Ministry – St. Katharine Drexel
- TGIF second grade catechist

- FIRE – facilitator and participant 2006 - current
- St. Katharine's Nursey – 2001-2005
- Kate's Kids Catechist (one of the initial catechists) approximately 8 years)
- C.C.D. Instructor (Grade 2) – St. Leo's Murray, KY

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

- My relationship with God and the Church has ebbed and flowed through the years
- I pray daily (more now that my oldest is driving). I regularly talk to God; especially as I drive. I find myself doing this more and more lately.
- As a youth and teen, I was president of our youth group. In college, I was an active member of the Newman Association. As an adult, I joined parishes shortly after I moved to new towns and tried to be active.
- I'm often asked why I remain a practicing Catholic. I love the beauty of the church, its balance between being so complex and yet so simple. The ritual of our mass keeps me grounded. No matter where I am in the world, no matter what is happening in our crazy hectic life, I know that for one hour a week, everything is what I expect it to be, no matter where in the world I am.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

- For the past fourteen months, I have been blessed with the opportunity to work at Mount St. Mary's University. I am thankful for the ability to attend mass more than once a week. It was never something I considered prior to working at the Mount. I'm thankful that I can visit the Grotto and reflect.
- I have experience in both fundraising and grant writing; including being funded for several large private and public grants.
- I am interested in helping fulfill the vision our community created for a new church.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

- Our Parish mission is a beautiful all-encompassing one. As we continue our growth (in parishioners and space) we must keep our mission present and alive. We must remember that the Eucharist is central in our faith and our parish. We must remain welcoming by taking a look at the programs we have established, regularly reviewing them and make additions, deletions and changes appropriate. Finally, we must continue to give. Giving in time, talent and treasures is critical. As we grow in size, it is easy for some to let others take the burden. We must strive to balance the burden, engage new individuals and families and recognize and relive those who have given much but are ready to step back or change roles.

Marie-Ange Kasende

AGE (if under 21): 17

MEMBER OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SINCE: 2009

YEAR OF CONFIRMATION: 2013

PLACE: Saint Katharine Drexel



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

I am the assistant Catechist for the 2nd / 3rd grade TGIF class but mainly 3rd grade.

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

*I've been singing in the Church choir since age 5 and am currently in the youth band and have been for the past 4 years.

* I alter served at SKD from 2009-2013

* I have been a crew leader for Vacation Bible School for 3 years

* I've helped with Kate's Kids

* I have assisted children in preparing for their sacrament of the Holy Eucharist by helping out at the First Communion Retreat for a couple years

* I've been involved with the youth ministry; I have gone with them to help volunteer in West Virginia for the TEC retreats. I also have volunteered at soup kitchens, the first Saturday babysitting service, and Quest for L'Arche

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

I go to church every Sunday no matter what. I try to pray to God as much as I can, and I pray with my family as well. God solves problems no one else can, I not only pray in times of need but also for thanks because he does miraculous works for my family and me!

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

*At my school I am the Activities Coordinator for the National Honor Society and the Vice President of the Student Government Association and the captain of the Varsity Field Hockey team; planning, leadership, making decisions, and bettering my community, all these things are already a part of who I am. They would also enrich my service on the Pastoral Council.

*I'm very involved with the activities at SKD. This helps me to be well-rounded for the community which would allow me to already have a feel for what goes on in the community, in order to keep it welcoming and loving.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

"Saint Katharine Drexel Parish pledges to be a Eucharist-centered, welcoming community, forming loving disciples, giving selflessly in realization of the Kingdom of God."

*Saint Katharine's pledge is already fulfilled. We allow and encourage everyone to receive all sacraments, we welcome all new comers and even have several activities and organizations for people to get to know each other, for example the church picnic, guess who's coming to dinner, the knights of Columbus, Kate's kids, Katie's ladies, Drexel voyages/retreats, and the youth ministry. At Saint Katharine no one gets left out!

*We have faith formation classes like TGIF and home study for people to deepen their knowledge of our faith and their relationship with God! Vacation Bible School is another faith building program SKD offers which is held during the summer as a fun way for kids to live their faith. It's convenient especially for those who volunteer because you also learn something new every day from the environment.

*The activities at SKD are all friendly, because the people who participate all want to follow Christ and love one another. Without even knowing it, SKD forms loving disciples! And everyone who puts in their time to make all these activities happen....Fr. Keith, staff, parents, children, gives selflessly in realization of the Kingdom of God ☺

Kevin McAteer

AGE (if under 21):

MEMBER OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SINCE: 2001

YEAR OF CONFIRMATION: 1966

PLACE: St. Francis Catholic Church, Saint Albans, WV



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

I've worked for FoodPro for 30 years and am currently their VP of Sales. I serve on their Board of Directors as company Secretary. I've attended Dale Carnegie Leadership training as a student and then returned as an instructor. I attended a two year training course on Prayer Ministry and later conducted the same training at St. Ignatius so they could have a Prayer Ministry program.

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

Christ Renews His Parish – St. Francis Catholic Church, Saint Albans WV

Member of the Healing Pray Ministry (8 years) here at SKD

Member of a Bensalem Bible Study group (12 years)

Member of the Set-up Committee and Usher

Member of the K of C

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

I'm currently a work in progress. Thank goodness for God's patience! I pray every day and love scripture.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

I've been married to Judy for 40 years and we have 2 children / 5 grand-children. My hobbies include golf (I love it), mountain biking, being in the woods, hunting, fishing, boating, and camping.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

SKD is a growing parish. What we're doing is working. We just need to keep the faith, keep praying and follow the Lord.

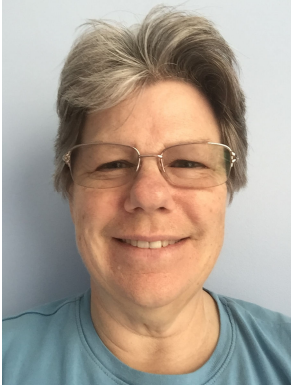
Patricia O'Connor

AGE (if under 21):

MEMBER OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SINCE: 2012

YEAR OF CONFIRMATION: 1968

PLACE: St. Agnes, Rockville Centre, NY



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

Theological

Lector training (attendee and leader)

Scripture Study

Liturgy planning workshops

Leadership

Certified Project Management Professional

Certified Public Accountant

MBA Finance, MFA Creative Writing

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

RCIA, Lector, Lector coordination and training, Eucharistic Minister, Finance Council Leader, Business Manager, Capital Campaign Fundraiser for Major

Donors, Tithing coordinator, Choir, Folk Group (pianist)

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

I view all that I have as coming from God and give thanks for these gifts through prayer and tithing. I rely on God to comfort me in times of stress and difficulty. My relationship with the Church has been an active one, where I have sought to use my talents to reach out to others. I view my Church community as a vital part of my connection to God and as my spiritual family in which we support one another and celebrate God's goodness together.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

Since 2000, I have been a member of McKenna Stewardship Ministry. I travel to parishes throughout the US to speak about tithing and how it has changed my spirituality in order to inspire others to take this "leap of faith." My career was as a Project Manager for many years, overseeing multi-million dollar software implementations. I left Corporate America one year ago to pursue creative writing and increase my volunteer activities. I recently became the President (a voluntary role) of Friends of L'Arche Frederick MD, Inc., which meets at SKD monthly. Our organization seeks to create a community for those with and without intellectual disabilities here in Frederick, where everyone's gifts and talents are appreciated and celebrated.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

Our outreach to those who have left the church as well as providing opportunities for those within our parish to enhance their knowledge and spirituality are essential tools to being a Eucharist-centered and welcoming community. The Parish should continue to seek ways to evangelize the message of God's love and mercy for all his people through social outreach, interfaith celebrations and parish activities for adults and families.

Ricardo A. Samuda

AGE (if under 21):

MEMBER OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SINCE: 2008

YEAR OF CONFIRMATION: 1966

PLACE: Durham, NC



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

Current member of the Social Justice Group of SKD. We carry out various things for our church and community.

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

Active participant in our church. I try to reach out to all members, especially our younger generation. Currently doing a towel replacement drive for the shelter and collecting undergarments and socks for men and women at the shelter. Annual participant and fund raiser at the Alzheimer's walk in Frederick.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

Retired high school Spanish teacher/Athletic Director.

Taught ESOL in the Adult Education Program for FCPS and FCC.

Instructor for the Maryland GED program.

Active visitor to Citizens Nursing Home talking and participating with my friends.

Volunteer bi-weekly at FMD and Religious Coalition Center Homeless Shelter of Frederick.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

By reaching out to **ALL** who enter our door and treat everyone as a brother/sister. We need to talk to each and our children. **Remember ALL ARE WELCOME in HIS PLACE.**

Kim J. Smith

AGE (if under 21):

MEMBER OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SINCE: 2004

YEAR OF CONFIRMATION: 1976

PLACE: St Bernard's Church, Levittown NY



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

I have had extensive leadership training with my current and past employment, as a sales and marketing director within the Senior Living Industry. Specific to team building on sensitivity awareness, I train by coaching how to create personal connections between staff and the families they serve who are in need of assistance. I am also a Masters Level Social Worker with many years of training, throughout my career as a hospital social worker. Specifically the outreach and development of the senior outreach program I lead while I worked at St. Joseph Hospital in Towson, Md.

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

I regularly attend the 5pm Saturday mass, I have participated in the Guess who is coming to Dinner Series, I assisted and lead the Bus Trip to NYC at St. Katherine Drexel one year when Barbara was away. I have developed spiritual relationships and friendships with those who also attend mass. 2 years ago I participated in a Pilgrimage to Rome with my friends, Parish Assumption Parish in Atco, NJ. I was active with my Renew group when I was a parishioner with Immaculate Conception Church in Towson, MD. I recently enhanced my personal ministry experience by participating with a "spiritual book club" with some of my friends from various backgrounds and religious beliefs.

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

My relationship with God and the Church has been a steady source of calm and peace through many transitions and events in my life. I maintained a connection to God and to Catholic Churches as I have moved throughout my life. My college years in Shepherdstown W, VA, the 10 years I lived in Towson MD, and the last 11 years here in Frederick MD with St. Katherine Drexel. I am active member and I have participated in various fund raisers, I even have gotten out of town family members to buy raffle tickets and gift cards to enhance our vision.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

My faith has carried me through my personal experiences as recently with my mother's prolonged illness and death. I entrust God with the work I do each day helping seniors and adult children who are facing difficult decisions and transitions. I have taken my role very seriously as God Parent to my God Children, and acting as sponsor for several nieces and nephews for confirmation. Specifically guiding them and nurturing their personal and faith development.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

I believe that our Parish is a Eucharist centered and very welcoming community. I have felt welcome from the first day I attended mass at FCC. I pledge to continue to welcome those around me in church and encourage others who are looking for a connection to come to mass with me. As a loving disciple, we collectively can give selflessly to others each and every day, here in our own community or across the world. I will give of myself to carry out the mission statement to reach out to those in need and to build our church community to be cohesive in fulfilling our mission to the Parish and those in the world.

Edward Wrzesinski Jr.

AGE (if under 21):

MEMBER OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SINCE: 2000

YEAR OF CONFIRMATION: 1975

PLACE: Our Lady of the Fields, Millersville, MD



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

I have attended the National Leadership Institute, offered by the Center for Creative Leadership at the University of Maryland. I have also participated in numerous leadership training experiences offered by the US Jaycees and Rotary International and through my employers. I have also served in progressively more demanding leadership roles over the past 25 years of my work career.

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

I was involved in capital campaign efforts at St John the Evangelist prior to joining this parish. Since joining St Katharine's my work, family, and community service commitments have made a deeper time commitment difficult, but now that both of our children are grown, I would like to

be able to give back to our faith community through service.

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

I was raised in the Roman Catholic Church and had a fairly typical upbringing with my parents who were involved in our parish. With that upbringing as a foundation, it was as a young adult that I truly began to understand and appreciate my relationship with God. As I have grown older I have deepened my understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Christ and have tried to live my life and guide my interaction with the world through those principles. I have found that reflection on the phrase "What Would Jesus Do?" is often a helpful way to guide my path through difficult times and I find myself praying for guidance. I feel that my faith and devotion to God has continued to grow over the years and I see this opportunity to serve our faith community as a way to answer the calling to continue to grow spiritually.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

My wife Lisa and I met in Frederick and were married at St John the Evangelist in 1989. We were members of St John's until the creation of the St Katharine Drexel mission. Our children, EJ and Katie have both grown up as part of the St Katharine Drexel community. I have been involved in community service since moving to Frederick in 1985, I was a member of the Frederick Jaycees from 1986 – 2000 and served as President in 1990-91. I have been a member of the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek since 1995 and served as President in 2004-05. I have also served in volunteer leadership roles with Clover Hill sports, the Boy Scouts, Frederick National Little League, the Frederick County Office of Children and Families, and other organizations. In my professional career, I was involved in leading health care organizations for almost 20 years, including 11 years as the Executive Director of Frederick Primary Care Associates. For the past 5 years, I have worked for Allscripts Healthcare Solutions, a publicly-traded, international healthcare IT company as a Director of Professional Services.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

I believe that the St Katharine Drexel Parish can fulfill our mission to be a Eucharist-centered community serving both our members and the greater community through the following: maintaining a vibrant and financially-sound parish that will endure for future generations as well as the current one; providing an assortment of worship, spiritual, service, and fellowship activities for parishioners of all ages; continuing to be welcoming to new members to our parish; and by serving those both within and outside of our parish in need of assistance.