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I was ordained a Deacon in the Catholic Faith on August 10th, 2012 (the feast of St Lawrence, who as a Deacon who was Martyred in 258 AD). A brief history for me starts out with me being raised with no faith at all. My wife Cindy and I were both baptized in a fundamentalist church in 1973 soon after we married. This protestant church has a great love for Holy Scripture but was also extremely anti-Catholic; not knowing the true beliefs of Catholic teachings! They are staunch defenders in their understanding of Holy Scripture. We lived our Christian lives there serving God and our brothers and sisters as best we could. We studied God's Word there daily and learned so much of the Bible! We could learn a lot from them! I served in that faith community as a Deacon for 20 years and Cindy and I were very involved in various church activities.

But over the years we witnessed the church split numerous times over differences in Scriptural interpretations. We were very aware of the huge problem of ultimate Authority; that there had to be someone or something to serve as that Authority. That is when Cindy started looking seriously into the Catholic Church. I was very reluctant to consider the Catholic Church because of my misunderstandings of Catholic teachings. And at one point I told Cindy, "Well, you can become Catholic, but I NEVER will!" What is that old say? If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans! Well, I finally swallowed my pride and I too began looking at the history of the Church. So, with much pray and guidance from the Holy Spirit, I began to realize that Catholic Church history does lead back to the very beginning; clear back to the commissioning of the Apostles by Jesus Himself and therefore has that Teaching Authority.

Cindy and I were both received into the fullness of the Faith, the Catholic Church, at the Easter vigil in 2001, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Spokane. Since my ordination I have been involved mostly in prison ministry and funeral ministry as well as numerous parish activities. I was assigned to Assumption Parish after ordination and then reassigned to Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Suncrest in July 2014 after Deacon Jack Crandall passed away. I have found that being a Deacon has been very challenging, and humbling, but has been so rewarding and fulfilling. I have learned that the role of a Deacon is all about being a servant to all of God's children. I feel truly blessed to be given the opportunity to teach RCIA and Religious education. I want to share the love of God with all His children.