

## MEET THE ST. DISMAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEMBERS



**Reggie Baylon**

I have been a member of St. Dismas Parish since 1992. I started getting involved in parish ministries with the CCD Program in 1995 then with being a lector and Eucharistic Minister and the choir. In 1999 with the transition of the Steering Committee into Parish Pastoral Council, I was invited by Fr. Ryan to join the council and to help with the Millenium Campaign. I served a couple of terms in the council.

Helping the Filipino community of St. Dismas Parish promote its culture and tradition, I began to get involved with coordinating Simbang Gabi at St. Dismas in 2001. Today, I serve as the overall Simbang Gabi Coordinator for the Vicariate 1-A/B/C cluster of participating parishes. I also assist/ed the Archdiocese of Chicago Office for Asian Catholics with various ministries and initiatives. Throughout the years I have joined and supported various other ministries/projects/events such as the Parish Picnic, Parish Missions, Youth Group activities, Jubilee celebration, Parish Transformation, Family Faith Formation, etc.

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**James Denam**

Born 11/12/1949, St Louis Mo, Married Jean Powers 7/28/94, Four sons - James, Scott, David and John, 2 Grandchildren - Malakai and Haley

U S Navy retired as Lieutenant Commander after 22 years including service in Viet Nam and Operation Desert Storm. BSBA from Roosevelt University and MBA from Webster University.

Member of St Dismas parish since 1995

Serves as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, member of PPC, leads bible discussion group, assists in Family Faith Formation.

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**Ron Kantola**

Ron Kantola was born in Waukegan on Veteran's Day, known as Armistice Day back then, and has lived his entire life in the Waukegan/North Chicago area. He attended Immaculate Conception and Holy Rosary grade schools and graduated from North Chicago Community High School.

At seventeen he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving at duty stations in the U.S. and Germany, providing air-field communications maintenance to surveillance aircraft along the "Iron Curtain." He was honorably discharged in 1969.

Ron was employed by Stone Container Corporation, having held several management positions, including design, technical services, and quality assurance. He retired after forty-four years of service in 2005.

Ron joined St. Dismas parish in 1974. Since then he has served as an usher and lector, as well as having held several officer's positions with the Men's Club. He also served as a member of the Millennium Committee, Parish Steering Committee and the initial Parish Pastoral Council for six years.

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**Deacon Bruce Peters**

My name is Deacon Bruce Peters. I was ordained in 1996 and have been at St. Dismas since 2006. Here at St. Dismas, along with PPC, I am involved with Baptismal Prep, Adult Choir, RCIA, Community Outreach, and I direct traffic on Monday evenings for our Religious Ed program. I am on staff at St. Dismas to take care of the maintenance of our facilities.

Outside of St. Dismas I am the Chaplain for the Northern Illinois Fire and Police Departments, and I am the only Deacon on the recruit and technical school side at the Naval Station Great Lakes. I also participate in the annual Polar Plunge raising funds for Special Olympics.

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**Desiree Plonowski**

I was welcomed into the Catholic faith during the Easter Vigil in 2001. My faith journey, since that moment, has been continuous and quite extraordinary. I, along with my husband Tom, have been members of St. Dismas since 2003. At St. Dismas, I am a member of the Mending Soil Garden Club and Community Outreach Ministry. I also serve as a Eucharistic Minister and Minister of Care. It has been a blessing to participate in these groups and I have had the opportunity of meeting a lot of wonderful people. I pray that we as a community of faith, by being an example of love and truth, can evangelize our society and not let society evangelize the faith.

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**Tom Plonowski**

I was born and grew up in Poland. The Catholic faith was always a big part of my family life. I came to the United States in 1992. I met my wife Desiree and we were married in 2000. We joined St. Dismas in 2003. I serve as Eucharistic Minister and I am member of the Mending Soil Garden Club and Community Outreach Ministry. Having a Catholic upbringing gave direction to my life, marriage to a wonderful woman, made my life better and my faith stronger.

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Born: September 2, 1935, Waukegan, Illinois; Married: February 4, 1961 to Lois M Stevens St. Joseph Catholic Church, Waukegan, Illinois. We have 5 children.....2 boys and 3 girls and 15 grandchildren

Ordained Deacon.....May, 1977, Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, Illinois, Cardinal Cody

My ministry is primarily centered around the parish and being available to serve the people of St. Dismas. My hobbies are reading, cross word puzzles and paint by number kits. Chartered member of St. Dismas Church.

My first place of employment was with a greeting card company that was purchased by American Greeting Card Company that moved all of the operations to their home base in Ohio. My next place of employment which spans some 50 plus years is with a publisher and distributor of a children home learning system. I retired from my position of vice president of operations some 5 years ago and have been called back since that time to work on special projects.

**Anthony R Sacramento**

I am a "snowbird" traveling to Florida for the winter months trying to soak up as much sunshine as I can. I enjoy visiting my children and grandchildren and serving the people of St. Dismas where ever I am needed.

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Just a few things about me....

I have been married for 17 years to Sandra Torres. I have 3 boys, of which 2 of them currently serve as altar servers during the 9am service.

I work for a Security Systems company as a field service rep.

Made my first communion here at St Dismas.

Occasionally help as an usher during the 9am Mass.

I am a member of the St. Dismas Men's Club.

I am always willing to help out..

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**Ric Torres, Co-Chair**



I have been a member of St. Dismas Parish since childhood.

Currently serving as PPC Co-Chair and a Eucharistic Minister. In the past, I have helped with the Jubilee Celebration, Chicken Dinner for the Holiday Bazaar, Polka Mass, Dinner and Dance, and EthnicFest. My husband Marty and I have two college boys, Matt and Grant. I also enjoy helping my community as a volunteer on many different ways including the Waukegan High School Booster Club, Waukegan Parks Foundation, Waukegan Main Street, Adopt a Highway, Friends of Waukegan Beach, American Cancer Society Relay for Life and the Greater Waukegan Pink Out.

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**Charlotte Callahan Wozniak,  
Co-Chair**