

A message Deacon Anne

I am very excited about serving the people of The Annunciation of Our Lady parish as your deacon. I look forward to getting to know you over the next few months. Here is a little bit about me. I was born and raised in northern New Jersey, near Jersey City. My salt and grit are pure New Jersey. I settled in the Chicago area with my husband, Walter, thirty-eight years ago. We both have a Ph.D. in chemistry from Brown University. We have four adult children and one grandchild. I retired from many years of teaching high school science in 2020, and then worked full-time as a chaplain at Condell Medical Center until September 2021.

How did I become a deacon? I am a fairly new Episcopalian and new deacon. I was raised Roman Catholic; my father was Catholic and my mother converted from her Lutheran roots when she married. I became a member of St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Woodstock Illinois ten years ago, and was received into the Episcopal Church in 2013. By the end of 2013, I got the nudge to consider the diaconate. Then came discernment, formation, and ordination October 31, 2020 (masked, distanced, and three guests only.) I served at Christ Church Waukegan until the end of September 2021.

I do not know where my journey with you will take us. I want you to know that I believe my primary ministry as a deacon is to support and enhance the ministry of the people of this parish and your rector. I promise to love you and hold you always in prayer.

Blessings!

Rev. 