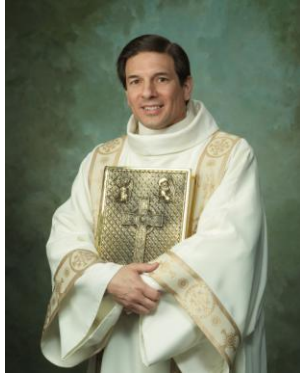


Deacon Dean W. Racine



“As deacons, with families and careers, we are able to engage people more freely and openly on matters of faith. I have had many unique opportunities to serve others in times of stress and struggle through Christ and His Gospel.”

Deacon Racine, and his wife Robin, are parishioners at St. Elizabeth in Columbus where he is serving as deacon. They have two grown children, Jennifer (married to Todd) and Jacqueline. His internship parish was St. Paul in Westerville.

Dean has been employed with Nationwide for 28 years. “The people at work, Church, and in our neighborhood have been very supportive through notes of encouragement, periodic requests, and general conversation,” said Deacon Racine.

Deacon Racine notes that the past four years have been extremely fulfilling. “Unlike many environments filled with one-upmanship; the diaconal formation was a calling to serve and support each other.”

He describes formation as a period of growing from self-confidence to confidence in God. In addition to serving in his parish, Deacon Racine would like to study Apologetics, perhaps teach theology, and would consider international missionary work with Robin in the future.

“Robin is necessarily a part of my diaconate as this calling extends to her through God’s gift of our marriage. We are both honored and humbled to have traveled this beginning together.”