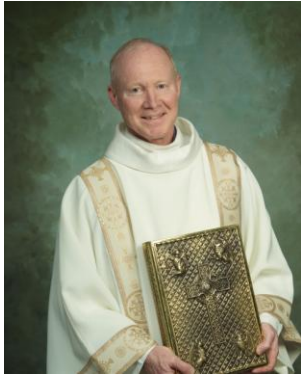


## Deacon George A. Zimmermann



"I wish to be ordained a deacon to be further empowered in those areas in which I am already working and to do more by virtue of being ordained a deacon."

Deacon George Zimmermann, his wife Kathy, and children Jennifer, Mary Beth, Matthew, and Theresa are parishioners at Holy Spirit Church in Columbus. Their daughter Anne lives in Pittsburgh and is a parishioner at St. Anne's. His internship parish was St. Philip the Apostle in Columbus. He hopes to continue to help at St. Philip when possible. Deacon Zimmermann is serving at Holy Spirit Church.

Deacon Zimmerman, who first realized a call to the diaconate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, looks forward to serving in the schools, perhaps teaching at a Catholic high school, and leading RCIA and marriage preparation in addition to his other diaconal responsibilities.

"During formation, I had very positive experiences with the sick and homebound visits," said Deacon Zimmermann. "Although I will not miss the class work, I will miss the camaraderie during our class time. We formed some strong bonds as a class which will serve us well during our ministry."

Deacon Zimmermann started a men's prayer group during Lent that has continued at Holy Spirit parish.

"My family is very enthusiastic about the diaconate. Our oldest daughter, Jennifer, made some very beautiful vestments. I am excited about being able to use them."