

## Deacon Jeffrey Fortkamp



"I believe that I am called by God to serve God and his Church through the diaconate. I see the diaconate as a means of obtaining salvation and leading others to salvation."

Deacon Jeffrey Fortkamp, his wife Tracey, and children Riley, age 9, and Jonah, age 6, are parishioners at Our Lady of Peace Church in Columbus where he will be serving as deacon. His internship parish was St. Anthony in Columbus.

"I strive to be a good example as a young professional, as a father, and husband; I hope that as a deacon I can uniquely provide an example to others in my parish and diocese," said Deacon Fortkamp.

"I have definitely experienced St. Anselm's proverb: Faith seeking understanding, understanding seeking faith," said Deacon Fortkamp.

He describes his growth in three areas: prayer, taking risks, and striving to be a role model for others. As a deacon, he hopes to encourage active participation of the laity in parish life. In addition to serving in his parish, he would like to explore international missionary work.

"The diaconate formation only helps your marriage to grow. My family and my relationship with God are the source and summit of my personal joy and satisfaction."