

Deacon Robert A. Joseph



"What I know to be true and feel in my heart is that there is a particular work and a particular ministry that God is calling me to at this time in my life. The details will be made apparent through diligent prayer and the direction of the Holy Spirit."

Deacon Rob Joseph, his wife Krista and children, Max, age 14, and Alexandra, age 10, are parishioners at Our Lady of Victory in Marble Cliff where Deacon Joseph is assigned. His internship parish was Holy Family in Columbus.

"The formation process has helped me see and appreciate the grace of God that has been at work throughout my life and to get a glimpse of how God will use my life experiences in service of the Church," said Deacon Joseph.

"Therefore, for me it wasn't diaconal formation so much as it has been a humbling transformation into the diaconate," said Deacon Joseph. "I realize the significance of ordination in my life as an ontological event."

Deacon Joseph feels drawn towards men's ministry and family ministry. Yet he recalls the line: "I will go Lord if you lead me" from the hymn *Here I Am*. "No matter where God takes me, I hope that my family and I are a reflection of Christ's love and mercy."