

Deacon Scott Root



Wife: Shannon Root

Home Parish: St. Katharine Drexel, Mechanicsburg

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What drew you to serve the Diocese as a Deacon?

I have been discerning a vocation to the permanent diaconate since I was 13 years old. In middle school, I discerned that I was called to the married life. When I entered high school, I met Deacon Richard Wentzel. Through his example, I began to discern how I could serve the Church as a married clergy. Through Deacon Wentzel's example, I was drawn to the way that a deacon can uniquely share his faith journey as both a member of the clergy and as a married man with a career and a family.

What aspect of the ministry are you most looking forward to?

As I have walked the journey of formation, I have learned there are many more ministries and roles that deacons participate in throughout the Church than I ever really thought about. I pray daily to be open to God's will in my life, so I am most looking forward to how He decides I can best serve the Church. I am open to where he leads me. It is exciting to entrust my future ministry to Him.

What is your profession?

I am the campus minister at Trinity High School in Camp Hill and DRE at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Mechanicsburg.

How has the formation program helped you grow spiritually?

The formation program has prepared me and my wife Shannon and has helped us to grow in our own personal spirituality. Through formation, we have been exposed to various ways to pray. Through the spiritual journey of formation, we have deepened our relationship with God, so we can share his love with others.