

Living Our Faith Meet Maureen

I've been a parishioner since: 1979. I began attending College Church that summer after moving to St. Louis from my native South Bend, Ind. That's 44 years, except for about three years at a West County church where I never really connected or felt that I belonged.

Living my faith: As a young family in 1988, we participated in the very first religious education program for children. I've served on the Pastoral Council in the past and on the Development Commission presently, and I've sung in the choir for about 15 years. (You'll see me on the left in the soprano section.)

Participation in one of the early Just Faith groups compelled me to focus on social justice, move to the City of St. Louis, and volunteer with youth projects in North City. Something that continues to remain on my mind from Just Faith is the notion of "crossing borders" to connect with others and to be of service. I've also participated in retreats at the White House, Bridges and bible study at St. Matthew the Apostle Church.

Why I'm involved: This is an exciting and energizing time in the Catholic Church. I'm "all in" with synodality and walking together as people of God, listening to each other and the Holy Spirit. There are many challenges in our Church that also raise great opportunities. College Church is the best-kept secret in our St. Louis community, and this is a wonderful time for outreach to those who have left the Catholic Church and others who are searching for a new spiritual home. College Church welcomes all! Let's cross the borders!

Three words that describe SFX: Welcoming All, Ignatian Spirituality/Jesuit Charism, Spiritual Home

My neighborhood: Having lived in St. Louis County where my now-adult children attended schools, I currently make my home in Southwest Garden adjacent to The Hill. St. Louis is known for its many neighborhoods, and it would help to address long-standing injustice issues if we would, as a community, "cross borders."

Fun Fact(s): I first became aware of the Jesuits in my freshman year of college at Georgetown University in the School of Languages and Linguistics. This was during Watergate! For financial reasons, I returned to South Bend and graduated from St.

Mary's College with a degree in Accounting and Spanish. I'm now a semi-retired CPA on contract with an accounting firm for "gig" projects.