

Tina and Dave Hilliard

Living our Faith

Hello, Tina and Dave

*We've been parishioners since:* 1990. We were living in Eureka and began to search for a place in which our three elementary school-aged sons could grow in a faith community that offered more diversity than existed in our parish at the time. The Ignatian charism and dynamic liturgies attracted us to SFX. Dave knew Jesuits who were active at SFX from his education at SLUH and SLU, and Tina had participated in the liturgies in the lower church during the '70s.

*Living our faith:* Through the years we have participated in SFX home bible studies, hosted PSR family events at our home, and helped with Hot Stuff and Cool Stuff events. Tina has volunteered with the ID program and taught in the parish school of religion, and Dave served a term on the board of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. Now, we provide meals for Winter's Inn, Dave serves on the development commission and Tina is active in the pastoral care ministry.

*Why we're involved:* For more than 30 years, Tina was a special education teacher working primarily at the high school level. For 41 years Dave was the CEO at *WYMAN*, a national leader in adolescent development, leadership and learning committed to youth and families impacted by poverty and living in communities largely bereft of positive developmental opportunities.

We sought a parish that reflected our values of promoting justice, equity, education and faith. At each stage of our lives as parents, busy adults in our professions and now as retired seniors, SFX has always offered opportunities to worship in a joyful community, reflect deeply on the grace-filled milestones of our life journey, understand and appreciate the diversity of God's people and be of service in areas broader than our professions.

*Three words that describe SFX:* Welcoming, Diverse, Inspiring

*Our neighborhood:* We live in LaBarque Creek, a small community nestled in conservation areas between Eureka and Pacific, Missouri.

*Fun Facts:* Now retired, we annually travel the U.S. by car and try to take an international trip each year. We recently calculated that over the past 33 years we've traveled more than 120,000 miles back and forth from our home to SFX! We enjoy sharing time with our family and friends, theater, good films, reading, golf and walking daily throughout the beautiful natural area where we live.