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Deacon Charles 'Charley' Shallcross

I am very pleased and excited to become part of Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish!

I was born and raised on the Northwest Side of Chicago. I attended De Paul University, and for many years I worked in the corporate business world.

My wife Veronica and I were active in Saint Pascal Parish for over 40 years. She taught first grade at St. Pascal School, and we have been involved with many of the parish organizations such as Holy Name, Saint Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, Bereavement Ministry, Lector, and Altar Server Instruction.

I was asked about possibly entering the diaconate program several times, and after much reflection I began the aspirancy process of discernment. I was ordained to the diaconate in May of 2019.

At that time, I switched careers. I had been volunteering at Resurrection Hospital, and I enjoyed that work very much, so I started Clinical Pastoral Education and became a full-time chaplain. I was first at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood, and later was with Kindred Hospice. I continue to do chaplain visits and Communion services at care centers, hospitals, and private homes.

My grandchildren attend St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School, so I am very happy to be serving as a part of their parish.

Father Deo, Father Leo, and the entire staff and community of St. Elizabeth have been very gracious and welcoming, and I look forward to meeting everyone and being a part of this wonderful community!