

Welcome To Our New Deacon Ron Tiberi And His Wife Debra Tiberi

So, What Do You Want To Do With The Autumn Of Your Life?

We are thrilled to introduce ourselves to you. Deacon Ron Tiberi and Debra Tiberi are now part of St. Teresa's parish, and Ron is your new Deacon. How we got here is an experience in obedience and faith in God to provide for us in the autumn of our lives.

This is the question that was asked of my husband, Deacon Ron Tiberi, by his spiritual director around 9 months ago. At the time we were in discernment as to where God was sending us. Our lives had been in transition for nearly 4 years then. Both of us were under-employed and trying to bring our own business to profitability. Our home of 20 years was for sale and we felt that change was coming in our lives. In May last year we visited our son and granddaughter here in Belleville. Our son talked to us about moving here to be close to him and help with our 6 year old granddaughter. While this was appealing we had ties to California, our home, our business and we were active in the Cursillo, Deacon and parish communities. The ties to California seemed strong and binding.

Then, came this question and over the next few days the ties began to disappear. The landlord insisted on a new, expensive and impractical lease for our business. Suddenly, the closure of the business was very real. Family ties with our son became stronger and the realtor told us that it would be better if our home were vacant. In other words, God and others were telling us to MOVE. The messages were clear and unmistakable. With prayer and faith, we moved ourselves, our dog and twelve thousand pounds of stuff to Belleville.

We closed our business in July. Debi moved back to Belleville in September, Ron moved in November. Our home sold in mid-November and we await the closing of the house sale in the end of February. We're already in escrow on a new home so this must be where God wants us. We've learned that when God wants you someplace else, the impossible becomes possible.

Deacon Ron was ordained a Permanent Deacon on May 19, 2007. A native of Southern California, he worked in the family business until December 31, 2010. From an early age he devoted himself to the church. He went to Mission San Juan Capistrano elementary school. It was not until late 2000 that the call to the Diaconate came. After 5 years of discernment and study he was ordained a Permanent Deacon on May 19, 2007. His first assignment was at the Mission San Juan Capistrano then transferred to St. Edward the Confessor in Dana Point, Ca. Ron is active in parish ministry, including baptisms, preaching when asked, bereavement ministry, detention ministry and wherever and whenever needed.

Debi is involved in helping when Ron needs her. She's been a lector, Eucharistic Minister and attended Bible studies and wherever else she's called. She also maintains a full work schedule. Both are involved in being parents and grandparents – our main vocation is being a part of our family and a married couple in God's vineyard.

We've been married for 37 years and have 2 children; Adam lives in Belleville with our granddaughter, Sophia. Danelle lives in Seattle and is engaged to be married on August 7th. In 1994 we attended our Cursillo weekends and our lives were changed, not necessarily easier, but we grew to rely on God and follow him. The last 5 years have had their special trials, but we look forward to settling into our new parish, developing new friendships and serving this faith family in whatever way God directs.

The answer to the question of what do we want to do with the autumn of our lives is simple. We have come to where God has called us and we look forward to serving Him and His parish with loving, open hearts and willing hands.