

Clergy Questionnaire

1. How long have you been a member of the clergy? How long at St. Thomas?

I was ordained to the Diaconate (a deacon) in June, 1977. I was ordained a priest in April, 1978. I have been at St. Thomas since August, 1990.

2. Why did you become a member of the clergy?

I wanted to help people experience the joy I had in my relationship with Jesus Christ.

3. As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A baseball player.

4. Tell us about your family.

My wife Kathryn and I have been married for 42 years. We have two grown children. Our son, Nathanael, is married to Brandi, and they have two girls, Kamryn who is 12, and Peyton who is 7. Our Daughter, Callie, is married to Donte. They have two boys, Brayden, who is 6 and in 1st grade at St. Thomas, and Grayson, who is 5 and in Kindergarten at St. Thomas.

5. Do you have any pets?

We have had lots of pets over the years. Now we have one dog. Our dog's name is Max. He has three legs. He is part Miniature Pincher and part terrier.

6. Tell us about your hobbies.

I like to play golf, work in the yard, travel, hike in the mountains and I think i am going to start riding a bike.

7. Do you have any hidden talents?

I can juggle three balls (a little bit). I can move my little toe without moving the other toes. I can whistle very loudly.

8. Name one thing that not many people know about you.

I played softball for the Hippie Softball Team at the University of Texas in 1971.

9. What is the craziest thing you have ever done?

Usually when you are doing crazy things you don't think they are crazy at the time. That's why you do them. I think, maybe it was when i jumped off a cliff trying to impress a girl. That is when I first hurt my knee.

10. If you could change places with a Bible character, who would you choose? Why?

Either Peter so i could be good friends with Jesus, or, Jacob so I could wrestle with an angel.

11. What is your favorite book of the Bible? Why?

Again there are two. Either Romans because there is so much really important teaching in it, or John because it is so beautiful and full of great theology (teaching about Jesus).

12. If you could perform miracles, what would you do?

The miracle of the bread and fishes, so that there wouldn't be any hungry people in the world.

13. When you think about God - what is the first thing that comes to Mind?

Grace. Then joy.

14. What do you think delights God above anything else?

When we help others.