

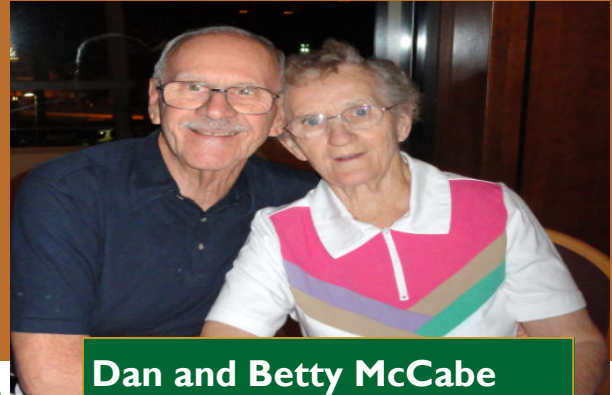


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We Found Our Place in the Sun St. Patrick

By Dan McCabe



Dan and Betty McCabe

I met my wife Betty while we were both serving in the U.S. Navy at the Naval hospital in Charleston, South Carolina in the early 1950's. She as a Navy nurse and I as a Navy hospital corpsman. If you are at all familiar with Naval protocol, you understand that officers and enlisted personnel do not fraternize, and nurses are officers, while hospital corpsman are as a rule enlisted personnel. That being the case, we were friends, but did not date until she was honorably discharged from the service, while I remained

on active duty for another year.

We both returned to school to complete our education upon our discharge. She to Boston College in Boson, majoring in nursing, while I attended the Franklin School of Science and Arts in Philadelphia, majoring in medical technology. When we both completed our education, I moved to New England, where coincidently Betty lived, and we became engaged to be married in 1956.

We married in June of 1958. I became laboratory

director at a suburban Boston hospital, while Betty practiced the art of visiting nurse in the Waltham area of Massachusetts. We raised three lovely daughters who are now all living in the New England area with families of their own.

We both decided that we had shoveled enough snow from the streets of New England and retired early, looking for a spot in the United States where no one recognized what a snow shovel looked like.

Introductory Letter from Fr. Eric

Dan and Betty McCabe are the type of parishioners at St. Patrick that epitomize the backbone of our parish community. They simply are everywhere. If there is a need, if there is an idea for a ministry,

if there is something that must get done, who do you call, Dan and Betty! I am very proud to look to this couple as providing the face of hospitality that we as a parish wish to exude. I am truly grateful for Dan and Betty

and all of our parishioners who provide that face of welcome for our parish.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric Tellez



Dan & Betty McCabe 1956

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that evening. It proved interesting, since he is a Yankee fan and I, of course, am a Red Sox fan. We are still friends though, as long as we don't talk baseball.

I am sure that you have all heard that when you move to a new area and you know no one, the best way to make new friends is to join a church. This has certainly proved to be true for us here at St. Patrick. We have been active in the parish for over 20 years now and we feel that we have really found our place in the sun here. We are blessed with a wonderful clergy who meets all of our religious needs, as well as a special group of staff members that we can all be proud of. We are always anxious to share our beautiful church with our visiting friends, who all come away with a feeling of "Boy, I wish our parish was like this."

When some one asked us what that thing in the back of our car was, we figured that we had found the spot where snow was not known and we stopped in what was Scottsdale, Arizona. As we began setting up housekeeping, we knew that we had to find a Catholic church that would fit our needs. We looked at several local churches for about a year, and we finally decided that St. Patrick was exactly what we wanted. Turns out that we registered here right around the time of the St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance. We didn't attend that year since we really didn't know anyone.

Shortly thereafter I received a phone call from a parishioner by the name of John Giles. He invited me to a Men's Club meeting. I attended and John took me under his wing and we discussed baseball most of

Eucharist? We have a ministry for that. Help the homeless? We can do that. I think you get the idea, we have something for everyone here. As they say, "If we don't have it, you probably don't need it." But, and here is the really great thing, if we really do not have what you are looking for, then maybe you can start it.

For me, I think that the St. Patrick Men's Club is one of the finest ministries that we have here. I have been a member for about 20 years now, and I think we have done just about everything here over the years, from painting Fenlon Hall (before it was Fenlon Hospitality Center) to painting the "red curbs" to putting up the stations of the cross each Lent, (before we had the permanent ones we now have), to sponsoring the annual St. Patrick Dinner/Dance. Looking for a ministry that does it all? Try the Men's Club.

St. Patrick offers many things to many people. There are so many possibilities here. What do you want to do with your life? Minister to the sick? We have a ministry for that. Build a house for someone? We have a ministry for that. Administer the



Dan & Betty 1958

If you would like to get to know more fellow parishioners, try joining one of the ministries Dan mentions in his story.

Get Involved!!

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