



Ed and Kay Van Dyke

I Feel So Honored To Call St. Patrick Catholic Community My Family

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My husband Ed and I met when I was in my first year of high school and he was in his second year. Believe it or not, I was tall and very thin and wore coke bottle glasses. I did not like Ed because he would call me olive oil or four eyes which I despised. Since I was not allowed to date until I was 16 and Ed was a year ahead of me in school, we lost contact until I started college. Once in college we renewed our acquaintances and started dating. After graduation we



married and became the proud parents of one son and two daughters.

Ed became employed with a fortune 100 company which afforded us the opportunity to move to different parts of the country. Wherever we moved, I would become involved in church because I wanted my children to always have God in their lives. Some of these parishes accepted me and some didn't but we would still attend Mass as a family.

The last parish we belonged to prior to moving to

Scottsdale was in Fairfield, Ct. It was a very conservative parish and didn't have any women involved in any of the ministries. Since my children were out of the house, I felt it was OK not to be involved and just attended Mass.

Ed and I moved to Scottsdale, AZ in June 1994. Our realtor attended Mass at St. Patrick and recommended we try it. The first Sunday we attended we were asked to bring up the gifts by a hospitality minister by the name of Joe Kubinski. After Mass he and his wife Phyllis talked to us and invited us to join the parish. Shortly after that, Joe asked me to

Introductory Letter from Fr. Eric

I had the good fortune to become friends with the Van Dykes upon my arrival at St. Patrick many years ago.

As Kay writes about in her article, when parishioners reached out in welcoming they felt at home here. In turn, the

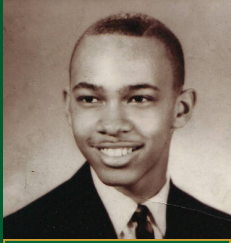
Van Dykes became very involved parishioners in our parish family encouraging many new families to feel at home.

Kay and Ed, with their extended involvement in the Scottsdale community through their restaurants and museum,

took the parish presence beyond our church walls. We thank the Van Dykes for their ministry not only at the church but also in the Scottsdale community.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric Tellez



Ed Van Dyke

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become a member of the hospitality team. As he put it, there were only old people at the noon Mass and they could use some young people. This act of hospitality made me feel welcome, so I agreed.

One Sunday I was speaking with Dick White and mentioned to him I used to teach CCD in some of the other parishes I belonged to. He suggested I teach at St. Patrick since they were always looking for teachers for the children. It was during Mass so I didn't have to make a special trip to church to be involved, so I accepted Dick's invitation to become a children's liturgist. Although I was involved in those two ministries, there was still something missing in my religious life and that was proclaiming the Word and being a Eucharistic Minister which I had done in the past.

St. Patrick sponsored a ministry fair which I attended. I had the opportunity to meet the coordinators of the lectors and Eucharistic Ministers so I signed up to be a part of these ministries. Everyone Ed and I came in contact with was so friendly and welcoming. I couldn't believe I was attending a Catholic Church. I was used to attending Mass, not talking or socializing with anyone over donuts or coffee after Mass. I knew, at that moment, I had found my home and church family.

Shortly after we purchased our home, Ed decided to open a restaurant. Everyone we discussed this with, from the parishioners we knew to the

priest, was very encouraging and supportive in this endeavor which made it a huge success. As a matter of fact, most of our clientele were members of St. Patrick. Eventually Ed sold the restaurant and decided to start a museum. Again, our



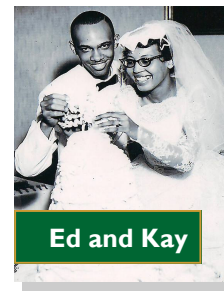
Van Dyke Family

church family was very supportive. Some of the parishioners volunteered to help with the museum. Whenever we needed to transport a piece of art or some other artifact Don Ponzeline would volunteer to pick it up in his truck.

Since so many people at St. Patrick volunteered to help us with our business, it made me want to give more so I became involved in several other ministries. There are two ministries that are very meaningful to me and help to put my life in prospective when I start having doubts. These ministries are the Ministry of Care and the Small Christian Communities. Whenever I'm

down or feeling ill, I think of the patients I visit in the hospital and realize my aches and pains are not that bad. The past five years, I've had some serious family issues. My son was diagnosed with stage four throat cancer, my sister and mother transitioned to heaven in 2006 and 2007 and finally in August 2010 Ed returned home to our heavenly father. If it wasn't for the clergy, staff, parishioners and especially my Small Christian Community, I never would have gotten through this period in my life without some serious problems. Whenever I was down there was always someone to pick me up. I feel so honored to call St. Patrick

Catholic Community my family and thank my Small Christian Community for standing by me and walking with me during the lowest period of my life. I have belonged to several different parishes throughout the country but there is not a one that compares to the



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feeling you receive from the moment you walk or drive on the church property until you leave it. I can truly say that St. Patrick is not just my church parish but it is my home and the staff, clergy and parishioners are my family.

If you would like to look into any of the ministries Kay enjoys, here are some of the contacts.

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