



The Holy Spirit Women's Council is pleased to host Deacon Mark Arbeen on October 14 after the 9am Mass in the Quinn Room. All women and men of the parish are invited to here Deacon Mark talk about his Spiritual Journey.

Before entering college, Deacon Mark spent 8 years in the U.S. Navy on active duty, where he was a Lay Chaplain for the Episcopal Church, and then 12 years in the Naval Reserve. He then attended the University of Illinois and earned a degree in economics. In 2002 Deacon Mark begin attending Saturday Mass while still attending his Episcopal parish on Sundays. In 2009 Pope Benedict offered Anglicans a way to enter the Catholic Church while keeping much of their liturgy and customs. For years Deacon Mark served at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church using the new Divine Worship Missal and the Anglican Patrimony as approved by Rome.

In 2018 he was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Church with an active ministry in law enforcement. He serves as the Chief Chaplain for the U.S. Secret Service to provide pastoral support to Agents, Officers, employees and their families. In 2021 deacon Mark was elected Chaplain of American Legion Post 176 in Springfield, and in 2022 he was elected as Chaplain of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7327 in Springfield.

All parishioners are invited to hear more about Deacon Mark's Spiritual Journey on October 14 after the 9am Mass in the Quinn Room. A light breakfast will be served.