

Joseph (Joe) C. Stocker
Brief Biography

Joe was born as the third of seven children to Catholic parents and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He attended St. Rita School, taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Michigan, for twelve years.

Joe attended the University of Detroit, graduating in 1967 with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. He joined the US Air Force in June 1967 and rose to the Rank of Captain.

Joe married Mary Ellen Hunter at St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto, Canada in June 1968.

He attended the University of Albuquerque in the evening program, graduating in 1970 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Joe and Mary Ellen's first child, Stephanie Anne, was born in December 1970.

Joe left the Air Force in May 1971 and commenced employment at Ford Motor Company in June 1971.

He attended Eastern Michigan University in the evening program, graduating with a Master's degree in Business Administration in 1973.

Joe and Mary Ellen's second child, Christina Renee, was born in April 1973.

Joe rose to Director level at Ford Motor Company, retiring in 2004 after 33 years in a variety of positions of greater responsibility in the field of Human Resources. He had temporary assignments on every continent where Ford does business, and lived with his family for four years total in Venezuela and one year in England.

During his working time with Ford, his permanent address was in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and he attended St. Francis of Assisi Church. Joe and Mary Ellen's children attended school at St. Francis. Joe was a member of the Worship Ministry. Also, Joe and Mary Ellen taught the Baptism preparation classes.

Upon retiring from Ford in 2004, Joe and Mary Ellen relocated to Kiawah Island, and joined Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Johns Island. He entered Diaconate Formation in the Diocese of Charleston and was ordained as a Permanent Deacon in January 2016.