



KNOW YOUR KNIGHT, OF COLUMBUS, THAT IS

Paul Kratoska

Spouse: Teresa

Children: Bethany (22), Andy (18)

Life Goals: To be a solid example for my children and loved ones. To live with God for eternity and to help my loved ones also live with God for eternity. I'm hoping God has many golf courses in heaven.

I met my wife... in 1979 when I was in college. We are coming up on our 25th Anniversary. I love her more and more each day.

Jobs I've Held: I'm a Mechanical Engineer and have worked at Medtronic since 1987. I also worked for McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis and for a small company that went bankrupt. God has truly blessed me with excellent work experiences.

How and Why We Came to St. Gerard's: We've been at St. Gerard's since 1988. It is the closest parish to our house. I originally liked it because I didn't have to kneel; now I kneel on the floor!

Activities We've Been Involved In at St. Gerard's: Teresa has been much more involved than I. Between the two of us we've served in the nursery, on the parish council, helped start the St. Patrick's Day Auction, taught religious education classes, helped at loaves and fishes, hospitality, Corn Fest, Eucharistic minister, Eucharistic adoration, Marriage mentoring, and ushering.

I became a Knight because... It's another way to serve and Jim Krautkremer "guilted" me into it! (just kidding, Jim).

I support my spiritual growth by... reading the Bible, participating in Bible studies at work, attending the Jeff Cavin Bible Study at church, reading the National Catholic Register, going to confession (I need it more than I go!), and listening to Catholic Answers and other programs on "Relevant Radio."

I relax by... working out.... as I get older and older this becomes less and less frequent. But working out can be relaxing because it is like hitting your head against the wall; it feels good when you stop!

Hobbies: Golf. There was a time when I played many sports, worked on home projects, ran, coached my children's sports, did yard work, etc. ... and I really enjoyed it. Now, golf is more my speed. Also, Teresa and I are starting to bicycle together occasionally.

Favorite Food(s): Hamburgers, cookies, cake, chips, etc. If it's bad for you, I like it!

Pet Peave: Politicians who call themselves "Catholic", yet they continually support killing nearly 4000 babies a day (abortion), or euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research, or gay unions, or human cloning, etc.