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Deacon Scott Maentz

Deacon Scott Maentz was ordained as a permanent deacon in 2016 and serves at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Knoxville, TN. He and his wife Christine decided to serve meals on Christmas Day 2015 to their homeless neighbors who were staying “under the bridge.” He suggested to the Knights of Columbus that this become a monthly ministry activity for his own council. They agreed and the ministry quickly expanded to include dozens of volunteers from various parishes in the Knoxville area and is known as the Knoxville Bridge Ministry

Arlene Webb

Arlene Webb was a frequent speaker for the Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW). She was the keynote speaker for MCCW-USA, Europe, Italy, and Greece conferences and was a trainer for the MCCW- Worldwide conference. Arlene has retired from full time work, and still enjoys serving as a trainer and speaker. She and her husband Harry are parishioners at St. Stephen’s Parish in Chattanooga. She has served as President of the St. Stephen CCW and as a Knoxville Diocesan CCW Board member. Arlene was the chairperson for the 2018 Knoxville DCCW convention. She was a guest speaker at the 2019 Nashville CCW convention and the Knoxville Diocesan Ministries Day (2018 and 2019).

Leah Carroll

Leah Carroll considers the most important God given role she and her husband Jake have been given is raising their two medically complex sons and sharing the unique testimonies God has given each of them. With the many challenges that this family has faced, God has sustained them through each step of the journey and brought the Word of God to life right before their eyes. God has also pressed a passion into Leah’s heart to share these God given truths with the world.

Sr. John Catherine Kennedy, O.P.

Sister John Catherine Kennedy, O.P. is a native of Mount Vision, New York. She grew up in a big Catholic family, working in the family gardens and greenhouses. She graduated from the Catholic University of America in 1999 and began teaching. In 2000, she entered the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia, professing final vows in 2007. She studied History at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, earning her Ph.D. while living at St. Mary’s Oak Ridge and teaching at Knoxville Catholic High School for eleven years and serving for two years as the Spirituality Commission Chair for the KDCCW. She currently teaches at Aquinas College and at St. Cecilia Academy in Nashville.