



LEE MAGUIRE

LEE simply heard an announcement after Mass about twelve years ago inviting people to volunteer in youth ministry. He decided to answer this call and has been volunteering in youth ministry ever since.

After learning about youth ministry that fateful Sunday, he assessed his gifts and skills, determining how he could serve the community and find spiritual fulfillment. “Growing up I always wanted to teach,” Lee explains, “and felt that being able to work with young adults was a perfect fit for me.” His participation evolved into a leadership role, and he currently serves on the youth ministry core curriculum planning team.

If you are thinking about increasing your volunteerism at The Basilica or elsewhere, Lee’s advice is simple: Just do it! “The first step was to just get involved,” he says. “If you try something and it doesn’t pan out, you are no worse the wear; but if it does, the benefits to The Basilica and to yourself can be amazing.”

Lee believes any talents and gifts he possesses are blessings from God. “I try to determine the best way to use these gifts as I feel it is long overdue to give God something back. Without God’s blessings I wouldn’t be able to do what I do. Nothing I have is without God.”

Lee’s faith is also enriched on a variety of levels through sharing his gifts with The Basilica community. “Working with the young adults, I am continually fed questions which cause me to want to dig deeper into the questions to improve my knowledge. I am challenged by their belief structure, which allows me to challenge mine as well. It also has allowed me the opportunity to see faith being lived in different ways through a variety of different people.”

He says “to see the faith demonstrated by so many volunteers in their everyday lives is an incredible gift. I see many role models of living the faith which helps me to try and improve and deepen my faith.”