



Deacon Dance Farrell

What a glory to serve the Lord here on the North Coast!

I am a native of the Sierra Foothills and was raised in Calaveras County, famous for its jumping frogs and its Gold Rush heritage. Growing up in a primarily agnostic home, I became deeply interested in religion and spirituality early in high school. After many years of searching, I entered the Catholic Church through the RCIA process in 2003 with my wife, Kim, and my two daughters, Aurora and Tenaya.

The Lord brings us home through varied paths indeed, and mine has been a curvy one!

I have served the parishes of Eureka for many years, first as a youth minister for both Sacred Heart and St. Bernards Parishes, and in many volunteer roles over the years. I was ordained by Bishop Robert Vasa in 2016 after 6 years of formation. I am proud to now have the opportunity to serve our community as a deacon.

I currently work deeply with St. Bernards Academy on Henderson, and as the Director of Campus Ministry, I serve as a liaison between the parish and the school, as well as head their religion department. I also have the opportunity to teach every student that walks through their doors, one of the greatest gifts the Lord has given me. How thankful I am for the Lord's trust with the children he loves so deeply.

I pray for you, the people of Eureka every day, and I hope you feel free to come up and say hi anytime you see me. Please keep me in your prayers as well!