

Living Faith

Diane (Friederich) Kledzik

Class of 1980

Diane (Friederich) Kledzik graduated from CCC in 1980 and received the Emilio Leandri Award for her contribution to the theology department. She went on to earn a BA in Human Resources with a minor in Religious Studies from Eckerd College; a Master's in Pastoral Ministry from St. Thomas University; and a Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies and an Advanced Studies in Ministry Certificate from the Center for Ministry Development.

After 20 years of directing the Diocese of St. Petersburg's evangelization efforts, Diane currently serves as the Director for Marriage and Family Life. Nationally, Diane has served on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Evangelization Secretariat's Executive Commission and the National Strong Catholic Families Team, and the boards of the North American Forum for Small Christian Communities (NAFSCC) and Paulist Evangelization Ministries. She also represents the NAFSCC on the Representative Council of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership. For the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Diane coordinates the Diocesan Core Community, Pastoral Center Core Community, Strong Catholic Families Team and is a member of the DOSP Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Committee, Global Solidarity Team, Communications Committee and the V Encuentro Team. This past summer, Diane represented the Diocese on an immersion trip to Malawi with Catholic Relief Services. Previously, she helped develop several retreats and evangelization processes in the Diocese of St. Petersburg and the Diocese of Venice, including Teens Encounter Christ, Antioch, RENEW 2000, Disciples in Mission and Alpha.

A long-time member of a Small Christian Community at her parish, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Diane serves as an Infant Baptism Ministry catechist, a Youth Ministry Core Team member, and an occasional RCIA catechist and sponsor. At St. Patrick's, she served as PTO President of St. Patrick Catholic School (2013-2015) and was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic School Strong Catholic Families team.

We are pleased to recognize Diane's dedication to the Church by presenting her with the Distinguished Alumni Award for Living Faith.

Diane and her husband Geof are the proud parents of Luke '13 and Andrew '21. Diane's family is one of our CCC legacy families, with Steve '79, Laurie Moyson '82, David '84, Mark '87, and Ann '90.