

Deacon Dave Bezusko



Deacon Dave Bezusko's comfort zone has shifted in the years between 1997 when he earned his degree in journalism from Ohio University to now in his new role as deacon.

After college he spent four years as a sports anchor, a job that requires not only knowledge of sports but also an ability to walk into a variety of situations and interview a wide range of personalities.

"I enjoyed following local high school and college teams, getting to know the players and coaches and to cover their games and bring the excitement home to the TV viewer or radio listener," Deacon Bezusko said. "Each night we were on the air, it was an honor to be invited into the homes of the viewers who, by tuning in, made us a part of their families as they got their local sports fix."

When he met his wife of now 15 years, Carrie, he knew a move would be necessary in order for them to build a life together, so he packed up and moved to Marysville where they are now raising Xavier, 10, Serafina, 7, and Zander, 4.

"After four years in TV sports, I decided to leave broadcasting and enter the world of non-profit public relations to put my God-given skills to greater use," he said.

After working for the United Way in Marysville for 12 years, he moved into the role of Executive Director of the United Way of Logan County in Bellefontaine in 2015, where he is responsible for day-to-day operations.

In spite of his daily work meeting the social service needs of Union and now Logan County residents, Deacon Bezusko feels his involvement with the youth group at Our Lady of Lourdes in Marysville has had the biggest impact on his spiritual development. He served as co-leader with Carrie.

"The lessons I learned and the inspiration I received during that time with the senior high school students stoked the fire in me to new levels," Deacon Bezusko said. "That is one of the beautiful things about service; the more you give, the more you get back. Working with the youth, building relationships with the kids and watching them mature and grow during the years we had them is incredibly rewarding. They were also challenging me to grow along with them."

Deacon Bezusko says one of the things he noticed about his church involvement over the years is that it has consistently challenged him to do something outside of his comfort zone.

"There might be times that I was lukewarm about a commitment or task because I thought I would rather be doing something else, but I can honestly say that whenever I did something for the church, I never regretted it afterward."