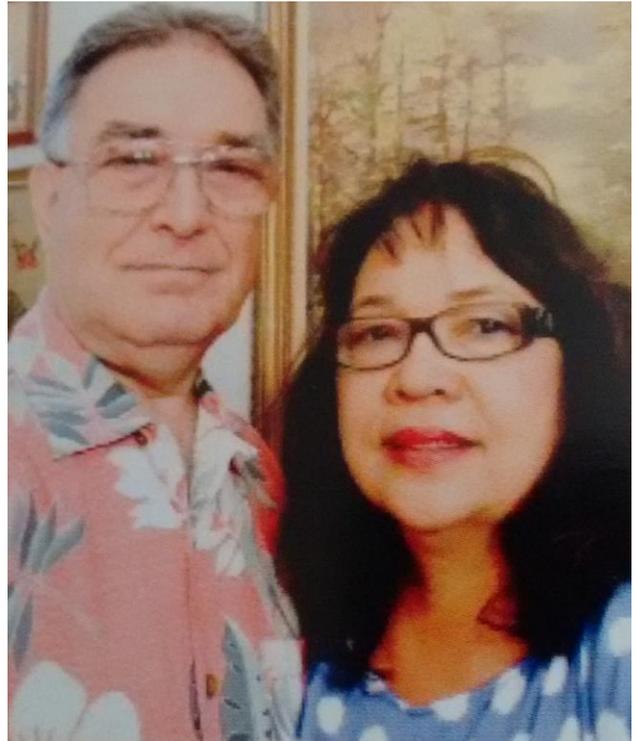


## Meet Margaret Miner

Given the call for men interested in the Deaconate [ <http://www.htcbremerton.org/news/378-next-steps-for-deacon-formation-in-the-archdioceseof-seattle>], we asked our own Deacon's wife, Margaret Miner, to share her thoughts on a hectic life supporting Henry in that calling.



Interview with Mrs. Margaret D. Miner, wife of Deacon Henry C. Miner, assigned to Holy Trinity Parish, Bremerton, WA.

WE heard God's call to ministry not just once but several times, a feeling that did not go away until our "Yes" was given to serve the church, the Body of Christ; and all of God's people with a lifestyle dedicated to service, love, justice, the Word of God and the Liturgy.

Our "yes" began a journey of prayer, learning, and a love relationship with our God which grew larger than life each day. We spent days praying together to the Holy Spirit to guide our hearts. The dialogue between God and us continued to the day Deacon Henry received the laying of hands by the Bishop. The seeds of all vocations are sown during the Sacraments of Initiation and nurtured to maturity in the life of the Church.

An authentic vocation to the Diaconal ministry is a dialogue between God and individuals or marriage (behind a faith filled man is a supportive wife) of a couple between the love for God who calls and the freedom of individuals who respond lovingly to God. God may be inviting you to the lifestyle and ministry of deacon, a special vocation called forth by the Holy Spirit. This path is not easy but a path made easy with the love for the Lord. Our perseverance pleased HIM. We are called totally and unselfishly to wash those feet of all in the world for the love of Christ himself. A ministry of humility and love for the cause to serve others.

We prayed the following prayer throughout the formation and God affirmed us.

*“O Lord, help me to know your will for me. Let your light shine in the depths of my heart that I may know what you want me to do with my life. Help me believe that you have a special plan for me. Lord, I know I pass through this life only once; help me decide how you want me to make a difference. Like our Blessed Mother, give me the wisdom to hear your voice and the courage to answer your call. Above all give me peace of mind and heart. I offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

Our lives now have a new balance for our family, our passion for life, our work and the church. We evangelize as a couple bringing God’s love to everyone we meet, our primary mission in life.

We hope you hear the call of God and encourage you to talk to the Priest, Deacon or someone in ministry who loves the Lord and demonstrates His mercy. And may He guide you to HIS will with a sincere heart for service.

—Margaret Miner