

Biographic Summary of Tom Ulrich

Tom Ulrich has over 40 years of professional experience working for the Catholic Church in the United States. Much of that has been connected to the development of parish-based social ministry efforts. His educational background includes:

- A Bachelor's degree in Psychology: Mental Health and Counseling;
- A Master's degree in social work, with a concentration in community organizing and development;
- Is a trained community organizer (Industrial Areas Foundation)
- Completed formal courses in "Adult Learning", "Small and Large Group Facilitation", "Organizational Development" and "Training for Trainers".

Tom's career and ministry journey has taken the following course:

- Practiced caseworker for *Catholic Charities* and directed parish social ministry in three different Catholic dioceses for approximately 15 years; has been a volunteer parish social ministry leader in local parishes for over 17 years.
- Was staff in the education division of the national office of the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development* almost 10 years, directing it for 4;
- Served as the Vice President for Training, Convening and Mission for *Catholic Charities USA* for 7 years;
- Directed the Constituency Relations and Support Department of *Catholic Relief Services* for 7 year;
- Since January, 2012, has been the Director of Programs and Regional Development for the *Ignatian Volunteer Corps*.

Tom is the author of the book, *Parish Social Ministry: Strategies for Action*. (Ave Maria Press)

Tom and his wife, Mary Jane, having raised their two kids, are enjoying life as empty nesters and the grandparents of four rowdy grandkids. They are members of St. Ambrose Parish of the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. Tom proudly claims his faith tradition as Roman Catholic and baseball... sometimes not in that order, but is totally confident that our ever-loving, merciful God really does understand and is supportive of his priorities!