

## Rich Duffy continued

have also participated in Worldwide Marriage Encounter. They celebrate their Irish Catholic heritage as members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies AOH. Their impact on families in the greater surrounding community is seen through two of their activities. They have served the Red Cross, both on its Disaster Relief Team and with its Pillowcase Project for elementary school students, in addition to training volunteers and presenting programs throughout Delaware and Maryland. Reflecting another facet of their values, Rich and Charlotte volunteer at the Children's Beach House, in Lewes Delaware, (a recipient of funds from our Tootsie Roll Drive) including working at their fund-raising social events, at lunches for summer students, serving as door and office monitors after 4 pm, painting rooms, and all while serving in miscellaneous other volunteer capacities.

When Rich joined the Knights of Columbus on Nov. 13, 2000 at St. Dymphna Council, No. 12814, at Holy Family Church in Sugar Notch, PA, he was serving as an EEM, as an acolyte at Mass, in church choir as well as on the parish finance committee, the advisory board, and the cemetery committee. After he and Charlotte relocated to Rehoboth Beach and joined St. Edmond Parish, Rich has continued as an EEM and acolyte, while additionally serving in other parish ministries and out-reach programs.

Since Rich transferred to Star of the Sea Council 7297 in 2010, he has served both as Grand Knight and as a Trustee. An exceptionally active Knight, Rich regularly attends the council's monthly business meetings, has organized refreshments for post-meeting socials, and has recruited new members. He has chaired several of the council's annual Irish dinners in conjunction with St. Patrick's Day, in addition to cooking in the parish hall kitchen at virtually all dinners and breakfasts in recent years.

Further, he has participated in Coats for Kids; our Food for Families campaign, 40 cans for Lent; the sale of Mothers Day roses on behalf of Birthright of Delaware; annual Tootsie Roll campaign; the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign; and the Sussex County Consortium school's Blockhouse Pond Run/Walk, for children and adolescents with intellectual disabilities. With Charlotte, he regularly attended the council's pre-COVID-19 monthly socials, plus, with visiting family members, council-sponsored breakfasts and dinners.

A Fourth Degree Knight since 2019, Rich is also a member of the local Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno Assembly.