

Colleen has been married to husband John for 33 years. They have five children, three biological and their goddaughter and her younger brother. Their children range from age 24 to 30. four are married and one lives at home. Colleen has four grandchildren ages 15 months to 5 years old. Her bachelor's degree is in special education from the College of Mount St. Joseph. Coleen taught for 12 years in both public and Catholic school. Her masters degree is in Religious Studies and Lay Pastoral Ministry from the Athenaeum of Ohio.

Colleen has 15 years of experience on the parish staff as Director of Faith Formation and is currently in her sixth year as Director of the Family and Respect Office in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Her husband, John, is an ordained Deacon for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and is the current President of NDICE. Colleen and John are both secular Franciscans. She has been involved in a variety of parish ministries: RCIA, VBS, liturgical ministries, catechist, parish mission team; retreat leader and more.

Colleen and John were foster parents; housed four unwed mothers and supported them throughout their pregnancy and the early months of being a mother. They housed an immigrant family of three from Poland. They are supporting a family of 7 whose father has been deported to Guatemala. Colleen is currently a member of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers and is President of the Board. She has also worked in the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.