

George grew up in a small town just east of Regina called Odessa. His parents purchased Odessa's hotel in 1961, the year George was born. It was a great year to be born, as agreed to by both Fr. Sami and Bishop Don. George's unwavering belief in God and warmth for the Catholic faith was nurtured by the example and prayers of his loving parents while living in a town where the Catholic Church was a part of most everyone's life. Upon graduating from high school in 1979, George moved to the big city of Regina, and enrolled through Campion College, pursuing a degree that would hopefully bring work in the IT field. As soon as George started classes through Campion College he started dating a girl everyone called "Weezy" who was in Grade 10 ("yikes") from the neighboring town of Montmartre. As a result, after the last class on every Friday for the next 3 years, George would head straight to Montmartre, 100kms from Regina and not return until late Sunday night, George never did learn that Campion College had a library until 35 years later. Louise was also the youngest in a large Catholic family. They quickly fell in love and were married 4 years later in 1984, the year they both graduated from their secondary education, George with a BA from Campion College and Louise as a RN from Wascana Institute. Currently, they have just begun their 40th year of marriage. Together, they raised 3 children and have been blessed with 7 grandchildren.

For 30 years George worked in the Information Technology sector. First in 1984 with Kodak Canada, where the 16 week highly intensive training program he was subjected to in Rochester, New York was compared to the psychological rigors that fellow trainees experienced in US military combat training. In 1993, after working and living in Edmonton for 6 years, Louise and George and their 3 young children moved back to Regina, where he worked for the next 22 years with ISM Canada, a subsidiary of IBM, as an account executive and Director of Business Operations.

In 1991, while living in Edmonton, a brother-in-law who is currently the Anglican Bishop of the Arctic, but who was a missionary in the Anglican Church at the time, shared his testimony about having a "personal relationship" with Jesus Christ. That led George and Louise to a personal commitment to place Jesus Christ at the center of their life. As a result, George & Louise had a profound conversion of heart. George recalls, "It was during this time and to this very day that our faith changed completely,"

He said everything they had learned up to that point within the context of our religious Catholic tradition, dropped from their head to their heart.

"Our love for God just expanded dramatically. We understood intimately just how loving God is. That personal commitment to Christ changed everything, including our love for the Catholic faith,"

As a result, since that time in 1991, George & Louise have brought a deep zeal and a compassion from years of working or volunteering within the Catholic church in the fields of evangelization, apologetics, service and development. In 1995, out of the blue, George was asked by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to Chair the Regina LiveLink Committee when Billy and his son Franklin held a Crusade out of Saskatoon. George and Louise also became supporters of groups such as Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), a university student movement founded in Saskatoon that has now spread to campuses across Canada, and NET Ministries of Canada who is dedicated to evangelizing young people across Canada to embrace Jesus Christ and their Catholic faith.

George served on the boards of these organizations for many years and new opportunities arose from the connections he made.

In 2015, supported by Louise, he felt called to retire from the IT line of work and put his full trust that God had other plans in store for him where his true passion for the faith and evangelization could be used. It didn't take long to be approached by the founder of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) to become the Development Officer for CCO for Western Canada. He served in this capacity for two years. Not long after, another opportunity presented itself and George took on an interim position with NET ministries Canada, out of Ottawa, as their Executive Director. He was given the goal of leading the ministry for a year while searching to hire a new director. These experiences then helped prepare him for the most recent role he held for 10 months at the Archdiocese of Regina as their interim Director of Development. Although George is now retired for the 4th time for a paying job, he will never retire from his desire to share his joy for the love of Jesus with anyone God chooses to place in his life.