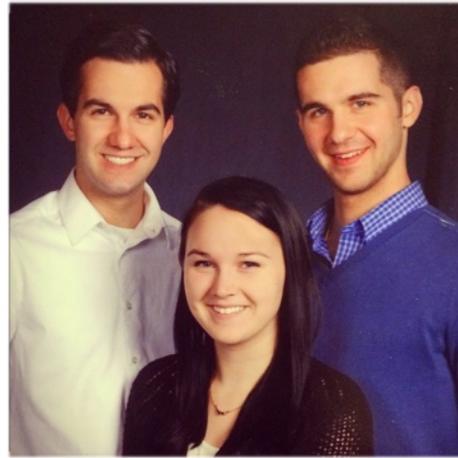


## The Chaplin Family

Ernie and I have been married for nearly 30 years and are the proud parents of 3 children, Stephen (27), Greg (24) and Carolyn (20). Ernie has made his career in sales and marketing and has recently embarked on a new adventure starting up a new division for German company. I continue to work in parish ministry at Sacred Heart Parish in Hopedale, MA as the ministry coordinator. Stephen, an attorney specializing in civil litigation, is also a professional jazz pianist. Gregory, a personal trainer and professional jazz bassist/guitarist is beginning his doctoral program in physical therapy this June. Carolyn, a second-year student at Assumption College is also a talented vocalist who has successfully released several original songs getting the attention of music folks in Nashville!



We have been members of Sacred Heart Church in Hopedale for 25 years and have participated in ministry over the years in many different capacities. When our children were young, Ernie and I began working in Youth Ministry, pretty much “growing” with our kids. Ernie presently leads our Confirmation Team, Mission and Outreach and is a Reader of the Word. Although my job touches almost every ministry in the parish, my beloved ministry is the Ministry of Hope; working with those who are grieving.

All of our children participated in music ministry from a young age. Stephen began as a cantor and became the coordinator of music while he was an undergraduate student at Berklee College of Music. He continues to accompany the seasonal choir during Christmas and Holy Week. Gregory shared his music with various ensembles and also was an usher for many years. Carolyn began as an altar server in the 3rd grade and continues to be involved in the parish even as a college student. She is a cantor, has taught faith formation, served

on many committees and is the MC at our parish Christmas Fair. Ellen DeGeneres has serious competition!

Our Voluntas journey began with an invitation from Bill Konicki. Ernie & I attended a national meeting in Newark where we found everyone so welcoming. We were impressed that everyone seemed to view all vocations as equal. This was intriguing and caused us to want to learn more. We cautiously proceeded from observers into aspirancy, through probation and making our promises in August, learning more about the Institute, its members and ourselves.



Our family and our Voluntas family have become very close, very much like an extended family. It is so interesting to see schedules being adjusted so that everyone is home on “Voluntas Nights.” I believe that speaks for itself. The spirit of the 3 5’s is catchy!

*Pam & Ernie*