

Choosing a Mentor Couple

Your mentors will be a married couple of your choice who will walk with you during your engagement and be available into your marriage, especially during the first couple of years as you adjust to married life. Please prayerfully choose a couple who

- Have a marriage you admire
- You are both comfortable with
- Practice and are active in their Catholic Faith
- Attend church regularly
- Have been married in the Church for five years or more
- Are in good standing with the Church
- You can look at and say “I would be happy to have a marriage like that” or “I love the way they talk to each other and to their kids.”
- Attends the parish where you will be attending church after the wedding. You do not have to know the couple well.
- Is preferably not an immediate relative unless the couple that they both are most comfortable with and admire happens to be a relative.

It is best if you are able to identify your Mentor Couple on your own, but if you are unable to find one, you may choose one of the couples below who are willing and available to walk with you as you prepare for marriage.



Scott was born in North Carolina but has lived in Aiken since 1991, while Christi is one of the few who was actually born and raised in Aiken. Scott, a cradle Catholic, likes to grill and do home improvement projects. Christi became Catholic through the RCIA process in 2010, just before their wedding that same year. She likes to cook, exercise, and garden. Scott and Christi have two children, a five-year-old daughter and a two-year-old son. For them, marriage is a journey that they choose to take with each other on a daily basis. They want to make themselves available for an engaged couple in order to help them and share with them on their journey. Scott and Christi usually attend 8:30 Mass.



Bob and Amber Hottel

Amber and Bob both grew up in Ohio and were married there in 1971. Amber was a middle school/high school English teacher, while Bob was in the nuclear navy for several years and then worked for Westinghouse as a nuclear engineer/manager. They lived in Charleston, SC; Greensburg, PA; and Knoxville, TN; and they have been living in Aiken since 1988. They have two sons and two granddaughters. Both have been retired since 2005. They enjoy traveling, playing tennis, bicycling, reading, and spending time with their family. Amber grew up Catholic and Bob converted after they were married. They usually attend the 8:30 Mass.

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