



Sharon Brewer
Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn

Sharon is firstly a wife to John and mother to their four children; Michael (21), Cate (19), Gabrielle (15) and Tom (9). It is in this vocation that she hopes she will be the most influential as a Catholic woman.

Sharon's second passion is her involvement in parish life. For the last 23 years she has been involved with the parishes of St Francis of Assisi, Calwell and more recently Corpus Christi Parish, South Tuggeranong. Sharon first became involved through the Parish Social Group and then offered her help with parish administration. As the Tuggeranong Valley became one of the fastest growing areas in Australia, Sharon assisted with Baptism classes for many families. Over time she became more involved in the sacramental preparation of children. In recent years this developed into a position with responsibility for the enrolment of over 750 children for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation, the development of programs for Older Child Baptisms, Teenage Sacramental Programs, adult faith formation and most recently assisting with the RCIA program.

Sharon believes strongly in improving communication and has had involvement in many parish publications, including a new quarterly magazine that is being distributed to approximately 2000 families in the parish and the Corpus Christi Parish Prayer Book. Part of her job is to improve communications between the staff of three large parish schools and two Parish Schools of Religion.

If asked what the best part of her job is, it would be the times she spends simply chatting to people about their faith journey, helping them to realise that their story is important and how there is room for 'all sorts' in God's family. She also feels privileged to be able to take communion to the sick.