

Team Member Spotlight

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SKILLS AND AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

- Fundraising, 10+ years arts and non-profits
- Writing

WHY DOES YOUR WORK MATTER TO YOU?

My work matters to me because I have personally experienced the transformative power of faith. I have seen firsthand what it looks like when Christ becomes visible in someone's life and the profound impact His presence has on our hearts and souls. It is a privilege to invite people to support ministries that bring hope, healing, and the love of Christ to so many throughout our community.

WHAT IS SOMETHING PEOPLE MAY BE SURPRISED TO LEARN ABOUT YOU?

I have been in 11 stage performances of Charles Dickens, The Christmas Carol, my first performance was at the age of 9 as one of Bob Cratchit's children and most recently in 2023 as Belle.

SHARE A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR FAITH JOURNEY:

I was raised in a Catholic household, but after my parents divorced when I was ten years old, we gradually stopped attending Mass regularly. Although my faith remained a part of my life, it wasn't until after college that I truly began to develop a personal relationship with Christ.

As my faith deepened, I became increasingly involved in my parish, volunteering at special events, fundraising initiatives, and weekly community meals. These experiences helped me recognize the joy that comes from serving others and being an active member of the Church.

When I joined the Diocese of St. Petersburg team, I immediately felt that God was opening a door. It was a role that beautifully united my professional experience in development with my growing desire to serve the Church in a more meaningful way. Joining the Diocese has allowed me to use my gifts in support of a mission that has an eternal impact, and I am grateful each day to contribute to work that brings people closer to Christ.

Learn more about Emeline, see the recent article about her in the Wednesday Wave!