



## **KIMBERLY SHIVELY THARPE:** *inspired by SNDs to lead by example*



Kimberly Shively Tharpe remembers her early years with the Sisters of Notre Dame with fondness and admiration. Her first encounter was at St. Rose of Lima School in Simi Valley, and then as a student at La Reina High School, graduating in 2000. She exclaims, “Having spent eight years at St. Rose, I was very comfortable with the sisters. During my freshman year at La Reina, we visited Notre Dame Center and had the opportunity to meet many sisters... I enjoyed the time we spent together while I was at La Reina and came to understand the value of giving and listening.”

With a busy course load at La Reina and a sports career as a volleyball and basketball player, Kimmy excelled in academics and athletics. Taking pre-calculus as a junior with Sr. Lisa Megaffin as her teacher, she experienced the SND spirit in the classroom. Additionally, she became involved in Campus Ministry and was a team leader for her senior KAIROS retreat.

After graduating from La Reina, Kimmy attended California State University, Northridge, earning her B.A. in Liberal Arts in 2004. She began her career in banking in

2006, helping to open the Westlake Village Community West Bank. For the past two and a half years, she has been the Vice-President, Community Banking Manager.

In addition to her professional work as a branch manager, Kimmy became President-Elect of the Westlake Village Rotary Club, and will take her place as President of the organization in July 2020. Speaking about her time with the Rotary Club she says, “I joined the Rotary Club to broaden my business circle and finally fulfill a desire to give back, which had been missing in my life since high school. Our club raises money and gives time to organizations in our community such as Meals on Wheels, YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, Senior Concerns, and Safe Passages to name a few.”

In her free time, Kimmy loves to spend time with her husband Thomas, and their two daughters, Cecilia age 8 and Lillian age 6. They enjoy camping with friends and family, or rooting for their girls on the softball field.

Remembering her time spent at St. Rose and La Reina, she comments, “I have always been so impressed with the SNDs’ desire to educate people at all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds. The way they teach, coach and lead by example is an inspiration to everyone they encounter.”