

## Robert Kloska Bio



**Robert "Bobby" Kloska** is a husband and father of five adult children.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame ('90) where he played on the varsity golf team, he spent two years in formation with the Congregation of Holy Cross. After teaching at a Jesuit high school in Arizona, he went to Franciscan University of Steubenville and got a master's degree in philosophy. In total, he spent over 20 years in Catholic education as a high school teacher, college professor, director of campus ministry, director of liturgy, director of RCIA, and numerous other roles.

Since 2003, he has experienced three separate occurrences of cancer which has led to chemotherapy, radiation, 2 stem cell transplants, 30+ surgeries, a heart attack, three coronary stents, two incurable viruses, chronic blood issues, and countless hospitalizations and outpatient IV treatments.

For 17 years he worked at Holy Cross College, first as a philosophy professor, the final six as Vice President for Mission Advancement, overseeing all revenue generating areas. He taught RCIA for 12 years, built a campus ministry program and the iconic Holy Cross Archway, founded the international immersion program in West Africa, and developed and sold the concept for the Gateway transfer program to Notre Dame.

In 2014, he was hired at Notre Dame Federal Credit Union to help develop and implement the CEO's vision for a national Catholic financial ecosystem. Today, Notre Dame FCU has contributed to the well-being of three dozen dioceses nationwide, funding Catholic radio stations, schools, and parishes. During the Covid crisis of 2020-21, they obtained \$230 million for Church through the PPP program, protecting more than 10,000 diocesan jobs. In 2021, they were instrumental in getting the National Eucharistic Congress off the ground when it was new and its future uncertain.

In his spare time, Kloska founded a Catholic radio station, ran a large Antioch youth ministry program, served on some school boards, and coached basketball at St. Matthew Cathedral School where his family has been parishioners for 21 years.

Today, he might be most notably known as the proprietor of St. Peter's Pub, a 110-year-old backyard carriage house which has been converted into a Catholic friendly social hub for the university community, along with neighbors, family and friends. It is a popular venue for conversation, music, fellowship, and prayer. (Follow St. Peter's Pub on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn)

From 2022-24, he served as a Eucharistic Evangelist for the Diocese of Fort Wayne – South Bend, was an organizing committee member for the National Eucharistic Congress, and still serves as an intake interviewer of prospective seminarians for the Congregation of Holy Cross. He has given over 100 spiritual talks for Catholic parishes, schools, and other organizations.

You may read some of his reflections in back issues of Franciscan University's Catechetical Review <https://review.catechetics.com> and at his personal blog, [www.sideofthehouse.blog](http://www.sideofthehouse.blog).