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**Welcome, and Happy Diamond Anniversary!!**



This past Sunday, parishioners Rich and Kathy Sannito invited family members to join them for the 11:30 Mass. Kathy's siblings and their families gathered over the weekend to commemorate their parents' **60th Wedding Anniversary**. During Mass, Fr. Alex called Kathy's parents, **Larry and Sara Sweeney**, to the altar and offered them a special blessing. It was indeed a gift for our congregation to witness in just a few minutes the beauty of their long-term sacramental commitment!

*"My siblings and our spouses are grateful to have a beautiful example of a loving marriage to learn from and live by each day."*

*Kathy Sannito*

May God bless Larry and Sara, and may He continue to pour His graces upon them and their extended family!

## **It's a Wrap for our Fifth Virtual Alpha!**

**By Alpha Co-Leader Dan Balogh**



The parish's fifth virtual Alpha came to a close this past Wednesday. With four in-person Alphas, this was the ninth Alpha at Notre Dame! More than 300 souls have now taken this beautiful spiritual journey with our parish, about half of them virtually since the summer of 2020. With the online format, we accompanied guests from ten states and two other countries. It has been an incredibly rewarding honor and privilege. The experience always transforms hearts, and this offering was no exception. Here are some words from our most recent participants:

*"I truly appreciate all of the work that was put into this. From the music videos to the discussions, to the incredible prayer experience, to the homemade*

*"My faith is strengthened, and my friendships have grown. My love of God has blossomed. Thanks to my experience through Alpha."*