



## St. Francis de Sales Church

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### **Pastoral Council Member Jon Smrtic**

Jon Smrtic graduated from the United States Military Academy in West Point and served in Vietnam as a cavalry and infantry platoon commander. After commanding a tank company at Ft Riley, he earned a PhD (ABD) in Political Economy and Government at Harvard and became part of the faculty at West Point. Subsequent military assignments included Special Military Assistant to the Secretary of State; student at Spanish Army General Staff College in Madrid, Spain; Military Attache in La Paz, Bolivia; and member of the faculty at CGSC at Fort Leavenworth.

Jon retired from the US Army at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1993, and became an Adjunct Professor at Kansas City Kansas Community College teaching Political Science, Economics, and American Government. Jon serves the community as a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans, as well as the VFW Patriot Guard, American Legion, Lions Club, and John Birch Society.

As an active member of St Francis de Sales parish, Jon serves as a Lector and participates in the Homebound Ministry, Legion of Mary, Rosary Group, Adult Bible Study, and Dinner for Five Group. He also is a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus where he serves as the Captain Knight, and a member of the Pastoral Council.