

Resume and Biography: Donald F. Richards
Residence: N. 76th St., Milwaukee WI 53223

Born: 12.11.1936, Waukesha WI.

Raised mostly on farms in Sheboygan and Washington Counties

Attended St. Francis Minor Seminary, Milwaukee, from 1950 - 1956; Theological College, Washington D.C. from 1956 - 1963; B.A. & M.A. degrees in Philosophy

Ordained to R.C. priesthood in May 1963.

Served in parishes Milwaukee and Racine, from 1963 to 1982: including teaching at Dominican High School 1964 - 1968;

Also volunteered in Conacaste Human Development Project in Distrito El Progreso, Guatemala, C.A. 1978-1979

Elected to the Milwaukee Common Council in 1988 for the 9th Aldermanic District, and re-elected in 1992, 1996, and 2000; retired in 2004

Served/serves on Milwaukee County Commission for Persons with Disabilities from 1988 to the present.

Member of the Milwaukee Housing Authority Board throughout career on Common Council

Married to Dee Richards from Sept, 1984 until her death on March 9, 2011.

Other highlights:

Active with Peace Action Wisconsin, including serving on the Board, sponsoring peace resolutions at the City Council, and attending weekly "Stand for Peace" demonstrations.
Board Member of Growing Power Inc. a national and local community food provider and advocacy group, which originated in and continues a major presence in the 9th Alder District.
Founding member of McGovern Park Community Organization.

Adjunct faculty: Alverno College, Milwaukee; Social Science Dept. (1992 to 2004) specializing in making change in local communities through use of the political process.