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Our Associate Director Coordinates Marriage Education and Marriage Enrichment for the archdiocese. Elsie has worked for the office for fifteen years. She and her husband coordinate the Marrying With Stepchildren marriage preparation program for couples who are getting married and bringing children to the marriage from a previous marriage or relationship.

Elsie is a frequent speaker on topics related to relationships, marriage, and family. She is trained in mediation, divorce prevention, divorce healing, marriage preparation, the annulment process, Prepare/Enrich premarital inventory for couples, and stepfamily dynamics.

Growing up on the south side of Chicago as the eldest in a family of ten children, she likes to be in charge. Elsie graduated from the Academy of Our Lady High School, earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Illinois at Chicago and her master's from St. Xavier University.

Elsie and her husband John are a remarried couple since summer 2000 and share six adult children between them, Rebecca, Jeremy, Jessica, T.J., Kate (Jon), and Elizabeth (Brian). They have a granddaughter, Maya. They have one very spoiled and indulged cat, Cookie, and are members of St. Mary of Celle Parish in Berwyn, IL and serve on the Parish Pastoral Council.