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Biography of Hilda and Charles Bachand

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Hilda and Charles Bachand came to St. Dominic Savio in 1970 from St. Joseph's Basilica and St. Francis of Assisi parishes. Their two children were raised and one baptized at St. Dominic's.

Hilda was the first Secretary Treasurer of the CWL when the council was inaugurated. Hilda witnessed many changes in the CWL including the merging of the St. Dominci Savio and St. Francis of Assisi Council in the 1980's. Although the councils would eventually separate (as membership increased) Hilda fondly remembers the work the councils did together. One of the many fundraising projects the CWL council embarked on was the task of adding the basement to St. Dominic Savio church building, and furnishing a well-appointed kitchen for the parish. Hilda was also involved when the CWL established the sale of Religious Articles in the kiosk in the foyer of the church which continues today.

Like Hilda, Charles has also been engaged in fundraising. When the parish campaigned for the building of the basement, Charles was always willing to help out. Charles always has a smile on his face when he reports that the parish moved back into the Church with a basement (and well-appointed kitchen) in 1996 and had the project paid off in three years. The Annual Spaghetti Supper, where Charles volunteered many hours, was originally held as a basement fundraiser. The dinner continues today raising funds for the youth of the parish to participate in World Youth Day events and activities.

Hilda and Charles are not alone in their devotion to the parish. Their daughter Amanda has taught Sunday school and helped with RCIA. Hilda has also volunteered for RCIA along with Jane Jackson and Grace Lefebvre.

While Hilda and Charles are not as active as they once were, St. Dominic Savio remains a friendly and inviting place, welcoming newcomers every day.