

One of our newly baptized neophytes from the RCIA program shares a reflection on her journey toward the Sacraments of Initiation:

Joining the Catholic Church through the RCIA program was by far the best decision I have ever made. I have had a year full of many ups and downs – from the birth of my daughter to the sudden passing of my father. I had never felt more confused about my relationship with God. I started the RCIA program at the beginning of this school year, and yes I have to admit I was a bit nervous and reluctant about doing so. But I promise you this – it was the BEST DECISION OF MY LIFE. My sister and I hadn't had much a religious upbringing and had never been baptized, so to say we were a bit apprehensive is an understatement. The staff could not have made us feel more welcomed. They were so excited for both my sister and me to join the Catholic Church – this made all the difference in the world to us. The staff and peers we've met along the way were all so loving and embracing of one another; it has given us relationships that will last a lifetime!

All of the wonderful knowledge that was shared with us from week to week is irreplaceable and I couldn't be more thankful. But it's not just about all the 'stuff' we have learned, it's about the close relationship that I now have with God, and that is the biggest blessing I could have ever asked for. Getting baptized and confirmed, and receiving First Communion at this past Easter Vigil was such an incredible experience, one that I will never forget. It was life changing, and to be able to share it with everyone else in the program made it all the more meaningful. I look forward to continuing my 'FAITH' journey and growing in a deeper and closer relationship with God. I want to thank all of the incredible people that have shared this journey with us; this process has forever changed my life in the best way possible.

- Jamie Hornnes