

# *Becoming Catholic*

Becoming Catholic is to take an incredible, life-changing spiritual journey.

This trek normally takes several months depending on the readiness of each individual. This journey is called Christian Initiation and there are ceremonies or 'Rites' at each stage to celebrate the steps along the way. The whole journey is called the catechumenate.

For most adults, contemplating becoming a Catholic Christian results from a gradual process of realizing God's personal call and becoming more aware of God's Grace in your life.

This journey of answering God's call and following in Jesus' footsteps is done by preparing for and then celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The reception of these Sacraments brings one into full membership of the Catholic Church.

- If you are seeking baptism, you would begin a process called the Catechumenate.
- If you are already baptized, you would follow a process of continuing conversion leading up to reception of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

The Easter Vigil, the night before Easter Sunday, is usually the time of celebration with all these Sacraments of Initiation — a festive celebration of great joy.

If you become a Catholic Christian you would be joining a worldwide community of disciples. Therefore you would be guided along the way by members of our Faith community who would share with you and pass on their lived experience of Catholic Christianity. We're here to accompany you, step by step, and to assist you in the understanding and practice of worship and way of life according to the Catholic tradition.

In order to get started simply send me an email or call me. I'll want to set up a time when we can meet and I'll be excited to hear what has brought you to this inquiry. And we can discuss what steps to take next. There is no cost or obligation, and you may withdraw at any point if you chose.

In the meantime, I'll praying for you.

In Christ,

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