

RCIA REFLECTIONS



Megan Adcock:

Going through the RCIA program was such an amazing experience. Religion was always a part of my life; however church was not a part of my family's routine. I grew up Christian and although my parents instilled in me good moral and family values, I was never baptized in the faith. My religion had always been something within me, something I believed and could draw on for strength and comfort but I was neither comfortable nor knowledgeable in it. As I got older I would always tell myself that I wanted to be baptized and to learn more but I never found the time to do it. When I decided to move home to be closer to my family I finally decided to take the step and make it a priority I guess I finally heard and listened to "Gods call". To my delight, walking into RCIA was like walking into a big warm hug. Every week I looked forward to seeing the group. With their support, they showed me a new beginning to life. Sitting in the room, surrounded by people with the same zeal and background, I found it easy to identify and share experiences. RCIA taught me to become spiritually calm and peaceful. I learned so much from my fellow RCIA members and, as time went by, we became an extended family.

The anticipation of being baptized and confirmed was an overwhelming feeling. I received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist on Easter. It was the most beautiful experience I'd ever gone through in my life. Now being a fully participating Catholic gives me such joy, and every weekend when I rise and take communion, I feel renewed and blessed by God.

I thank all of the RCIA members for teaching me what it means to be Catholic and for preparing me to live a life that exemplifies these beliefs.