

Jen Pollock's Testimony

For those of you that don't know me, my name is Jennifer Pollock. And I am a Catholic convert. I grew up United Methodist. As I became a young adult, I could never understand why during sermons the preacher would keep asking if you were "saved" and that you should "ask Jesus into your heart". There was never anything that told me what to do next. Kind of like, "Okay, I'm 'saved', I believe, 'I've asked Jesus into my heart' multiple times, now what?" So, all throughout college and my early adult life I had church shopped. But nothing felt like home. Nothing provided peace. And nothing answered my question of "now what?" Then I met a coworker that quickly became a very good friend. I could tell that there was something different about her. Even when she faced obstacles and hard days, there was a joy that I just could not put my finger on. When she made mistakes or had struggles, she didn't think of herself as a bad person. She would laugh it off as that's how life is, forgive herself and then move forward. During our friendship I learned that she was Catholic and we had many discussions about the Faith. These discussions made me curious and I started to come to St. Peter's in October of 2011. The first Sunday that I attended Mass, I knew I was on to something. It just felt right. I liked the fact that everyone that came into the church, knelt down and prayed. I found this to be very humbling that everyone was acknowledging the fact that they were not perfect but that they were still worthy to be there.

After attending St. Peter's for almost two years, in August of 2013 I apprehensively emailed the RCIA leader to find out some information. Was this for me? How did I fit into this? What if questions surrounded me, but I knew that I had to explore this Faith. After the RCIA welcome night, I felt at home. No questions were deemed as unimportant or too weird. And believe me, I asked A LOT of questions! The more I explored the more at peace I felt. I learned that every time that I screwed up, I didn't need to be afraid that I would lose my salvation, but rather the concept of Reconciliation through going to Confession was the way to move forward and be forgiven. In May of 2014, I officially joined the Church and I have not regretted that decision. The peace that I feel when I enter into this church is overwhelming. And I have been welcomed with open arms and warm smiles! If you are sitting there and have felt the tug to learn more about the Faith, I would encourage you to consider RCIA and attend the Meet & Greet on Sunday, September 12th at 11:45 am, right after the 10:30 am Mass, in the Social Hall.

Please also stop by and see me at the table in the narthex on your way out today. I would love to chat and learn more about your journey!