

RCIA REFLECTIONS



Arley Canterbury:

"I have been "obsessed" with faith since I was young. I was raised Pentecostal, studied Judaism and various other faiths, but always felt a hole in my heart.

Although married in the Catholic Church, I never really considered becoming Catholic, as most Catholics I knew were Catholic in name only and from the outside looking in, it just seemed like a lot of "hoopla".

One day, while switching through channels on the television, I came across Father John Corapi, I felt like he was talking to me DIRECTLY and I better look at the Catholic faith.

So I purchased the Catechism of the Catholic Church, an NAB Bible, and became a Father Corapi, EWTN and Relevant Radio addict, I could not get enough.

After seeing Father Corapi at St. Theresa, I figured if the church was good enough for him to speak at it, it was good enough for me to enroll in RCIA.

When I first enrolled in RCIA, I was thinking of it as formality of "something that I must do." In my heart I already felt Catholic. I did not really think I would gain anything out of it, but, was I wrong.

Not only did I learn the fundamentals of the Church, I gained a new family. Each and every person in RCIA helped me on my journey, but I want to make a special note of appreciate for (sponsor) Tim Daro, Deacon Lou and his lovely wife Ann. These three will always be much more than just fellow brothers in sisters in Christ.

The most important thing I could tell anyone considering RICA... DO IT, and DO IT NOW, as we all need to place the Eucharist at the center of our lives.

In Christ our Lord,

Arley Joseph Michael Canterbury"