

RCIA Testimonial - 2014
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Hello, my name is Jay Sloan and this past Easter I converted to Catholicism through St. David the King RCIA program. I would like to share a bit of my journey to Christ and what RCIA has meant for me.

I was brought up in the Jewish faith and celebrated the usual holidays. But I never felt any real connection or had any real understanding of the religion. As years passed I moved further away and became more spiritual than religious.

When I met my wife Lisa 27 years ago things began to change. She went to Catholic schools all through college. Her parents were devout Catholic's and are Eucharist Ministers. There was something that felt "good" with what was happening but I didn't quite fit even though I was fully accepted by everyone in the family.

When Lisa and I decided to get married I easily agreed to raise the children Catholic realizing I didn't want my children to "just be spiritual". So I continued to go to church, celebrate all the holidays and yet "still did not quite fit in". Over the years I questioned what was missing and I waited. We moved to West Windsor and joined St David the King 16 years ago. We come to church regularly, sat in the 2nd row and watched our children go through Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation for Madison and Olivia who is in the Confirmation process. I still questioned and waited not quite fitting in. Over the years Lisa had asked about converting but only with a supportive interest. Never pressure.

Then last fall when I went to a parents meeting here at church for Olivia's prep class. Peter was there and gave his spiel for the RCIA program. This time I felt he was talking directly to me and something felt different. I decided to explore further. I found the sessions open, supportive, informative and at all times there was no pressure to convert. Because of this I lowered my guard and allowed Jesus to touch me. THIS is what I had been missing! A direction through Christ and that accepting Him doesn't mean giving up my past (which I had struggled with). I learned through RCIA that the Old Testament and the New Testament are connected through history and that there isn't one without the other. Every speaker was passionate about what they shared and was open to questioning (which I did frequently).

I can only thank the good people of St David the King's RCIA program, my wife Lisa, my children Madison and Olivia and Lisa's parents (Ray & Jo) with all my heart because now, having found Christ... I FIT IN!

Thank you for listening.