

## Testimonials

I was first introduced to the RCIA programme at Church of St Ignatius by a fellow parishioner who benefited and enjoyed the RCIA programme here tremendously. It turned out to be a right decision. I wanted to take a step further to learn about the faith, and was encouraged by the school's Catholic Students Society (CSS) friends to do so. I was journeying with CSS for a year before attending the RCIA programme. My sponsor, Charlene was from CSS as well. The journey has been a beautiful one as we saw our friendship develop and how we were able to support each other, to remind each other to attend weekly RCIA sessions and resources to deepen our faith, and placing God in the centre of our lives. We would share how our lives are touched by God and how it has shaped how we deal with struggles and stresses of life - be it school, work, illnesses and death. The Word has answers for everything that we can possibly face, and we are touched by how God personalises the message and approach for each of us -- finding the way that reaches out to us in the most effective way. All we need to do is to be still and lift our troubles to God and be thankful for how things pan out. In God's time, all will be good.



Agnes Lo

Coming from a family of freethinkers and agnostics, I was only introduced to Christianity when I studied at Methodist Girls School. When I met my boyfriend, I attended Sunday Mass with him sometimes and what started as scepticism with the differences in Catholic rituals and tradition evolved into love as I understood the symbolism and deeper meaning. I also began to see how much God loves me and how much he has blessed me with in every area of my life. And I knew that one day I would be baptized into the Catholic Church. Many people played an impact on my decision to RCIA. I procrastinated for the longest time, giving myself the excuse that I was busy with work or school, but when a HPM facilitator at CSC said "What are you waiting for? If you love God, you need to claim your Faith now." That night, I asked my boyfriend's cousin recommend where I should attend RCIA and she said St Ignatius. By God's Grace, everything else fell perfectly into place. I feel like I am able to be a lot closer to God, through prayer and through understanding His word, His commandments and the way Christ led his human life. It has been pivotal in helping me deal with a lot of the stress I feel daily, and in being grateful for the positives and negatives in my life. It has been days since I've been baptized, but I have not stopped feeling an overflowing of love and content in my heart. Easter Vigil is the most meaningful and memorable night of my life, being able to claim and profess my Faith in front of my friends, family and the Church. My family, my boyfriend, my friends, my dogs, my studies, my business -- these are my joys and also my struggles. God is at the center of everything because I know that everything in



my life has been given to me by God's Grace. And through every struggle, I know that I can look to Him to listen and to comfort, even if I don't get any answers, it's nice knowing that someone is loving you through even the worst times. My biggest struggle would be the conversion of my family -- as the first Catholic in my immediate and extended family, I feel a heavy responsibility to lead a model Catholic life, to be a walking testament of the Faith. I experience God every single day as I am able to find Him in every area of my life. Admittedly, I experience him more so in the good times than bad, even though I ask for more in the bad times. Through it all, He always shows me the goodness He is willing to bless us with, and how he will grant the desires of our hearts as long as we stay faithful and true to Him in our actions, words and prayers. RCIA has taught me how to understand His word, how to stay faithful to our Lord, and how to be a good disciple. I will always be grateful for the past 8 months of my life. It is not the end, but the beginning.

Yu Huimin

All my life I had been seeking God, but I did not know how to find Him. I tried to discover God through knowledge, but the more I learned, the further away I felt. After I joined the RCIA program, I learned from Archbishop William that I needed to believe in God first and then I will understand. So I opened my heart completely to God and I experienced His love for the first time. I have finally found God.

Kenneth Matthew Ip



I was deeply touched by the Easter Vigil Mass, and feel truly blessed to have journeyed with a group of wonderful and inspiring people. Heartfelt thanks to Fr Jerome and all the RCIA team. May the Grace of these most special moments continue to carry us in our new Christian life.

David Chetret

I met a few authentic Catholic friends who persistently followed and believed Jesus Christ. Their testimony and presence in my life inspired me to step into the Catholic faith. The Holy Spirit continued to call me through the singing of songs. Our Lord Jesus Christ's mercy is more needed than ever before in my life. I felt an unspoken transcendental connection when in communion in prayer and contemplation with Mother Mary and praying for the intercessions of the saints.

Chen Yong Liang Ezra

I began this RCIA journey with a prayer in five simple words, "In Your Will I surrender." I had wandered too long in rebellion and exile, 25 years of denying God, of choosing my own intellect instead of His Wisdom, of choosing pride instead of a heart of contrition. It was indeed time to come home to the house of the Lord. And like the prodigal child, I finally realised what God meant in Isaiah 43:1, "I have called you by name, you are mine." That call from God happened when I wandered into a Catholic church next to my primary school and I remembered feeling right at home even though I had no knowledge of Jesus or even Christianity. Yet, that same image, that same memory came to me just when I was thinking about baptism and praying about it. Around the same time, I received the best gift of God's love from another child of God (Grace, my sponsor and godparent): an invitation to the RCIA journey at St Ignatius. This journey is a choice I made in response to God's call, in my surrender to God, I chose the heart of flesh, I chose Love, I chose Jesus.



Claire Joyce Lee