



THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Five Reasons to Become Catholic

5. We hunger for meaning and purpose in our lives.

We all want answers to why we are here and what we were made for. The Catholic Church has the answer. God made us to know, love, and serve Him in this world, so we can be with Him forever in heaven. The Catholic Church helps us to fulfill this purpose that God has for all of us. And when we live out God's will for us, we find extreme joy and peace in life.

4. We need God's forgiveness and healing for our failings and God's mercy to help us become better people.

Perhaps you've been carrying around deep spiritual wounds or painful sins that have burdened you for years. The Catholic Church gives us a way to bring our faults, failings, and hurts before God in the Sacrament of Confession, so He can take the yoke off our shoulders and bring us healing and peace, giving us a "new start" every time we need it.

3. Our families need to be built on a strong foundation of faith and we need to live in community with others.

You may have heard the phrase "a family that prays together stays together." It is true! Many studies—and experience—have shown that families who live out their faith together are stronger and happier. If you want to give your children the greatest treasure in the world, give them the gift of faith. The Church also provides us with a community of faith-filled friends in which we can find support and strength for our life's journey.

2. The Catholic Church has the Sacraments—and we especially long for the Eucharist.

It is in the Catholic Church that you experience the fullness of the seven sacraments, which Christ bestows on His Church to help fill us with grace to draw us closer to God. As Catholics, we have the ultimate privilege of receiving Christ in the most personal way possible—in the Holy Eucharist. Countless Catholics have returned to or entered the Church because of their longing for Jesus in the Eucharist. He longs to feed us with Himself!

1. Catholicism is TRUE!

The only really good reason to believe something is because it is true, and Catholicism is true! The Catholic Church is the one Church established by Christ 2,000 years ago (Matt 16:18). It is the Church to which God calls all of His universal family to belong. The Catholic Church offers us deep union with Christ through the Scripture, Sacraments, prayer, and community.

If you've been away from the Church, you are invited to come home! What are you waiting for? God is calling you to be a part of His universal family. We are Catholic. Welcome home.