

Lee's Story

I grew up in a home where religion was respected but not lived. I attended Sunday school as a boy but quit as soon as I was allowed to which was about the age of 10. From that point I developed into a self-professed atheist who believed in an afterlife. Apparently logical contradictions didn't bother me! I discovered God in a very real way in my early twenties and knew instantly that Jesus was Lord and Savior and that the Bible was God's word. Unfortunately all I knew of religion was bits and pieces from my sister who had converted to the Jehovah's Witnesses a few years earlier. I knew they were way off base but some of the anti-Catholic bias stayed with me.

I attended Catholic Church a few times with friends and felt very strongly pulled towards the Church but I was not able--perhaps more accurately--not willing to do the study to find out the real truth. As a result I drifted from one fundamentalist church to another without ever feeling like I had the whole truth and growing more discontented.

Years later I finally started to do some real research about Catholicism and found an anti-Catholic site hosted by James White. On that site Mr White said some rather disparaging things about Steve Ray and about the Catholic Church. Rather than take Mr Whites word for it I went to Steve's site and ended up buying the book "Crossing the Tiber." This gave me the courage to go to my local Parish and begin an accelerated study course in June of 2000. I was confirmed into the Catholic Church in September of 2000 by Abbot Adrian Archer and have never looked back nor felt more at home. Over many years of struggle and discontent God and His Church faithfully called me home. While I can say that I have made it home, my journey has just begun. I would like to thank Steve for the many encouraging emails he sent to me during the conversion process and hope to be able offer the same encouragement to others. Thanks to God and His Church, Steve Ray, Abbot Adrian, and my sponsor/teacher Mike I have made it home to the "one holy catholic and apostolic Church."