

Receiving Confirmation

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1. How did you begin on this journey in faith?

I began on this journey through faith with a strong feeling in my heart of “everything’s going to be okay”. I was going through a hard time in my life and I did not know who it came from, but I felt comforted and hopeful. I began to wear my cross again and pray by myself for the first time in five years, then in time I met my partner, Erwin, a practicing Catholic. The feeling to reconnect my relationship with God began to fill my heart everyday, and soon after I attended Mass. I believe after opening up my heart to God he’s led me to the life I am living now. The people I’ve met, events that have taken place, and the love I’ve experienced.

2. How did you encounter Jesus Christ?

I encountered Jesus Christ in what felt like my darkest times, I had not prayed in years, but alone in my room one night I began to pray. I felt a comfort that this was what I needed all along, a warm hug that although not there physically, my soul was held. Since then I knew I had a best friend in this journey of life and death.



3. What drew you to the Catholic Church?

I was raised in an Irish Catholic household, so I had completed my Baptism and Communion by the age of 9. However, over time I had strayed away from the church and my faith, focussing on stress and anger as well as becoming a person I didn’t like in the mirror. Reconnecting with God at 17, forming a connection with the church and the amazing people in it have helped me love myself again. Because

God has called you worthy and loves you, you need to love yourself as well. The unity, family, love, and peace I feel from attending Mass and visiting the church is something everyone needs.

4. What about receiving the Sacraments are you most excited for?

I am most excited to further my relationship with the Catholic faith. To be closer to God and live my life in His will. I try to live guided by the Holy Spirit, with courage, strength, and kindness above all. So to be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit is something that makes me want to cry tears of joy. This is where I belong, and you are all my family. My Confirmation will be another step along this everlasting journey with Christ.