If you want to speak to someone about returning to the practice of the faith, contact a nearby Catholic parish.

We look forward to welcoming you!

In the Catholic Church You Will Find or Re-discover. . .

- · Jesus' victory over sin and death and our freedom from fear
- · God's gift of forgiveness
- · Hope in this confusing world
- · Values that give real direction and purpose in life
- · The Bible as God's word speaking to us today
- The Sacraments where we meet Christ the Lord, where the Lord meets us
- · The Church as a visible and organized community of faith



Pray for Guidance:

God of abundant life and mercy, be with me. Help me to find you in your Church, which is the body of Christ, your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

You may have questions about your faith and about the Catholic Church.

If you would like to explore a topic or get more information, we would be happy to talk with you and help you find your way back home.

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Come Home to the Catholic Church



Take Another Look and Come Home

If you have left the Church
Or felt the Church left you
Or you just slipped away
Or have questions and

Or say that you're Catholic but rarely go to church and don't feel connected

just don't understand

Or you want to find God and to follow Jesus and you know that you can't do it on your own...

Daily life is noisy and complex. And in the quiet moments, we may allow ourselves to listen to the deeper questions of our heart. Where do we anchor our hope in the middle of this troubled and unstable world? What gives us peace that enables us to move forward without fear? How can we discover not a quick-fix happiness but a deeply rooted joy in our lives?

God is calling us to rediscover the gift of faith in Jesus Christ lived out in the Catholic Church. And here we can find the hope, peace, and joy that our restless hearts yearn for.

It's time to take another look at our beginnings in the Church. It's time to look ahead to the future that God wants to give us. It's time to come home to the Catholic Church.

"My return to the Catholic Church
has brought about a life transition.
This transition isn't something that
happened overnight. I like the person I am today.
I'm kinder, more at peace, and more welcoming.
The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have guided me
through my path and I realize that the challenges
I've faced have only helped me to become stronger
in my faith and stronger as a person."

"I was raised in a home that was not Catholic though my Godmother requested that I be sent to a Catholic School. As a young adult I went searching for a practice of faith that would be comfortable

for me. I spent time chanting with Buddhists and explored the faith of Jehovah Witnesses. What I found was that the Catholic Church was really where I belonged. Now I am active in my parish and have committed to reaching out and sharing the Catholic faith with others."

"Many times as my children went through their religious education instructions, I was nudged by the Lord, but I continued to be filled with fear and shame. The sudden death of my sister was a bottom that

I hit, "Where would I go with this pain?" Thank you Lord for calling me back to you and giving me the courage to say "yes" to you and begin the process of healing and learning more about you and our Church. You have led me to be of service to you, and I'm so happy to be using my gifts to serve you and your people."





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