



My name is Kaitlin Dewhirst, and I have enriched my relationship with God.

I have had an incredibly diverse upbringing in the Church; in many different churches to be honest. As a baptized Presbyterian, who attended a Methodist church, a Baptist school, and finally a non-denominational church, the one constant has always been my relationship with God. I am blessed to have a family who recognizes the importance of faith and raised me with God at the center of our lives and our family. Despite this influence, I became complacent with church attendance during my college and medical school years, attributing this to a busy and demanding schedule. After moving to Detroit, I again avoided finding a home church due to the time constraints in the life of a general surgery resident. It wasn't until I met my fiancé, Tim Deters, that I remembered the importance of the church in continuing to develop my relationship with God. His passion for Catholicism and his family reminded me that the Church is like your family, constantly supporting and encouraging you in growing closer to God.

**ALL ARE
CALLED,
EMPOWERED
BY CHRIST.**

With family always at the center of my focus, I decided to become a member of the Catholic Church shortly after Tim and I got engaged. Going through the RCIA process was so informative and uplifting. I left each Sunday session feeling empowered and ready to face the week with God at my side. The church truly has become to feel like a family to me and through RCIA, I have enriched my relationship with God in more ways than I thought possible.

Today, I feel as though I have gained a new family and received a deeper understanding and appreciation for the Catholic Church. I am looking forward to being married at St. Paul in a Catholic ceremony and sharing in the Eucharist with my husband, raising our future children in the Catholic Church, and continuing to strengthen my relationship with God, my future husband, and my family.

If you are longing for a relationship with God or are seeking to reconnect with the Church, come and explore the Catholic Church, become a part of the family!