



My name is Nick Wilson, and I am a proud new Catholic.

Although I was just confirmed this past Easter, I have had a relationship with Christ throughout my life. I was brought up in the Quaker faith, which is a simplistic (no baptism or Eucharist), lesser known denomination of Protestant Christianity. When I was in college, I met my now fiancée Shaina, who is a lifelong Catholic. Up to this point in time, I did not put much thought toward the differences between denominations of Christianity. After discussions with Shaina and her family about Catholicism, and attending various masses, I decided to reach out to St. Paul about becoming Catholic and joining the parish.

After having a great discussion with Fran Bauer about the church and the RCIA process, I attended the weekly Alpha course over the summer of 2017. The class explores Christianity from a very broad point of view, and features several moving stories of people whose lives were drastically changed for the better as they came to know God. After Alpha, the official RCIA process

began, which involved more in-depth discussion about the scriptures read each week, and learning about many different aspects of Catholicism. It was a great learning experience, and my relationship with Christ has been strengthened as a result.

Although I learned much about the church during this process, I am only a beginner in the church. I look forward to a lifetime of expanding my understanding of Christ's teachings. Shaina and I will be married this October, and we are excited for the future to raise a family of our own in the church. I encourage anyone who

seeks a closer relationship with God to look into Catholicism; it will deepen your understanding of Christianity as it did mine. If you are unsure, or are a newcomer to Christianity, I encourage you to reach out to St. Paul about Alpha; the course shows

how wonderful life can be when you allow God to be a part of it.

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