



## **My name is Leah Colucci, and since becoming Catholic I have found peace and forgiveness.**

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Not growing up in a church, I always knew I was missing something. Although I was not raised religious, I still believed in God and Jesus Christ. After all, my entire family consisted of all Catholics. I met my husband Marc around 10 years ago. His family is really strong in the Catholic faith. They went through a very hard time as a family, and always reassured me that Christ was the reason they got through it. They begged God to make things right and he answered their prayers. I knew after hearing this many times, I needed a relationship with God and Jesus. I struggled with forgiveness and anger. I never understood why things were the way they were sometimes. I wanted answers. I wanted to be more understanding in situations.

I began the Alpha course in the summer of 2017. The Alpha course helped me realize that Catholicism could be any person's saving grace. Some of the most troubled and lost people have turned their lives around due to finding Jesus. In the fall, we began to attend Mass

and our study sessions. There we learned about scripture, prayer and the Catholic Tradition. This learning portion was extremely helpful, and all of my questions were answered. My relationship with Christ grew so much stronger during the weekly lessons and discussions.

Since becoming Catholic I have found peace and forgiveness. Things will not always be the way I want them to be, and I now know that is okay. I learned that there is a bigger picture behind everything that happens. Life is full of lessons, but Jesus is always in your

corner fighting your battles with you. This is just the beginning of my journey into Catholicism and I look forward to teaching my unborn daughter about faith. I strongly encourage anyone who is looking for a relationship with Christ, to

reach out to St. Paul's RCIA program. A relationship with Christ is such a beautiful journey and RCIA is just the beginning of a lifetime of hope, love and faith through the Church. It has helped to change my life, and it could help to change yours too.

**JESUS  
CHRIST  
MAKES ALL  
THINGS NEW!**