



領洗後的感想 (二)

Reflection on my baptismal day

Anna Wong

今年三月二十六日是我人生另一個大日子——我領洗的紀念。這天是復活前夕，我的感受是緊張和興奮。當晚禮儀慶典隆重而神聖，燃亮的五傷蠟，代表基督的光戰勝黑暗，領受聖洗是終身一次的禮儀，我在領洗的一刻，感受十分開心，穿上白袍，代表將舊的我送走，真正成為一個基督徒。作為天父女兒感到好光榮，藉著天主帶領，從黑暗走向光明，全心全意愛上主。以後要努力去學習，堅定信仰，宣揚福音，體諒和關心，愛人如己，彼此相親相愛，作地上的鹽，世界的光。我初次領聖體，非常感動，天主給我恩寵，分享祂的聖禮，感謝主的恩寵，感謝聖神的帶領。感謝主！感謝主！

祈禱要有信德，一切要有信心，要聽天主說話，理性分析，良心辨善惡，教會訓導，星期日去聖堂，令身體心靈得到靈性上的滋養，遇上有困難事，請教有經驗人士或神職人員，多參與彌撒，每日應多次祈禱，多些感恩，多些讚美主，終身學習，互相扶持，抽多些時間研讀聖經，祈禱中直接向天主說話，無論開心或憂慮都向天主傾訴，藉著祈禱中和天主交談能讓自己與天主共融，良好溝通，以建立親近關係，生活才有意義，天主的愛，永恆不變。

Annette

我是一個十分平凡的家庭主婦，在參加慕道班前，生活過得無聊，但自從參加了慕道班後，時間充實了，學道理，閱讀聖言，還要參與主日彌撒，學習彌撒的意義。時間過得很快，到了三月二十六日晚上，我終於領洗了，成為一個天主教徒。除了結婚外，領洗也是人生另一大事。至於領洗前，我們是不可以領受聖體聖事的，現在我可以領聖體了，這一年的努力，我終於夢想成真，可以在別人前勇於宣認我是天主教徒，多開心呢！

陳李琴仙

我因家族的傳統影響而信佛，一直都無法改變自己的信仰。其實我也相信真神，由于我的固執總以為只要不做壞事，信佛或信真神也無所謂吧。所以我沒打算領洗，當天主知道我停留在十字路口，進退兩難的時候，祂沒有放棄我，還安排了教會的兄弟姐妹來關懷和協助我。在黃美芬的愛護和引導，和胡師父的鼓勵下，將我這粒壞種子撿回，重新播種，令我重生，走向正路。非常感恩，感謝天主的安排和寵愛，寬恕我的罪過，從此我立志全心全意崇拜信賴唯一的真神，耶穌基督，我們的天主。

Connie Kong

在未參加本堂舉辦的慕道班前，我對天主教的認識及了解有限，但自從參加了慕道後，我對天主教的認識及了解增多了，亦慢慢對個人的思想有很大的改觀，亦對人生的方向有很大的啟發，在閱讀聖經及慕道課程中，使我更了解天主教這個大家庭。最開心的莫過於接受了聖洗，終於可以做個真正的基督徒了，成為天主的女兒，感覺十分光榮和有福。

Josephine Chow

三月二十六日對我、丈夫(Bill)和兒子(Boris)是一個值得紀念的大日子。我們一家人領受聖洗。能夠成為天主教教徒感到很光榮和高興。從小學、中學都是在天主教學校就讀的我從未想過成為天主的女兒。感謝天父的眷顧和寵愛，令我和Boris有機會返教會去認識和皈依。

領洗後，最大的改變是學懂怎樣分享天主的愛，以愛還愛。在教會看到各人對我們慕道者無私的付出，令我深受感動。所以藉此機會多謝朱神父、凌修女、所有導師和義工、Augustine、Anthony、Agatha、我的代母Magdalena、Boris的代父母Tommy和Maria。

多謝他們為我和Boris所付出的一切。感謝主。

Alan Chan

我人生中最難忘的日子是二零零五年三月廿六日。那天晚上，我感受到從黑暗走到光明；隆重的領洗禮儀令我得到重生，現在有了新的希望，有如「死於罪惡，活於天主；穿上基督，成為新人」。

自從去年九月，參加慕道課程，我更深入認識耶穌，參閱聖經和了解天主教教義；發覺我以往的人生路上如在黑暗中摸索，要追尋的真正喜樂是那般的飄渺。可是加入了慕道班後，我實實在在找到了人生的意義和目的，我懂得珍惜生命，珍惜目前，有了盼望，深信耶穌為世人贖罪，釘十字架死後可復活和永生的道理。領洗之後得到重生，我承諾跟隨天主、放棄自我為中心、接受上主賜福過著平安和喜樂的生活。因為聖經提示：我們應常喜樂，不斷祈禱，事事感恩，寬恕和讚美。我會在家庭裏，工作上，社會上，世界上，宣揚「彼此相愛」和基督的信仰。深信以上的得著和智慧，比任何物質、金錢更可貴。

在我們的人生旅途上，除了平安和喜樂之外，也一定有考驗和軟弱的時候；但藉著終生學習聖經、參加教會活動等不斷加強信德，全心去相信耶穌。正如祂說：「我是道路、真理和生命」。(若 14：6)

陳岫

我是在家庭美滿工作順心的時候，突然的晴天霹靂：醫院通知我，告訴我得了再生障礙性貧血。我當時人已經愣住了，眼淚不知不覺已奪眶而出，大腦一片空白，都不知道怎麼回家的。後來的日子每天感覺渾身無力，鼻子、牙齒流血，由於免疫力極度低下，每天都在感冒之中。經過醫院的兩次住院治療，都沒有好轉。我因此一直過著像吸血鬼般每兩個星期就要輸一次血的生活。醫生告訴我只有做骨髓移植才能痊癒，但我的幾個姐姐的骨髓沒有一個可以和我 合的，我燃起的希望又跌到谷底。生活中唯一讓我欣慰的事兒，就是我的丈夫對我無微不至的照顧，他對我不離不棄，一直守在我的身邊。他是一個虔誠的基督徒，他經常為我禱告，給我講聖經裏面的故事聽。雖然我們已結婚很多年，但未移民來加拿大之前，我們在中國大陸工作很忙碌，彼此不去干涉對方的信仰問題。所以也很少能靜下心來聽他講聖經裏面的故事。生病以後，人變得脆弱了，不再覺得自己能操控自己的一切了，於是我也學著丈夫每天念一小段經文，向主禱告：「求主賜給我健康，給我的丈夫平安。」主真的聽到了我的祈求，祂要賜給我恩寵，但還要給我一個嚴峻的考驗。沒過幾天，醫院突然通知我，已找到合適的骨髓配型，我可以做骨髓移植，但成功率只有 25%，失敗就意味著死亡。我當時義無反顧的在同意書上簽字，既然主給我這次機會，我怎能放棄，不論成功或失敗，主都會有祂的安排。於是我住進了醫院，開始接受化療，在化療的第三天，我迎來了我的二十八歲生日，這個生日對我意義非凡，二十八年前的這一天，是我生命的開始，不知道二十八年後的今天是不是我生命的結束，在醫院裏我的丈夫一直陪著我過了一個快樂的生日。真的感謝主把我的丈夫在茫茫人海中領到我的身邊來，讓我們組成一個家庭。住院的第四天是我放療的日子，惡心、嘔吐越來越厲害，全身筋疲力盡，不想說話，不想吃東西，也就是這一天，我幸運的遇到了主派來的使者 湛修女，看到她親切和藹的面容，使我產生一種強烈的信任感，和她交談，當她聽說我的丈夫是天主教徒時，她便和我的丈夫一起為我做了一個禱告，我的丈夫告訴修女，我很想領洗，求主教免我所有的過失。修女答應了丈夫的請求，她說她來安排一切，就在二零零三年九月十八日這一天，是我骨髓移植後的第一天，也是我真正與主溝通互動的一天，我在病床上受洗了，神父在我的額頭上倒了三次水，我哭了，我看到丈夫的眼角也挂著淚水。我終於像剛出生的嬰兒一樣的純潔了。一切都從新開始了，不論我的肉體還是靈魂都重新開始了。儘管我當時的身體疲憊不堪，但我的心裏很興奮，我終於可以和主直接對話了。後來骨髓移植的排斥反應在我的身體裏可怕的發生了，渾身長滿疹子，每天嘔吐十幾次，每天腹瀉十幾

次，口腔、喉嚨全部潰爛，還經常發燒四十度以上，有二十多天不能吃任何食物，只靠靜脈輸送營養，由於嘴和舌頭都腫了，不能講話，但我每天都在心中默默的禱告：求主賜給我信心，和戰勝痛苦的勇氣，主耶穌基督也是一樣的受苦，鞭打、刺冠、苦路、被釘在十字架上，祂是為人類的得救而受苦，而我是為自己的肉身得救而受苦，祂受的是大苦，而我比起來只是小苦而已，我一定可以戰勝自己肉身所受的痛苦。就這樣每天靠主給我的力量戰勝了疾病的痛苦，平安的出院了，在這過程中我目睹了很多病友死去了，我經常為他們祈禱，願他們的靈魂能與主同在。

在主的恩寵下，目前我的身體恢復的很好，二零零五年三月二十六日又領了堅振，通過道理老師的教導我又懂了很多的道理，又增加了許多信心，對主有了更深刻的認識，我非常感謝主對我的垂憐與恩寵，給了我新的生命，感謝天主帶給我那麼多幫助我的好人，接受這麼好的治療，我會沿著主指引我的路走下去。

孟染

我生長在中國大陸的一個普通家庭，由於爺爺奶奶、爸爸都是天主教徒，在我很小的時候，父親在每個主日都帶我去聖堂，所以從小我就對教會的宗教生活有一些了解，在上中學的時候，我在中國大陸受了洗，隨著年齡的增長，經常聆聽神父講的福音，更加深了我對基督的信仰。在二零零一年，我和我的太太移民到了加拿大，在這段時間裏，受到了很多教友的幫助與關心，使我更加感覺到教會是一個大家庭。由於我在中國大陸的受洗資料無法找到，於是在二零零五年三月二十六日我接受了神父的補洗、堅振、和領聖體三件聖事，使我更加堅定了我的信仰。以後我會更加努力去做一個好的基督徒，多去關心別人、幫助別人，使別人看到基督的愛從我身上顯揚，因而去感染周遭的人，使他們盡快走到基督的身邊。使那些迷途的羔羊早日成為基督羊棧裏的一份子。

Jenny Ng

I am happy and relieved that I finally received my confirmation. I have wandered away for so many years and it is so great to realize that God is calling me to follow His footsteps again. It was such a touching moment when the entire church sang for us and welcomed us with open hearts. I felt I became a part of them as well and am excited to be a part of this loving community where we can all grow and support each other in our spiritual life. May we always remember to give thanks to God for all His Blessings. Thanks to all the people who put on their time and effort to make RCIA possible. I am grateful to have gained some valuable friendship on RCIA and I hope to keep in touch with all of you! Remember that "Nothing can separate us from the love of God". (Romans 8:39)



Janet Sze

The day started off like any ordinary day, except that something extraordinary was happening in the Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church. A group of newly elected 2004-2005 catechumens set off in high spirits to the Easter Vigil, which was held on 26 March 2005 – a day for baptism and confirmation.

The mass started in darkness, but the glimmers of candles quickly lit up the whole church. The light illuminated my heart and it reminded me of the gospel about Salt and Light; it tells us that “[our] light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things [we] do and praise [our] Father in Heavens”. Afterwards, hymns were sung and scripture passages were read. Then, there came our long-awaited baptism. I was shivering the whole time at the prospect of going “onstage”. One of the reasons may have been because I wore short sleeves, but most importantly, I was very nervous and excited. When the holy water was poured on my forehead, I had no idea how to react. I forgot to smile in front of the camera and I forgot all the rituals that I was supposed to perform. Right after my sponsor put the white garment on me, I was overjoyed and touched. I could hardly believe that I was finally a Catholic, after waiting for that moment since primary school when I first learned about our Lord, Jesus Christ.

God asks us not to be afraid to love, and He gives us strength to resist temptations. Although the liturgy is finished, my spiritual life does not just end there. I will strengthen and deepen my bond with the Christian communities, and be the “salt of the earth and light of the world”.

Winnie Ng

I am so grateful to be a part of RCIA this year. To get to where I am now requires great motivation, perseverance, and faith, and I thank God for keeping me in the right direction and not falter under difficult circumstances. For the past few years, I must admit there were times when I felt lost in life and didn't know what to do. By praying everyday, it has definitely helped me get through those days and realized that God always gives me the best, but not necessarily what I want.

Being part of RCIA this year has allowed me to meet friends who are in the Catholic family and have the same belief. This has been very valuable and everyone has been very supportive to each other and we had lots of fun together. It is difficult to find peers with the same religion and I hope my role as a catholic will help extend the belief to my friends who have not yet known Him.

I thank those who put in so much time to organize RCIA. I thank my sister who motivated me to go to RCIA, my parents who had me baptized when I was a baby.

Owennie (Samantha) Chan

Ever since I was a child I have always known that I was lucky. Not until recently that I realize I was especially blessed, for God has chosen to plant a seed early in my life that has since blossomed and finally came to fruition. Last year, I experienced the first miracle in my life – a strong calling combined with a series of events that has drawn me to this Church, where I have answered Him by registering for RCIA. Our weekly meetings not only solidified my understanding of the Christian faith, but also fostered a sense of fellowship and belonging amongst the catechumens. By the time Easter weekend arrived I was ecstatic after all, I have waited literally all my life for this moment.

The night of the Easter Vigil came and went in a whirlwind along with the visitors, the news crew and all the commotion. The most memorable moment for me was not when the soothing holy water dribbled over my forehead, but when I received my first Holy Communion. The feeling that Christ and I became one was simply overwhelming. Words cannot describe how I felt.

Living and learning the Christian way by no means stop after the euphoria of baptism. It is just the beginning.

Living in a family where there are multiple faiths certainly poses some challenges, but I do trust that He is with me through everything. It turns out that the encouragement I received from my family was tremendous. Throughout my journey, the support shown by my godmother, friends, our catechists and fellow parishioners were absolutely phenomenal. I am most deeply touched and grateful.

In return of His generous gifts, I am determined to be the salt and light, and be a true testimony of Jesus' altruistic love for us. I look forward to deepening my faith and strengthening my bond with God.

Hallelujah!

Gigi Lau

During the Baptism, it seemed like there was something missing because my family wasn't there. They were excited and supportive about it just the same, asking about the details afterwards, hurrying me to send pictures to them; but of course it wasn't the same. So, I had very mixed feelings that day, excited but homesick. But it was as if God knew that I'd feel lonely on a day like this. My friends, all non Catholic, and one wasn't Chinese and had trouble understanding the Easter Vigil itself, showed up to support me! I knew that they thought the Vigil was lengthy and hard to understand, but they still showed up, and they stayed till the end, took pictures with me and for me, and made sure that they had good shots so that my parents will be able to see the process. That day really meant the world to me, and He added an extra magic touch to it.