

洗禮感想

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完成慕道班，在導師講了天主、耶穌和基督徒的信仰後，我們懷着非常認真的心情，接受洗禮，並真的加入天主教會。

在洗禮這神聖時刻，我們內心是激動和喜悅的。這一刻，我們清晰的明白到：我們將棄罪重生，跟隨耶穌基督，我們將得到主耶穌基督給予我們豐盛的恩惠和生命。我們將與耶穌基督同死生共，並且已經在復活的生命上與他結合。

回想往事，從我們到達加拿大的第一週，天主就幫助我們安頓在天主教教友的家裡。從那時起，我們便開始踏入天主教會。回頭一看，已經六年有餘。在這段歲月裏，我們學到了很多信仰知識。記得當初步入教堂，只是懷着對耶穌基督的好奇，想去了解、認識祂。在每週參與彌撒和在網上搜索關於耶穌及聖經的知識後，從一無所知到一點點了解，然後加入慕道班學習，閱讀聖經和接受導師的教導，我們學到了人生的道理和做

人應有的態度。慢慢的我們從對天主的一無所知到今天接受洗禮，擁有了人生應有的信仰。這一段慕道的時間說長非長，也並非一路順暢無阻，最終我們收獲了，讓我們倍感欣慰、更感自豪！在此，我們要感謝天主！感謝神父和教友們！讓我們在天主教的大家庭裡，學到可貴的基督精神，那就是奉獻的精神。

在今後的信仰生活裡，我們一定盡我們所能、傳揚基督，讓更多人認識耶穌基督，加入我基督的大家庭。我們更會藉着祈禱，通過跟天主的溝通，獲得更多主耶穌的恩典。感謝天主。

Steve and Rene 在 2019 年



My Journey of Faith

Michael Chiu

Religion, God, Faith and Jesus have always been around my life since I was baptized in Hong Kong at the age of five. Growing up in a Catholic elementary school in Hong Kong, bible studies and daily prayers in the hall before classes start were part of a standard routine. "Our Father" is probably the first prayer in Chinese that I learned as a child. At the age of nine with my family, I immigrated to Canada.

Fast-forward to around twenty-five years after is a man who had just met the love of his life but have since parted with the Lord. There are many reasons and excuses that a nine-year-old, baptized child can come up with for not going to church, such as my dad is busy; I do not know the English language very well; my mom does not have a religious belief and many more. The main reason at the end of the day was that I never opened up

myself to the Lord. I would go through the motion of prayer and memorizing the contents of the bible class without giving it much thought other than to get my desired grades.

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:17 Since meeting Yvonne, my now wife and soon to be the mother of our child, I felt the calling from the Father to return to his embrace. We wanted to get married in a church.

While at the time, both of us did not know the implications of what marrying in a church means, I do know that as a baptized catholic, I was to be married in a catholic church.

And in order for me to find my way back to the Lord and the Catholic community, I decided to enroll in an RCIA class.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13 So begins the journey of faith for both my wife and myself, one of discovery for my wife as a catechumen who has never given religion much thought, and a journey of rediscovery for myself, one who has forgotten about the Father growing up. Through the teachings from the RCIA staff at Canadian Martyrs, the supporting laity of the church and our sponsors, me and my wife learned many important lessons of sacrifice, compassion, forgiveness, joy, sorrow, humility and most important of all remembering the grace that God has given to us to live and spread joy and His words in this world.

"Therefore say to them," Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Return to Me," declares the LORD of hosts, "that I may return to you," says the LORD of hosts. Zechariah 1:3

The journey of faith, which has just barely begun, has already given us a lot of joy. The joy of reconnecting with friends and family through them being our sponsors, the joy of being able to join the members of the Catholic community of Vancouver, and the joy of being closer to our friends who now we can converse on topics of spirituality on top of everything else. We thank God for giving us the Grace to go on with our daily lives and we promise to carry the weight of His teachings and apply it through the rest of our lives.

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