

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)



Elizabeth Cavanagh Wright

**ELIZABETH CAVANAGH WRIGHT – candidate
for Reception into Full Communion with the
Catholic Church – March 6, 2011**

My name is Elizabeth Cavanagh. As a child, I was baptized in the Lutheran Church and was brought up in the Lutheran Religion. I attended Sunday School for many years learning my faith and practicing it with my family.

When I met my husband, William Wright, I found he was a Catholic who practiced his his faith. When we were making our plans to be married, I decided I wanted to be of the same faith as my husband so we could share our faith together.

I attended RCIA classes and on March 6, 2011, I was received into the Catholic Church, making my Confirmation with Bill as my sponsor, and receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

We were married in the Church of the Little Flower on March 19, 2011.



Howard L. Joseph Jow

**HOWARD L. JOSEPH JOW – candidate
For Reception into Full Communion with
the Catholic Church – April 23, 2011**

My name is Howard Jow. I was born on September 6, 1949 and spent my childhood growing up in the Lower East Side of Manhattan by the Williamsburg Bridge. My parents came from China in 1938.

I graduated from Aviation High School and received my Bachelors Degree from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. I entered into Military Service in 1971 and served in the Army as a combat engineer.

I married my wife, Doris, in 1985 and have a son, Kevin, who is attending college at Virginia Military Institute. We have lived in Berkeley Heights since 1991.

As an American Baptist I felt I did not get a full meaning of what it is to be a Christian and be closer to God. I felt I would be more of a “whole Christian” and closer to God if I became a Catholic.



Kevin Joseph Barcelona

My name is Kevin Barcelona. I was born and raised in Little Falls, NJ and moved to Berkeley Heights with my family 5 years ago. My wife, Christie, and I have been married for twelve years and have three children (Ryan -11, Emma – 7, and Mary – 4).

I was baptized as a child and received my First Holy Communion. From that point forward, however, the encouragement and motivation to continue my religious education was lacking in my life and did not resurface for many years. Therefore, I never made my Confirmation.

It took me a number of years to really find my faith and many of those years I felt lost. My inspiration to move forward has truly come from my family and, in particular, my wife who went through the RCIA process two years ago.

I am very excited to make this next step in my life and move towards an even stronger relationship with God and the Church.

KEVIN JOSEPH BARCELONA– candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation – May 15, 2011



Ann Michele Lang

My name is Michele Lang. I grew up in New Jersey, and have lived in Berkeley Heights with my husband and our daughter for the past four years.

About a year ago, I reached out to learn about the RCIA program at Little Flower. It seemed to be the logical time because my daughter would be starting her Religious Education classes in the fall, and I knew that as time flies, it would not be long until her First Communion. At that point in time, I thought my feeling of need to become a Catholic was for my daughter since I wanted to be able to share communion with her on that special day.

Of course, there was also the age old saying ringing out in my head that the best way to teach was by example. It all seemed to make perfect sense.

So it was all set. September came and we both began our Religious Education on Sunday mornings. (Our classrooms are actually right around the corner from each other). Throughout the past months, I have learned a great deal, not just about religion, but about myself as well. I had always believed in God, and appreciated all of his wonderful gifts and blessings. I just had not quite figured out where to go with it. Now I know that my decision to become a Catholic was not just for my daughter, but for myself as well. On a daily basis, I find myself turning to God to ask for strength or patience, as well as to thank Him for so many wonderful gifts. It had not occurred to me that I had turned onto this path to fulfill my own self; as a way to strengthen my faith and beliefs. I am very grateful to everyone for welcoming me, and helping me as I continue on this journey.

ANN MICHELE LANG – catechumen to be baptized at the Easter Vigil - 2012