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Roger: When Heidi decided to join the Church I was very happy and excited but not so happy I was being asked to participate in RCIA. I thought of RCIA as a dry irrelevant rehash of what I already knew. I was wrong; RCIA is an interesting discussion and reflection of our faith. The team made the program meaningful and relevant to today's issues and I am happy to enthusiastically recommend it to anyone thinking of joining the faith or being a sponsor.

Heidi: The RCIA program was a very positive experience for me. I grew up Protestant and Christ had always been an important part of my life. I said my daily prayers, was thankful for my friends and family, but I had not attended church on a regular basis in many years. As a young adult I had decided religion was a private experience between me and God; attending church was not important as long as you believed.

As I began attending mass with Roger I truly enjoyed spending worship time with him, the worship service of mass was intriguing to me, and I began to sense the importance of being a part of a church community. I still believe my love for Christ is a private experience but through my RCIA journey I realized it is also meant to be shared.

I am thankful to Charlie and Pat Birmingham, Sister Kathleen, the Deacons, my sponsors Roger and Carol, and the entire RCIA team for their commitment to this program. Not only did I learn about the Catholic Church and meet several new friends, Christ is now the center of my life with Roger and not just someone who listens to my prayers.