

EXAMPLE ONE:

We got a call from a friend inviting us to attend a mission led by Father Eugene O'Reilly at St. Joseph's Church in Powassan. Four priests were there to hear confessions at the end of the mission. One in each corner of the church. Father O'Reilly was near the front, right out in the open, without the safety net of closed doors. He put his hands on the shoulders of each person and leaned in to hear their confession. I wasn't thrilled with this arrangement. Two things, he could see me and so could everybody else. I had a list of sins. The first of which was that I had not made a confession every year. Well really several years. As I got closer to Father, the lady behind me tapped me on the shoulder and said "I don't have any sins to confess, could I borrow some of yours?" I was ready to give her the whole list and run. Then it was just me, Father O'Reilly and God. As his hands rested on my shoulders, I poured my sins and my heart out. And I wept. Right there. And this dear priest whispered in my ear "Repeat after me. God loves me and forgives me." He encouraged me to say it three times asking me each time to believe it deep in my heart. And, I felt that I had been born again.

Mary-Lee Moynan

EXAMPLE TWO:

Pat and I experienced a Marriage Encounter Weekend in the Fall of 1973 and our love for each other was reinvigorated but the weekend led us to realize that God was not a part of our everyday lives. Through our follow-up sharing groups (most of the other participants were Catholic) we developed a desire to "have what they had" in terms of their faith and we went on a search for a faith community that we could feel comfortable and welcomed in. We could not find anything that came close to what we felt when with our Catholic friends or when we went to mass with them. Eventually we went to see our local pastor and although he had never experienced both partners in a marriage wanting to convert he welcomed us with open arms as did our church community. As it turns out this is the best decision we have ever made second only to our decision to marry and have children.

Richard Dinnes

EXAMPLE THREE:

Like many others, when St. Rita's closed, I didn't know where I would go to worship. I decided I would attend Mass at each of the three English Catholic churches and see where I felt my best fit was. On the first Sunday, I came to the Cathedral. I was honestly expecting an impersonal experience. It was just the opposite. It was warm and friendly and I was delighted that I did not feel like a stranger. And then, when Monsignor Dave started Mass, his first words were "Welcome to your Father's House". I thought to myself, "this is my Father's House". That was it! I knew this was where I was meant to be.

Sharon Brown

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2. Submissions can be emailed to cathedral@bellnet.ca, dropped off to the rectory office at 480 McIntyre Street West (there is a mail slot to the left of the door), or placed in the collection basket in a sealed envelope clearly marked: FAITH SUBMISSION
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Your words can be an inspiration to others!