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Conversion
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HUSBAND, WIFE, AND AM 820 AT THE KITCHEN TABLE

Aaron May says of his Faith Journey to the Church with his wife Ashley and family, “This has been an amazing four years,” and St. Gabriel Catholic Radio has been their teacher and companion all along the way.

This Easter, Aaron and Ashley entered the Catholic Church, receiving the sacraments of reconciliation, Holy Communion, and confirmation.

“We are so happy and we love to share how St. Gabriel Radio has helped us. God was looking for a way to make us Catholic. He chose Catholic Radio to do His work on us,” says Aaron.

The Faith cannot be moderately important.

Originally baptized Christian as a teenager, Aaron’s relationship with Christ has always been important to him, but he began to feel that he was taking his faith for granted. A C. S. Lewis quote kicked off his journey into the Heart of Christ: “Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important,” wrote Lewis. Upon hearing this, Aaron decided that it would serve him well to understand the Christian claims that he believed.

A Catholic-convert friend encouraged Aaron to listen to AM 820 four years ago. Aaron says he would listen as he drove his truck around town on errands and to work. “Then Ashley and I started talking about this Good News. Every night for four years, we would talk about what we heard on AM 820. We read, we prayed, and we journeyed together,” says Aaron.

Former Protestant says, “Listen to AM 820. You’ll learn so much!”

Ashley muses, “Everyone we knew was Protestant. Then Aaron’s buddy converted to Catholicism and started encouraging my husband to listen to St. Gabriel Radio. He said, ‘Listen. You’ll learn so much!’ As Aaron started learning, he encouraged me, but we have four little ones. I don’t have much time and I do have lots of interruptions. But, I listen to St. Gabriel as much as I can. I especially like the call-in shows.”

“In the beginning,” continues Ashley, “half the challenge was learning the vocabulary we were hearing on Catholic Radio.” Words like transubstantiation, Eucharist, and the Holy Rosary were the topic of many late-night, husband-wife conversations over the kitchen table.

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Joy – faithful AM 820 listener in Grove City

MEET COLLEEN LEWIS, COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR



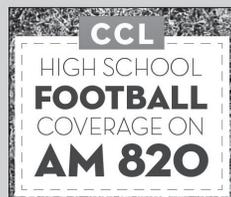
Colleen recently joined St. Gabriel Catholic Radio. Colleen has a heart for parish programs like Eucharistic Adoration and Divine Mercy Sundays. And she loves reaching out to the Catholic community

on behalf of AM 820. She is responsible for increasing parish awareness of AM 820, and commercial advertising sales.

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During this time, the May family was still attending their Protestant congregation. Aaron recalls, “We loved communion and took it as a family, because it was so meaningful. I asked the pastor if we could have communion services more often and he said yes, if the congregation wanted. That seemed arbitrary to me, like making it up as you go.”

Then Aaron heard the Catholic teaching of the Eucharist on AM 820 and realized, “Either it’s true and a game changer, or it’s false and meaningless. If it IS true, I have to vet that claim and ask the Lord to open my heart to this truth.”

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“The mystery of the Catholic teaching about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist had enormous implications in my life,” Aaron emphasizes. “When the priest consecrates the Host, I am so moved that I can hardly say, ‘Amen’”



A big part of Aaron and Ashley’s journey was finding a parish. As their journey advanced, they began to yearn for a parish home, but they couldn’t find the right one. They have four little children and needed a parish with child care during Mass. Problems kept popping up such as schedule conflicts with the RCIA meeting times.

“We found the parish through AM 820!”

“The Lord led us to the door of the right parish,” says Aaron. “One day, while driving in my truck, I caught the tail end of a talk by Fr. Dave Sizemore on AM 820. Wow! St. John Neumann in Sunbury is really close to my house! The next Sunday, we went to St. John Neumann parish. The timing was perfect for the RCIA program! The parish offered childcare! Mass times worked for our family! We made friends and felt welcomed! Now I’m coordinating the Men’s Faith Group. These were not coincidences. And, we found the parish through AM 820!”

The fulfillment of a deep desire.

Ashley has great admiration for her husband who was ready to go Catholic before Ashley was, but he said, “I won’t do this until you’re ready. We can wait.”

Both spouses recognized that sharing one faith builds unity in the family. “It’s very important to us, sharing our faith and giving a clear consistent message about faith to our children,” says Ashley.

Regarding family, she comments, “My parents, who are devout Protestants, were surprised by our decision to convert. They’re even more surprised by what we’ve shared with them about the Catholic Faith: what it means to be Catholic, and how Catholics interpret the Bible. They live in Illinois, so I’ve encouraged them to learn more by

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watching EWTN on TV. I hope, that as my parents watch how our family grows in love, they will begin to see what we have found in the Church. This is the fulfillment of a deep desire for both of us.”

“Logical, intelligent, well-thought-out, and not just a lot of competing opinions,” are the words that Aaron uses to describe Catholic Radio. “I really appreciate the content on AM 820. And there’s no yelling! It’s not about the show hosts’ opinions. At AM 820, I find truth,” he asserts.

Aaron explains that he never really knew anything – good or bad – about the Catholic Church as he was growing up, and even as an adult. Listening to AM 820 pushed him to research the Reformation.

“That research gave me insight into the protest that took place in the Church. It also introduced to me two claims that struck me to the quick: the consistency and oneness of the Church teachings, and the Eucharist. I realized that the Faith is not just Jesus and me; there is a corporate relationship with Christ,” says Aaron.

The unity of the Magisterium won.

“Two compelling claims: ‘the Church is One’ and ‘there is One Truth, Jesus Christ,’ are made by the Catholic Church,” Aaron explains, “and I hear them reiterated, over and over, on AM 820 programs.” This unity of teaching won him over.

Over time, Aaron has found great reading recommendations by EWTN hosts Scott Hahn, Patrick Madrid, Fr. John Riccardo, and the program *Catholic Answers*. “They all say the same thing; they paint an inspiring picture that 1) This is Truth, and 2) we are all together in This Truth,” says Aaron.

He agrees that at home, there isn’t much time for him or his wife to listen to the radio with four little children: Isaiah, age seven; Hannah, four; Josiah, three; and Levi, one. In January 2015, they are expecting their fifth child. Fortunately, the children are deep into their parish experience. Isaiah and Hannah go to Mass and have lots of questions about the bells, the smells, and the movements.

Ashley says, “We don’t want this to be just a motion that we explain to the kids. We take the time to explain what is really happening in Mass. Isaiah starts PSR soon and will take his First Holy Communion next Easter.”

Aaron adds, “Three-year-old Josiah wraps a towel around himself and walks around the house saying, ‘Look, I’m Father Dave!’ We’re encouraging vocations.”

The journey to the Heart of Christ is never easy.

When great souls journey to the Heart of Christ, evil forces kick into high gear. Just weeks before Easter, and out of the blue, Aaron became very ill. A mysterious and terrible pain, with sudden onset, put Aaron in the hospital twice. Every test came back normal. Aaron received the anointing of the sick, and from that point forward he experienced a complete healing. He recovered just in time to participate in the Easter celebrations.

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