



Fall 2015

MARY AND CONFESSION BROUGHT ME TO THE CHURCH

A faithful and lifelong Lutheran, Janine King's first experience with AM 820 was hearing a pastor's conversion story when she stumbled upon an AM 820 broadcast of *The Journey Home*. "I was walking into the grocery store. I didn't want to miss the story so I connected through an app on my phone and listened as I went into the grocery."

In the summer of 2014, Janine and her husband, Scott, were intensely involved in their Lutheran church activities. Janine was organizing her church's Vacation Bible School. She felt a deep devotion to God and to the children of her church but she also felt that she had reached a plateau in her faith.

Lutheran stumbles into a Marian faith group

Janine works in direct sales and a customer invited her to a women's faith study at a local church. She was searching for a path that would lead her closer to God so she joined the group. The topic was *33 Days to Morning Glory* by Fr. Michael Gaitley, the church was Catholic, and the women in the group were on fire for Christ.

From the first meeting, it had shocked Janine to discover that the group was diving into a Marian study! "All of my upbringing worked against this topic but I stuck with it for a few meetings. After the third meeting, I began to see Mary as a mother and to feel that I could talk to her. I often wake up at night and pray. In these night prayers, I began to ask Mary to help me and would fall asleep right away. This had never happened before."

Janine continued with the meetings but she never reached the actual point of consecration. "It was providential that I stopped short of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary because I was still resisting the call. At that point, the consecration would have been too much for me."

Inspiration from Fr. John Riccardo

During this time, Janine discovered new inspiration from Fr. Riccardo on AM 820. "He talks like a real person about marriage, the sanctity of life, and reasoned Biblical explanations. I was attracted to the teaching on St. Gabriel Radio because it's a consistent message. The Truth."

Janine began to feel called to convert. "The pull was so strong, it was physical! It became a need. Yet the thought scared me: leaving the safe haven of our church where my husband was Council

Little did Janine know at the time what a powerful influence AM 820's small seed would have on her life.

"The group dropped two bombs that really got my attention: Mary, and the Sacrament of Confession. These bombs exploded in a shower of flowers!"
muses Janine.

Conversion
of heart



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LISTENER TESTIMONY

"I listen to AM 820 every day while home or driving. I am a convert and AM 820 was a very instrumental part (and still is!) in my faith formation to the Catholic Church. Thank you thank you, thank you, and may God bless you all abundantly!!" - Marian in Pataskala

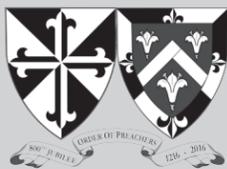
VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Linda Daley, super Spirit Drive volunteer, brought special grace to the Fall Spirit Drive helping reach out to the AM 820 radio family. She explains, "I wanted to show in a meaningful way that listening to Church teachings on St. Gabriel Radio changed me and will change others if we are open to the Holy Spirit."

Thank you, Linda!

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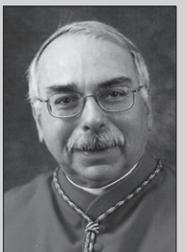
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President, we were loved, and I was going to teach VBS to the children I loved. I was sad as I planned VBS knowing that I would be leaving the Lutheran church. I was afraid to tell my husband. So I kept the secret and prayed."

God asks Janine to surrender everything

Janine tried to bargain with God. "Could I be both Catholic and Lutheran? But I attended the Lutheran service and felt that my heart was leaving." In fact, one sermon at her Lutheran parish struck her especially hard. "You need to go where God calls, even if it means leaving family and friends," was the message delivered by her Lutheran pastor.

At this point, Janine found Fr. Mike Gentry who is also a convert. They talked about what it means to convert, the effect on family and friends. Janine decided to start Eucharistic Adoration even though she was still conflicted. "I cried in Adoration and asked God to send me a sign. 'Speak to me!' I implored. But there was no answer," she recalls. "When I returned home, I found that at the exact moment I was praying in Adoration, friends were posting pictures of rainbows all over their Facebook pages. Rainbows have always been a sign for me," adds Janine. "So these rainbows over Columbus were God's sign to me."

Janine decided to talk with her husband about her call to convert. She also felt a need to talk with her Lutheran pastors, a husband and wife team, about her resignation from church duties and her conversion. "This conversation was very, very hard for me and for them." She remembers a conversation of many tears from the pastors. They offered their support and to help Janine dig deeper into the Lutheran faith but Janine knew the Catholic Church was the one, true Church and that what she was looking for could only be found through conversion.

In the fall of 2014, Janine entered RCIA at St. Joan of Arc. In RCIA, she received a flash drive from St. Gabriel Catholic Radio. She was encouraged to listen to AM 820 by a friend at St. Joan of Arc who is also a recent convert.

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The healing grace of the Sacraments

Three days after resigning from her Lutheran church, an itchy rash spread over Janine's body. She couldn't read, pray, or focus for months. Medical treatments were no help.

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The rash would itch especially during Mass. She wondered, "Is this spiritual warfare?" Janine's mother told her about the Catholic tradition of Anointing of the Sick.

Janine asked Fr. Mike to administer this Sacrament for her. Three days after the Anointing, the rash disappeared! Janine experienced other spiritual attacks on her journey home to the Catholic Church, some coming even from close friends. Janine encourages the rest of us, "Expect push back from evil but stay focused on Jesus."

"Hardest of all during my time as a catechumen was not being able to receive communion. Communion is part of the Lutheran tradition and has always been important to me. I began to see the reverence around the Eucharist in the Catholic Church. I recalled how, as Lutherans, we would serve communion in individual plastic cups and then throw away the cups and remaining bread while Catholics see every drop and crumb as Divinely Precious."

Surprise, Honey, I'm going to RCIA with you!

One huge blessing for Janine was that she didn't have to enter RCIA alone. On the day she was preparing to go to the first RCIA class, her husband, Scott, surprised her, "I'm going with you!" He stepped down from his responsibilities in their Lutheran church. "We have never looked back," affirms Janine. Like so many people, Scott is a diehard Buckeye fan who can't wait for football season. "I long for the day that we can't wait for 'God season' to start and fill stadiums with souls on fire for God," muses Janine. "For me, the first Mass with Holy Communion gave me the feeling of finally being home. Since my conversion, I have met amazing people. Wonderful ministries have fallen in place. All because Jesus is the focus," she says. "Finally receiving Jesus has brought me a complete and total transformation!"

St. Gabriel Radio has been Janine's companion on this journey, "AM 820 programs have strengthened my faith and knowledge. I want to bring everyone into the Catholic Church!" Janine affirms, "I love *Catholic Answers* because it reaches people outside of the Faith, even atheists. It teaches me how to approach them and helps me give them answers."

Toddler's heartfelt kiss for the Cross

Janine and Scott's three children also entered the Catholic Church at Easter 2015. Janine marvels at the faith of her three children, Alice, Adam, and Amelia. "Our two-year-old, Alice, loves the Holy Water even though she splashes a bit when she tries to make the sign of the cross. It was so moving to see her on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. She kissed the cross with such love! Our son, Adam, who is seven, is preparing to make his First Communion. Recently, he asked me to teach him how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy." Adam has made a great sacrifice in the transition from Lutheran to Catholic because he has had to leave his young friends behind. "Amelia, our ten-year-old daughter, is soaking in the Catholic Faith. We went to praise and worship Adoration at St. John Neumann and she loved it. She's open to and excited about the Faith."

In conclusion, Janine encourages people to shout out the Beauty, Hope, and Truth of the Catholic Church. "Had somebody not invited me to join a Catholic Faith-sharing group, and listen to AM 820, I would still be grasping for faith answers," she exclaims. "Invite people to Adoration and to faith study groups. Talk about the grace of Confession and forgiveness."

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Unmarked tomb, Catacomb of Domitilla

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O God, of Whose mercies there is no number, and of Whose goodness the treasure is infinite; we render thanks to Your most gracious majesty for the gifts You have bestowed upon us through the AM 820 family of radio listeners.

Father in Heaven, please look kindly upon our families and receive our heartfelt gratitude. In Your Infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces in the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

"O give thanks to the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endures forever,"
(Psalm 136:1).

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