

Why So Many Decide To BECOME CATHOLICS

Every week...all over the world...thousands of people are received into the Catholic Church as converts.

In some cases, they are prominent, even famous people, and newspapers and magazines will interview them to ask: "Why are you adopting the Catholic Faith?" Usually, however, these converts are just average people and nobody bothers to ask them "Why?"

Yet the reasons which prompt the average person to become a Catholic are tremendously impressive. They are worth the most careful study of all who seek the salvation of their immortal souls, and who search for spiritual truth in a world of confusion.

It isn't easy to become a Catholic. It involves more than a mere declaration of faith and regular attendance at a nearby church. Thorough instruction in Catholic beliefs and obligations comes first, and a firm and fervent conviction must be demonstrated. The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Penance and Holy Communion must follow. And these are only the beginnings of Catholic life and Catholic obligations.

Nobody would undertake to meet such rigid requirements out of mere curiosity, or as a passing fancy. It may be assumed, therefore, that the average person who is thinking of becoming a Catholic has been moved by some strong reasons to feel this way. Is it merely because he has friends and neighbors who are Catholic...because the Catholic Church spans the earth and dates back to the Apostles...because in the Catholic Church there is unity of creed and worship, authority and a distinctive form of ritual?

Any one of a hundred reasons may be responsible for the initial

interest of a Catholic convert. But what is it that prompts so many of them to investigate Catholic beliefs and teachings, and then say to themselves: "This is it!"

The answer comes from the lips of numerous average people who were not originally Catholics but are today. They tell in a clear and understandable way what they found when they looked into the teaching, worship and history of the Catholic Church with an open mind...and into the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. They answer questions which may linger in your mind in a way which any non-Catholic can easily understand, for they too once stood on the outside and, in some cases, were even antagonistic to everything Catholic.

An interesting pamphlet which you cannot obtain elsewhere...describing the experiences of average people who were originally non-Catholics but are now devoted members of the age-old worldwide Catholic Church...explaining how and why they became Catholics...how and why the Catholic Faith can aid and enrich your own personal and family life...will come to you in a plain wrapper on your request—and nobody will call on you. Write for Pamphlet No. FM-27.

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Man and Supermarket

Three brown bags are packed
With items that he spent for—
Everything, in fact,
But the item he was sent for.

—Betty Billipp

Grandma was visiting the young family for the first time, and she was particularly entranced by her daughter's three-year-old boy. Her pride overflowed when she heard the youngster reverently recite his prayers before going to bed.

"That's darling, Johnny," Grandma said. "I hope you'll let me hear you say your morning prayers."

"Aw," the boy replied, "I just say prayers at night. I can take care of myself in the daytime."

—A. T. Quigg

Males on the Threshold of Summer

They're sure that if they'd tan some,
They'd be just twice as handsome.

—Ruth Chadwick

June is the month when many who think they're finished with institutions of higher learning enter one called matrimony.

—J. W. Pelkie

A circus advertised for a lion tamer. Two candidates showed up, an attractive blonde and a husky young man. The girl was first to try her skills. She entered a cage with four lions and uttered a few soft words. Immediately one of the lions strode to her, laid his head gently on her shoulder, and nuzzled her hair.

"Whew!" said the impressed circus owner, turning to the other applicant. "Can you do that?"

"You're darn right," the young man replied. "Just get those lions out of there!"

—John Shotwell

The Height of Injustice

The single girl who's five-foot-ten
Is seldom madder than
When hearing of some five-foot girl
Who snagged a six-two man.

—Hal Chadwick

"It's not that I don't like you," the girl's father said to a prospective bridegroom, "but frankly I don't see how you can support my daughter. Why, I can hardly manage it myself."

The young man pondered this truth for a moment, then brightened. "I've got it, sir," he exclaimed. "Suppose you and I pool our resources!"

—F. G. Kernan



"George, here's something coming up nicely."