

A "YEAR OF FAITH" MESSAGE FROM THE HUFFMAN-CAPPONI FAMILIES

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OLM'S ADULT EDUCATION/RCIA PROGRAM!!

"The RCIA program at Our Lady of Mercy Church changed my life and the life of my family in a profound way. Our faith has become the core of our family and the foundation on which we are building our lives. When you don't know what you don't know it's very easy to lose your way. And the fact is, you don't even know you're lost. But when you've been given the gift of knowledge and truth, as I was through RCIA, you begin to see the world in a different light, and you come to know and trust that God's grace and mercy are at work in your life every day."

[Baptized into the Catholic Faith Easter Vigil 2007] - **Kip Huffman**

"My family's involvement with the Adult Ed program began in the Fall of 2007 when my husband, Kip, enrolled to receive the sacraments. Although a practicing Catholic all his life, he had not received them as a child. Kip attended RCIA class every Sunday morning from October through the following Easter while I stayed home with our young children, and each Sunday he would return home eager to discuss and debate all he had learned that week. It didn't take long for me to realize I knew very little, on an adult level, about my own faith even though I had been a practicing Catholic all my life. I can admit I felt more than a little jealous that Kip was receiving this amazing instruction while I was left to hold down the fort Sunday after Sunday! However, much to my surprise, the following Fall, Kip encouraged me to attend the classes while he stayed home with the kids. I would soon find out this was one of the greatest gifts my husband would ever give me. During that following year I learned that the religious formation of my youth had only scratched the surface of all there is to know and appreciate about our beautiful Catholic faith. Most of all, I learned what it truly means to TRUST in God's love and the plan he has for each one of us. This trust is a great source of comfort and guidance to me as I face the challenges of a mother raising children in these secular times. It keeps me grounded and focused on what truly matters most. I often joke that like many others, I used to think my job as a mother was to help my kids get to Harvard. Thanks to these classes, I now know that my job is to help my kids get to Heaven!"

["Cradle" Catholic] - **Laura Capponi-Huffman**

"I have learned so much about my Faith and I have a better understanding about my earthly purpose in life. These classes have taught me in a personal way, to hear and have a better understanding of the words that Jesus preached. My life is much calmer and I realize how truly blessed I am to be a Catholic. As a bonus, you will meet the nicest people, who really care when they ask "How Are You"!

["Cradle" Catholic] – **Madeline Capponi**

"I was baptized at OLM during the summer of 2007 at the age of 10 and received the sacrament of Communion back home in Oregon the following year. When I moved to New York last June, my dad and Laura enrolled me in the RCIA classes in preparation for reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. I am so glad they did. I learned not only what it means to BE a Catholic, but how to LIVE as a Catholic teen facing peer pressure and challenges every day."

[High School Confirmation Candidate] - **Alysa Huffman**