

Testimonial

My name is David Blume. I am a “cradle” Catholic. I attended Catholic elementary school and Catholic High School. Another claim to “cradle” is that my brother and I served 5:30 Mass for at least 5 years. Nothing tests your commitment like a wakeup call at 4:45 on a cold winter morning.

I have to give primary credit for helping develop my faith to my parents. They were absolutely devoted to the Church and to Christ. In their 70’s they help establish a perpetual Adoration program in their parish. My father frequently filled in at 2 AM when someone could not make their time. My mother, now at 99, says that the only thing she can do is pray the Rosary-which she does continually.

The most important factor in developing my faith was to marry my spouse of 50 years, Mary. She has such a strong faith and commitment to belief in Jesus that it has naturally impacted my faith. I am hoping that I can ride into Heaven on her apron strings. Having a partner who not only shares but strengthens your beliefs is so very important.

Additionally I have been influenced and motivated by the many faith filled friends we have made. I believe that being surrounded by people who live their faith is critical to my own faith commitment. My skepticism of many beliefs and customs is tempered by the discussions that I have with trusted friends. Also, programs like the Small Christian Communities that we had years ago provided an opportunity to discuss and to put into words what I believe and do not believe.

I have attempted to live my faith by volunteering for ministries such as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and Parish Council. By being an ACTIVE member of the parish perhaps I can help this Community become not only a group who pray together but who also put faith into actions.

I give thanks for my parents, my wife and our friends for helping me keep and grow in my faith.