



I Have Grown...

Through my life Journey I have grown not only physically but spiritually. My education and brought me to a better understanding of all that God wants for me. The harder I work toward my goals the closer I am drawn to HIS will.

God lead me to call St. Stephen one day and through that one phone call I found a community who welcomed me into God's family. I have grown to love St. Stephen and its members. I find myself asking why is it that I have come this far in my life? Who has brought me to this place and time? It was not by accident I called St. Stephen.

I am now preparing to be received into full communion into the Catholic Church. It is time. I have been guided by the Lord. It has been a difficult road recognizing the path God has had before me and His constant guidance each step of the way has been a growing experience. I realize now that being faithful to God's call and following in His foots steps we will accomplish more.

I am learning we are here on earth to build a better tomorrow and to help others. At St. Stephen we do just that, we prepare others to know God's love and His acceptance. I hope through my life story others can see we need to always put our trust in Jesus and realize He is always there to help even though we don't always recognize the graces each moment. Let Him give you a helping hand and guide you, like He has guided me. If you are just thinking about being part of a faith community, try St. Stephen – you won't be sorry. It will be the most important decision you will every make in your life.



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