

## Dawn Touns



Dawn Touns' journey to become Catholic began in a conversation with her friend, who asked, "What is missing in your life?" At that point in time Dawn and her husband had been married 27 years, had successful careers and were blessed with 2 sons and a daughter. Dawn's immediate response was, "I am living the dream!" As she reflected on her friend's question she realized it hit on an area of her life that she had pushed aside...her faith. She had

considered the Catholic Church in the past due to her husband's large Catholic family influence, but the timing never seemed right. This experience compelled to her to find out more about the commitment, and she made the decision to journey in the RCIA process. Dawn received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist in August, of 2016, and this is what she shared:

"The experience changed my life. I began to notice what I refer to as 'God winks,' an awareness of how God is present, and working in and through me. I realize that He has always been there, but I was too busy to notice. I went from seeking temporary happiness in the next accomplishment or success, to embracing the peace and joy that only God can give...a gift for me and my family. Accepting God's unconditional love has filled a deep yearning inside of me. I am very grateful to all those that supported me on this journey, and thankful for the loving faith community at St. Peter Chanel."