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My name is Hien Nguyen and I would like to summarize my experience in the 2012 RCIA process at St. Laurence Catholic Church. With little knowledge about the Catholic Church and even less of an understanding about how it would fit into my life, I began. The RCIA coordinator, my sponsor and fellow RCIA participants were always available for me to answer questions and offer guidance and support. Each Sunday morning, we learned about Jesus, the bible, and the church. We were introduced to different forms of prayer, meditation and ways of communicating with God. We learned about the life and teachings of Jesus and the struggles he endured. We learned about the Mass, the gospel, Eucharist, the Sacraments and being part of a Church community. Finally, with the presence of my RCIA coordinator, the God Parents, fellow RCIA participants and the Church community, I was baptized in the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. At the beginning, I thought the reason I came to this process, was for my family, but what I discovered along the way was that RCIA was God's gift to me. I have learned many things in the RCIA, but the most important is that the journey of faith can begin at any time and it does not end with baptism. Thanks to all that made my RCIA journey so successful.