

Congratulations

Fully Initiated RCIA Candidates Easter 2021

Church of Christ the King



Isabella *Gemma* Tropeano

Candidate for Confirmation and Eucharist

Isabella (Bella) Tropeano recently joined Christ the King this past Fall. Bella works as a model and is the Head of Marketing for an online women's fashion boutique. She is also a licensed real estate agent in NJ and MA. When she is not working towards her career, she can often be found traveling to watch her fiancé, Brian Rapp, play professional baseball. Bella also enjoys spending time with family and writing for her blog (bellatropeano.com). The RCIA process has been such a blessing for Bella, as it has helped her find a deeper connection with her faith. Since Bella is getting married at CTK this Fall, having meaningful conversations through RCIA has been so special for her during her journey towards the sacrament of marriage. She is so touched by the support of the CTK community.

Catherine *Angela* Tucciarello

Candidate for Confirmation

Catherine (Katie) Tucciarello is an attorney at an employment law firm in Manhattan, NY. Katie is engaged to Nicholas Pellegrino, an attorney in Newark, NJ, and a long time parishioner of CTK. She is from Rochester, NY and is very close with her upstate family, especially her mom and brother. Katie loves to cook, hike and binge Netflix shows. The Pellegrino family has been a second home to her in New Jersey and has helped her re-find her faith. The RCIA process has helped Katie develop an ever deepening prayer life and commitment to the importance faith in Christ through the Church will play in her own future family.



Sebastian *Anselm* Bess

Candidate for Confirmation

When Sebastian was in 9th grade, working through catechesis towards Confirmation, he found himself unready and saying no. He said, "At that time, I really didn't know why I stopped. I know now that I wasn't choosing my faith, just marching through a process." Just before COVID hit, Sebastian was really convinced he was going to be confirmed at Easter but life happened and he did not. Recently, Sebastian was honored to be asked to be a Godfather, helping him realize he needed to take a stand and confirm his faith for himself. During our Easter Vigil, Sebastian confirmed his faith in God. He is proud of the decision.

