

1. Your search: In the years/months prior to finding the Church of the Beloved, regarding your spirituality, church community and religious experience: What was happening in your heart? What were you thinking? Spiritually? Emotionally? Intellectually?

I was raised as a Roman Catholic. As a divorced and remarried person I didn't feel comfortable attending Mass. My late husband who was also a raised a Roman Catholic and attended Catholic schools had no use for "the church" which added to my discomfort. I've always identified myself as Catholic and prayed, but didn't attend church. The church community I grew up in was cold and distant. I never felt like I belonged.

2. Your finding: How did you first learn of Church of the Beloved (or the ECC)? What finally prompted you to attend Mass? Tell us about your first experience and your response to it.

My sister was a member of Church of the Beloved. I met Mother Kae several times during her long illness and was impressed. When my sister died, Mother Kae performed the service. When my husband was in his last days he asked for Mother Kae. I needed spiritual support during and after his death and Mother Kae was there for me. It was then I first attended Mass. I was greeted with love and acceptance. On my way home I found myself shouting out loud "I went to church! I went to church!" It was the first time in over 30 years.

3. Your staying: Share why you keep coming back.

The peace I feel during and after Mass. The acceptance of the church community.