

My name is Albert. I am a born Catholic, a businessman, a graduate and an engineer by training. I am married to a lovely wife and have two beautiful children.

For many years, I was a "Sunday Catholic", attending Sunday Masses and going for the required annual confessions -- nothing more.

My corporate lifestyle began with multinational companies doing regional jobs. I was frequently away from home. Life was all about fancy meals and entertainment. Later I started a small but successful company. I continued to travel frequently and had the door of opportunity opened to all the worldly pleasures – drinking, smoking, gambling and lust. You name it, I've done it. I began to stray away from God and stayed far away from Him. Then, not surprisingly, I got "involved".

After this involvement was revealed, my life became a living hell. I realized then that through this relationship, I had deeply hurt my wife and my children. I made their lives miserable and unbearable. At that time I had just wished that the world would come to an end.

And then I found GOD!

With much hesitation and reluctance, I went to the Conversion Retreat in August this year at the CSC. As an arrogant, high-handed, highly educated man I thought I knew everything. I was very skeptical and did not even believe in God's abundant graces. But I was so wrong!

During this retreat, I experienced the strong presence of God healing me, consoling me, cleansing me. Tears flowed continuously and freely. God's love showered upon me was so awesome! I was reconciled with God and my heavy burden lifted. I was set free. I was lost and, like the prodigal son I am found. I realized that I am so small and weak when compared with God Almighty but above all, I realized that despite all my weaknesses, He still loves me with a love that surpasses all human understanding.

Although the journey is a struggle, I know that by the grace of God, I can face the challenges that life deals me.

I have experienced the joy and happiness that can only come from knowing God and knowing that His love for me is everlasting and I would like you to invite you to experience this for yourself

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