

My Spiritual Journey: From Philadelphia to Rome

- After COVID ended, I looked out my window on **Easter Sunday**, and the world felt like a prison. Stark, gloomy, and honestly—scary.
- I began confronting uncomfortable truths: suffering, despair, and a deep loss of hope.
- On **Easter Sunday 2022**, I returned to church in Philadelphia and joined a **bike pilgrimage to the Miraculous Medal Shrine**.
- I started praying regularly and reconnecting with my faith.
- The world began to feel like a **playground** again. I felt like a child—reawakening my Catholic roots.
- I spent nearly **two years in solitude**, hiking in the woods and walking nature paths in silence almost every day.
- **My conscience (Christ)** told me to go to Rome—to quit my meaningless job and return to my roots.
- I listened. I left everything behind and went to Rome.
- In Rome, I prayed daily at **Chiesa Santa Maria dei Miracoli**, a church dedicated to a Marian miracle.
- I also drank from the **miracle well** at **Chiesa di Santa Maria in Via**.
- The only reason I found this church was because it was in the best location for street photography.
- My **intuition** guided me there—without preconception or plan.
- I visited **Castel Sant’Angelo** every day and tried to memorize the **Prayer of Saint Michael the Archangel**, which I had first learned in Philly when I started going back to church because I never learned this prayer as a kid in Catholic School.
- I took a **day trip to Paris**, and that night, I had a dream:
- A **clouded dragon** chased me.
- It transformed into a **rainbow in the sky**.
- The next day, I stumbled upon a **sculpture of Saint Michael the Archangel** in Paris:
- He stood above **two dragons**.
- A **real rainbow** appeared in the sky above the sculpture.
- I returned to the church in Rome and told the priest what had happened.
- He gave me a **Miraculous Medal**—a symbol of protection, grace, and Mary’s intercession.

- Ever since that trip, I have been **overflowing with joy, love, and abundance.**
- I found a job that I **absolutely love**, filled with purpose and meaning.
- I've made creative **breakthroughs in photography and art.**
- I am now at **eternal peace.**

I no longer subscribe to the Church's dogma or tradition—

I simply consider myself a **disciple of Christ.**