

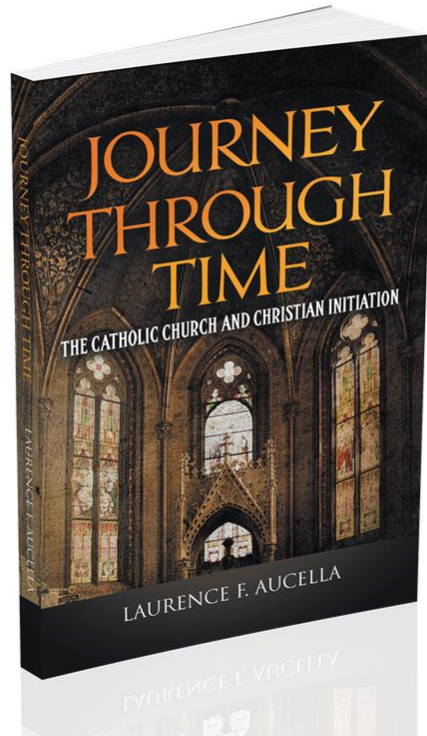
# 'Journey Through Time' is an enlightening exploration of RCIA by Laurence F. Aucella

*Dive into a groundbreaking study blending history, theology, and hard data to uncover what drives and sustains adult converts in the RCIA process.*

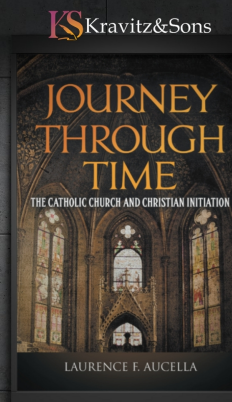
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"Journey Through Time" blends rigorous historical scholarship with engaging narrative. Laurence Aucella traces Christian initiation from its early Church foundations through its rediscovery at the Second Vatican Council, setting the stage for RCIA's modern renewal. His vivid historical sketches bring to life the texts, rituals, and communities that shaped each era of the initiation process.

Building on four years of fieldwork across Connecticut parishes, Aucella presents a pioneering empirical study of twenty RCIA candidates ( $\chi^2(7) = 42.8$ ,  $p < .01$ ;  $\phi = 0.517$ ). He examines how factors like age, vocation, and spiritual motivation predict who perseveres through



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catechumenate, elect, and mystagogia stages—and why some struggle to complete the journey.

The final chapters translate insights into practice, offering pastors, sponsors, and parish teams clear, actionable recommendations. From refining inquiry programs to strengthening post-baptismal support, Aucella's findings equip faith leaders to foster deeper conversion experiences and lasting community bonds

Laurence F. Aucella, E.D., Ph.D., has devoted his life to God and His Holy Catholic Church while respecting all faiths. A lifelong altar server and veteran Eucharistic minister—primarily at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury—he now teaches Sunday School at Saint

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The purpose of this study was to explore variables both demographic and motivational in the examination of how these factors influence and may predict success in the completion of the RCIA process.”

*excerpt from the book*

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