

Is Nathanael for You?

Since its creation, Nathanael has been helping adult Catholics in our diocese to discover new depths in their relationship with Jesus. This deepening of faith has led Nathanael alumni to become intentional disciples - persons willing to answer our Church's needs in a committed and concrete way.

Over the course of three years, participants explore spiritual life and prayer, scripture, Church tradition and are invited to greater personal growth and to actively engage as missionary disciples.

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The following testimonies from alumni of the 2015-2018 Nathanael program could help you find, with the Holy Spirits' guidance, answer the question, and respond to God's call...



The Nathanael English group in September, 2015.

“A few years ago, I felt something was missing in my life. Then I heard about the Nathanael program. I felt it called to me. I learned to pray from the heart, to listen, to talk and to spend time with God as much as possible. Jesus and God the Father are waiting for us to talk to them. God is always there. He loves and forgives

us and wants us to be happy. Scripture in the Bible is God's love letter to us. We all need help on our spiritual journey, and we need to hear and learn about the Good News. God is the way, truth and the light. Forever.”

“In Nathanael, I realized I was not the only one who had this thirst for God. Encountering all these like-minded individuals was uplifting. My life has changed and will keep on changing as I grow into a deeper relationship with Jesus embracing life as His disciple.”



“I knew I needed more. There seemed to be a hole in my soul – a black hole of emptiness. For me, God was still mainly a punishing God. Nathanael has filled that hole; over the three years in the program, I have been freed of this harsh God. He has become to me a caring, watchful God - who still prods me! Not as a punisher, but because He is seeking to fill my soul with His boundless love. I rejoice in my prayer time and am more engaged in the life of the parish.”



“I have always been involved in the Church in one capacity or another. Still, I felt that I needed to deepen my faith, and have a better understanding of the Catholic Church to continue to serve in a more profound and

“missionary” manner. The invitation from Nathanael that spoke to me was: “to find something new in my relationship with Jesus, and to be willing to become the change the Church needs.”

“The constant referral to the Catechism of the Catholic Church throughout the three-year journey put a stability or grounding to the statement “We are the Catholic Church, and this is what we believe”.



“This journey has been a “LIFE-CHARGING” experience! I have grown in my spiritual life, re-acquainted myself with who I have become over the many years, re-examined my talents and abilities and realigned them in order to better serve in my leadership roles as a missionary disciple. I now have a clearer view

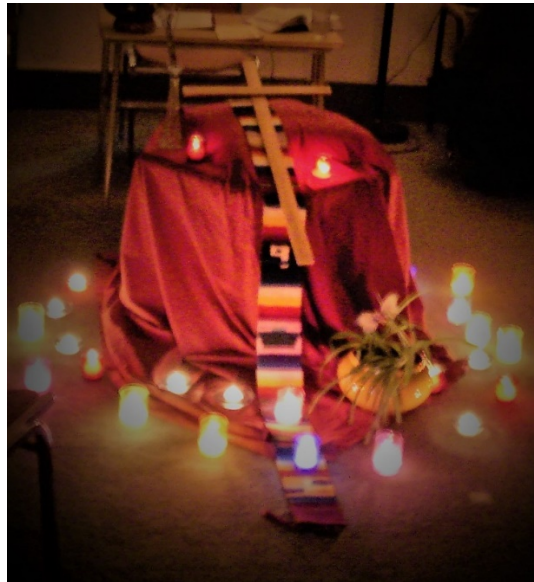
of the path God wants me to follow and a more profound understanding and confidence in my partnership with the Holy Spirit.”

“What I got was community. I became friends with amazing people whom I love!!! Whom I have learned with and experienced things with. That was super valuable to me!”



“I have experienced a greater understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in my life through more personal dialogue with Christ. I have a greater understanding and a seeking to hear what The Word has to say in my life. Above all I have an overriding sense that over these three years, the Holy Spirit was directing me to Christ in some elements of my life – my everyday life - to see, or look for, or hear Him in His passion, and the Cross.”

“At a time when there is much to be concerned about in our Catholic Church, Nathanael was a gift that returned us to the core of our faith. In a family setting we experienced the saving grace of our Lord and how it is manifested in the Church and how we, in turn, can be and are manifestations of that saving grace in our lives. Nathanael gave us tools to be effective disciples with the spiritual wisdom. Strength and *actioned love* to reach out to our families, parishes, communities and perhaps in some ways to the world beyond.”



YOU ARE INVITED!!!! Short Information Session for Nathanael 2019-2022

- At Christ the King, 846 St. Mary's Road. Presenter: Deacon Stepan Bilynskyy, program coordinator.

Saturday, June 1 after 4PM Mass and **Sunday, June 2** after 11AM Mass.

- At St. Bernadette Parish, 820 Cottonwood Road, Winnipeg. Presenter: Deacon Stepan Bilynskyy, program coordinator.

Saturday, June 8 after 4PM Mass and **Sunday, June 9** after 9AM and 11AM Masses.

- At Notre Dame de la Nativité in Somerset. Presenter: Paulette Vielfaure Dupuis, Member of Nathanael Formation Team.

Saturday, June 8 at 7:30PM Mass and **Sunday, June 9** at 11AM Mass.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JUNE 30th!!!