

# Become Catholic at Stella Maris

Encounter Jesus Christ and His love for you in the communion of the Catholic Church through our super-flexible and personal approach to formation.

## We Are Stella Maris

Stella Maris is a “family” of four parishes in southern Clermont County: St. Bernadette (Amelia), St. Mary (Bethel), St. Peter (New Richmond), and St. Thomas More (Withamsville). We’re all about one thing: helping people encounter Jesus Christ.

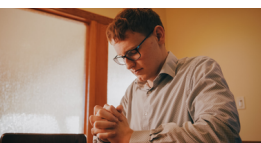
## We are simply Catholic

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.”  
— Acts 2:42



### Eucharistic Devotion

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Catholic life. Consequently, we make the Eucharist central to the Become Catholic experience.



### Radical Openness

We are docile to the Holy Spirit and committed to the spiritual life. Every person becoming Catholic has been entrusted by God with an unrepeatable role in His mission – and gifted for it.



### Committed Solidarity

Every member of Become Catholic has a unique story and inestimable dignity. We respect your journey and come alongside it. Our process is deeply relational.



### Faithful Teaching

We teach the contents of the faith that have been handed on to us by the apostolic Church in her Tradition and Scripture. Fidelity matters.

## Become Catholic Process

### Accompaniment

You will be introduced to a member of Stella Maris who will accompany you in the process of learning more about what it means to be Catholic. You and your mentor will meet (in person or over the phone) several times each month. You'll discuss key reading materials and have a chance to get your questions answered.

### Become Catholic Nights

Once each month, everyone involved in the process will gather for food, fellowship, a message, and time for prayer in the presence of the Eucharist.

### Liturgical Celebrations

The Catholic Church's rich liturgical life provides the sacred space for worship, ritual, proclamation, and communion. Significant liturgical celebrations mark the time of becoming Catholic.

### Lenten Experience

Becoming Catholic culminates with the Lenten experience. During the 40 days leading up to your Baptism or full initiation into communion with the Catholic Church, Stella Maris will provide you with a systematic presentation of the truths of the Catholic faith, along with spiritual guidance for approaching the Sacraments of Initiation.