

Julie and Jerry Powaser Vocation Story

What was your dating relationship like? What were you looking for in a spouse?

We both feel we didn't know what we were looking for in a spouse because neither one of us had an understanding of what marriage was supposed to be. I was not Catholic — Jerry was. I decided to become Catholic (on my own volition — not as a responsibility of marrying a Catholic). That turned into a journey for us both. Julie - learning about and growing in knowledge and faith. Jerry - returning to his faith.

How did you know you found “the one” and that this was God’s plan for your lives?

There have been many significant life-events that we've shared/endured together that strengthened our faith in God and His will for us. We have learned that not our will - but His will be done. It started with Julie's baptism & confirmation just 35 day before our wedding. After the holy water was poured on Julie's head, she looked up to see Jerry's utter joy in what had happened. Jerry felt it was a renewed baptism for him. The next life-event that lead us to fully understand God's will is when we found we were not able to conceive a baby. That's when God brought Wren and Clare into our lives through adoption.

What fears, hopes, or doubts did you have?

We weren't smart enough to have fears and doubts. Hopes were for a long happy marriage with a family.

What does your marriage look like now? What has surprised you about your marriage?

Since MIC, we have learned to pray together each day. This has brought us more intimate with our faith and with each other. We try hard to live and pass on to our two girls that the roll of a spouse is to get the other to heaven.

How have you grown in faith within your marriage?

As time has passed, we've gone deeper in prayer and are becoming more certain in relying on God.