



**OUR RCIA/RCIC CANDIDATES AND CATECHUMENS:** This year we will welcome nine adults and seven children into the faith, beginning with the Rite of Welcome on Sunday, December 3 at the 10:30 am Mass at Holy Martyrs. They will receive their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on March 30. Below, the adults have written short bios to introduce themselves. Our children are Hope, Ethan, Avery, Mateja, Owen, Alana, and Brynne. **Please keep all of them in your prayers!**

- \\ **Dennis** is a retired professional soldier who has been blessed with a wonderful wife, children, and grandchildren. He comes to the Church after a lifetime of both seeking and avoiding transcendence. The path has led him here in the autumn of his life, guided by both reason and faith.
- \\ **Jonas** lives in Freeport with his wife, Jessica, and their pit-poodle-pinscher mix, Monk. He enjoys the outdoors, reading, exercise, and the study of religion. He works in financial services and is active in the recovery community.
- \\ **Josh** grew up in Gray, went to New York for college, and married his high school sweetheart, Krista. He served in the Army in Texas and eventually made his way back to Maine with his wife and their two daughters. Josh enjoys fishing, hunting, and camping.
- \\ **Krista** grew up in New Gloucester, went to college at UMaine Orono, and married her high school sweetheart, Josh. After spending nine years away from Maine, Krista and Josh moved back to New Gloucester where they raised their two daughters, Ella and Sarah. Krista enjoys teaching reading to children in elementary school, and she loves spending time with her family, especially up-to-camp and on the hiking trails.
- \\ **Ella** grew up in New Gloucester and attended Saint Dominic Academy from grades three through twelve. She then went to Wheaton College in Norton, MA where she met her husband, David, who was attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Ella and David were married this summer and are currently living in New Gloucester with their two cats. Ella enjoys hiking and spending time with her family.
- \\ **Bill** grew up in the Midwest and attended Catholic school as a child. He has desired to become Catholic ever since. He is a widower with two children. He moved here to Maine a few years ago to be near his daughter. Now that he is retired from the Navy and in his twilight years, he has finally made the decision to fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming a Catholic.
- \\ **Poppy** is a poet, filmmaker, and musician, from Cape Cod. She works in the film industry as a wardrobe designer and supervisor when she is not helping her family at home. She met her fiancé in 2015, when they were both attending Hampshire College, and they have since embarked together on the journey toward oneness with Christ.
- \\ **Chris and Michelle** live in Falmouth with their two-year-old daughter Ava. They all enjoy running and spending time together outdoors.