

## *The Lost is Found*

A sick day and a movie helped Kim Anderson find his way to the Catholic faith

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Kim Anderson worked in the Iron Range mine in Mountain Iron, MN. Just before Easter in 2007, he was feeling under the weather and left work early. He stopped at the local video store, grabbed a pizza, and headed home. The next three hours would change his outlook on life, his view of Christianity, and would lead him to the Catholic faith.

One of the movies he picked up was *The Gospel of John*. He chose it because one of the actors was also in the series *Lost*, which he had followed a few years prior. "I don't know why I didn't realize it was a religious movie, but during those three hours, I really believe God was speaking to me. It changed my life."

"The pivotal point in the movie that hit me hard was when I heard John 3:18-19. That scared me. I know that Scripture by heart now, 'He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.'" He dug out the Bible that his grandmother had given him and read that passage. There it was, word for word!

The next day, he drove around Virginia and Eveleth, MN, looking for a church. From the movie, he knew that he wanted to belong to the Body of Christ. He drove past all the churches, not knowing what that really meant. He ended up at the Lutheran church where he had previously attended AA meetings and

told the pastor that he wanted to belong to the Body of Christ. The pastor said he was at the right place. For 15 years, he was very involved, but he still didn't know the faith he was practicing.

By Easter of 2021, Kim was still attending services at his church, but due to COVID, the services were only available on the radio. Searching for the service, he heard a pastor preaching about the Gospel of John. He realized that this Gospel of John was something he'd never heard before. The pastor was talking about the Blessed Virgin Mary in a fascinating way. At the end of the service, he realized he was listening to a Catholic Mass on Real Presence Radio. He left the radio on and listened for the rest of the day. His fire for the Catholic faith was lit. Any questions he had were answered by just turning on his radio. Kim has been listening to RPR ever since.

This past Easter, Kim completed RCIA, came into the church, and is still on fire to learn more about the Catholic faith. He loves listening to RPR. From Mother Angelica to Real Presence Live, he has it on all the time. He says, "Catholicism is an experience. With prayer, Mass, Adoration, and the Sacraments, I'm developing a relationship with Christ that I never



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had before, and this has changed me. Now, for the first time in my life, I know what it means to be a Christian.”

After years of being lost, Kim Anderson is home. It all happened because he turned on his radio and

## “I Came So They Might Have Life”

Dear Friends of Real Presence Radio,

We read from St. John’s Gospel that a “thief comes to steal, slaughter and destroy” (John 10:10a), and certainly, aspects of present-day culture subscribe to this motto. John continues: “I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” (John 10:10b). It is this hope that allows our Real Presence Radio family to be so bold as to stand firm against the growing tide of a culture filled with empty promises.

RPR has been immensely blessed to host Dr. Ralph Martin as keynote speaker for several of our banquets this past fall. In Dr. Ralph Martin’s recent book, “A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward,” he provides piercing insight into:

- The human and sinful nature that has penetrated areas of Church leadership in the Catholic Church (“A thief comes only to steal, slaughter and destroy.”)
- The Church as the vehicle of salvation to heal the Church from the interior and exterior. (“I came so they might have life and have it more abundantly.”)

RPR exists and seeks to serve that promise to heal and breathe life. Unfortunately, in 2022, Real Presence Radio has taken a financial hit that has us over \$180,000 below our financial budgetary goals. Operating expenses have risen, while some of our charitable giving decreased. We know for some of

Real Presence Radio was there! Coincidence? I don’t think so! Kim isn’t done learning about his Catholic faith or telling others about the faith. “I use Real Presence Radio to evangelize to bring other people to Catholicism.”

our donors, a reality of higher grocery and gas prices impacts their ability to give, and we remain very thankful for their support through prayer and other ways. RPR leadership takes seriously how we can continue to be gracious stewards of your generosity since we are 100% listener-supported and donor-funded.



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We know we cannot engage this apostolate without your help. **Please pray and ask the Lord how you might be able to give to our end-of-year appeal. Maybe consider how more souls like Kim Anderson’s can be impacted by Jesus, not only because of Real Presence Radio, but by your gift that enables Real Presence Radio to exist.** We have a potential listener base of almost 2.5 million. Imagine a world with these 2.5 million souls on fire for Jesus Christ! Thank you so much for your generosity and faithfulness to Our Lord! God be with you and blessings to you in this holy Advent and Christmas seasons.

Your brother in Christ,



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