I come from a Catholic background and growing up I went to church on Saturday evening and prayed every night. As an adult I became disenchanted with the Catholic Church. So I no longer attended church. My husband did not come from the same faith, but he was Christian, so it was hard to argue for our children to be baptized Catholic. We found a non-denominational church close to home that accepted all of us. I had lost my faith in the Catholic Church and did not want to go back.

AFMIX gave me a deeper understanding of the Jesuits, their traditions and a new respect for the Catholic Church. The Jesuits knew what they were doing. They did not force their religious beliefs down anyone's throat. They did not condemn anyone for not believing in what they believed. They respected people and other faiths. This is not like the Catholic Church that I knew growing up or as a young adult. This gave me a new prospective and respect for the church. AFMIX did that.

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