

Saint Raymond Church RCIA
Session One: God's Vision for Me

1. Finding the teaching:
 - a. www.saintraymond.net
 - b. Christian Formation – Becoming Catholic – RCIA
 - c. There are many other resources there as well...use as time allows!

2. When people say, “God has a plan” - what do you think they mean?

3. God's VISION FOR YOU is one of *Blessing & Happiness*
 - a. God “looks” at you with joy and delight

 - b. God “looks” past your sin and sees unmet potential and possibilities

 - c. God desires a happiness for you which this world cannot give or even
imagine (The Beatitudes are the foundation of this blessed happiness)

4. God's VISION FOR YOU is *Unique for Each Person*
 - a. You are the only YOU there is; thus God desires You to be You

 - b. God's plan for another is NOT His plan for You

 - c. Welcome and rejoice in the unique Vision God has for You

5. God's VISION FOR YOU can *Be Known Through Discernment*
 - a. There are two ways to approach life:
 - i. What do I want to do with my life?

 - ii. What does God want to do with my life?

- b. Discernment means “sifting through” – there are choices available, which one is BEST (which is usually the one God desires for You). Discernment takes time – be patient! There needs to be a daily commitment to prayer (“God, show me your path today”)

6. God’s VISION FOR YOU: *Might be Different from Your Vision of Yourself*

- a. When there is conflict: who is going to “win” out?
- b. God’s Vision for Us is not always easy or comfortable but it is a path toward blessedness (recall the Father’s plan for Jesus and so many of the holy ones of the Scriptures)

7. Discussion Questions (answers and ideas to be shared during your conversation with your Faith Partner this week)

- a. Have you ever thoughts about “God having a plan for you”?

- b. What is ONE THING in your life that “causes God delight”?

- c. How did you “discern” making the choice to explore joining the Catholic Church at this point in your life?

- d. Do you have other questions or thoughts to share/discuss?