



Carl E. Olson

Carl E. Olson is the editor of *Envoy* magazine, an award-winning Catholic apologetics and evangelization magazine.

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Carl grew up in a devout Fundamentalist Protestant home in western Montana. After two years of art school, he attended Briercrest Bible College, an Evangelical Protestant college in Saskatchewan, Canada, graduating with an associate’s degree in 1991. Carl’s wife, Heather, is a graduate of Multnomah Bible College in Portland, Oregon. They married in 1994 and entered the Catholic Church together in 1997. Their conversion story appears in the book, *Surprised By Truth 3*.

In May 2000, Carl graduated from the University of Dallas with a Masters in Theological Studies. Prior to joining the staff at *Envoy*, he was the director of catechesis and evangelization for Nativity of the Mother of God, a Byzantine Catholic parish in Springfield, Oregon. He has written articles for *Envoy*, *This Rock*, *First Things*, *The Catholic Faith*, *Catholic Parent*, *Gilbert!*, *Saint Austin Review*, *New Covenant*, *National Catholic Register*, *CatholicExchange.com*, and *Catholic.org*. Carl has been a guest on “Catholic Answers Live!,” “Kresta in the Afternoon,” “Living His Life Abundantly,” and EWTN’s “The Journey Home,” “The Abundant Life,” and “Threshold of Hope.”

Carl and Heather have one daughter, Felicity. In his spare time, Carl enjoys recreation with his family, collecting music, reading, playing basketball, and singing Swedish love ballads in a sweet falsetto.