



Stephen K. Ray

After being Protestants for 37 years and involved with various Fundamentalist and Evangelical Protestant churches, Steve Ray and his wife, Janet, converted to the Catholic Church on Pentecost Sunday, 1994. Steve and Janet are currently producing a 10-video series through Ignatius Press called *The Footprints of God: The Story of Salvation from Abraham To Augustine* on location in the Holy Land and surrounding countries. The first video, "Peter, Keeper of the Keys" was released in November, 2001. The second, "Mary, Mother Of God" was launched in summer 2002; and "Moses: Signs, Sacraments & Salvation" was released in March 2003. "Jesus: The Word Became Flesh" has just been released in November, 2003.

In addition to overseeing their family business and educating their children at home, Steve and Janet now spend their time researching, writing and teaching about the Catholic Church. Because Steve loves defending and explaining Catholicism, he has conducted several highly successful conferences in conjunction with other Catholic converts. He is a regular guest on many radio and television programs, including *Catholic Answers Live*, *The Journey Home*, *Living His Life Abundantly*, and *Life On The Rock*. He is a contributing writer to *Envoy Magazine*, as well as other Catholic publications, and teaches Bible study classes in his parish.

Raised by parents who had become Christians through a Billy Graham Crusade, Steve "asked Jesus into his heart" when he was four years old, and was "born again" according to the Baptist tradition. As he grew older, he often did 'street evangelism,' taught Bible studies in various churches, and conducted classes in his home and in local churches.

Steve married Janet in 1976. When their two children were small, they moved to Europe for a year, traveling extensively and researching their Reformation roots in Switzerland, Germany, England and other countries. They also studied for six months at [L'Abri](#) in Switzerland with noted theologian and Evangelical thinker, Francis Schaeffer. They later visited the communist countries and even smuggled Bibles and medicine to Christians behind the Iron Curtain.

In 1996, Steve was invited by Tom Monahan of Domino's Pizza to join the national organization of CEOs named Legatus, and is on the Board of Directors for the Ave Maria Foundation and Ave Maria College in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Steve's first book, *Crossing The Tiber: Evangelical Protestants Discover the Historic Church* (Ignatius, 1997), details his intellectual and spiritual journey into Catholicism. It became a best seller within one year. His second book, *Upon This Rock: St. Peter and the Primacy of Rome in the Scriptures and Early Church* (Ignatius, 1999), also became a bestseller. Steve's third book, *St. John's Gospel: A Bible Study Guide and Commentary*, was released in October, 2002.

For more comprehensive information about Steve's books, videos, tapes and speaking engagements, visit his website at <http://www.catholic-convert.com> or visit www.ignatius.com.