

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: A UNIVERSAL WELCOME

## - UNDERSTANDING THE INVITATION

### WHAT THAT MEANS (THE INVITATION)



**A CALL TO CONVERSION & REPENTANCE**  
(Turning towards God's truth)



**ACCESS TO THE SACRAMENTS**  
(The means of divine life & healing)

**NOT A FREE PASS' ON DOCTRINE**  
(Core beliefs and teachings are not optional)



**SHARED COMMUNITY OF FAITH & LOVE**  
(Growing together in the Body of Christ)



**LEARNING & LIVING THE GOSPEL**  
(Embracing to mate the teachings of Jesus)



### WHAT THAT DOES NOT MEAN (THE CLARIFICATION)



**NOT AN ENDORSEMENT OF ALL BEHAVIORS**  
(Sin is still sin, an moral truth remains)



**NOT JUST A SOCIAL CLUB**  
(The Church is a divine institution it a mission, not just a gathering)



**NOT A 'FREE PASS' ON DOCTRINE**  
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**NOT A LICENSE TO IGNORE GOD'S LAWS** (Mercy does negate the need for obedience)

THE GOAL: TO BRING ALL SOULS INTO THE FULLNESS OF TRUTH AND COMMUNION WITH GOD.