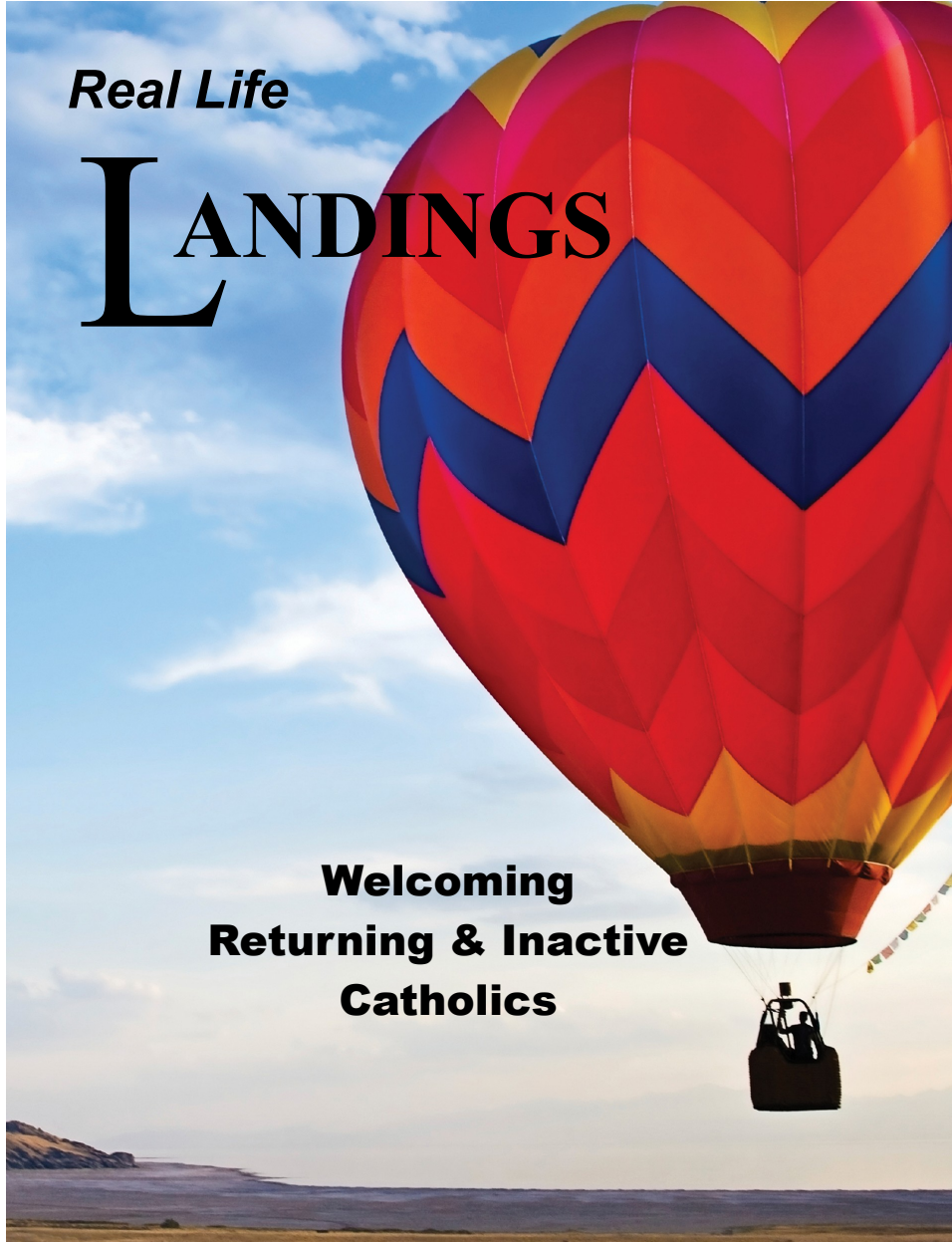


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**Welcoming  
Returning & Inactive  
Catholics**



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Amanda said: "I don't think I have lost it. I still have faith. I still believe in God. But, it is different when you move from teenager to adult. You start to question. You grow up.

. . . And so you begin to feel yourself fade away from it, until the remembrance of the fire you felt so long ago is just an ember of a feeling you can't remember."

Are you a Catholic looking to approach the Church again, after years of being away? We recognize this as a sacred moment. A Landings moment.

Landings is a parish ministry of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew designed to enable small groups of active lay Catholics to meet with returning Catholics to share their spiritual journeys and explore their Catholic faith.

Landings is primarily a ministry of the heart. More than just words, Landings offers the example of lived faith.





### ***Interested in Exploring a Return to the Church?***

Landings is an outreach program for Catholics who, for any number of reasons, have been inactive or away from the Church. Although Landings is a program initiated by the Paulist Fathers over 20 years ago, it is run by lay Catholics, many of whom were away from the Church themselves. A million and a half returning Catholics have been helped by this program.

#### ***Landings Offers :***

- a safe harbor or “landing” place, for returning Catholics to explore their faith and their future within the Church.
- a supportive setting within which people can ask questions, discuss issues and share past and present doubts and difficulties in a confidential setting.
- an opportunity to be reintroduced to the love of Christ in a no pressure, open and non-judgmental

***If you or someone you know is interested in Landings, we would love to hear from you.***

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## From Landings Participants:

"The warm, inviting no-pressure atmosphere of Landings eased my return to Catholicism after 35 years. This program is a wonderful mix of discussion about today's Catholic faith and real life with ordinary Catholics who have experienced spiritual struggles themselves."

"I was a lapsed Catholic for 12 years. I felt a spiritual calling but wasn't sure returning to the Church was right. Landings was vital in my decision to return to the Catholic faith."

"When I went off to college I just kind of slipped away. My friends were not going to church and neither was I. When I graduated I moved to a new city. Landings helped me to get connected with a Catholic community and reconnected with my faith."

"The focus from the outset has not been on self but on listening to others in a disciplined way"

"I was amazed at the Church's welcoming stance when I began Landings four years ago after being away from the Church over 30 years"



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