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"I learned that what you get from God is free"

Vivian is from Malaysia and she was baptized by Pope Francis at the Easter Vigil in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, on April 15, 2017.

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Pope Francis: "Vivian Francesca, would you like to receive Baptism in the Faith of the Church that we have all professed?"

Vivian: "Yes, I do."

Hi, I'm Vivian from Malaysia. I'm feeling very excited now and I'm very happy because I am the one who is going to be baptized by the Pope tomorrow night in the Easter Vigil.

Pope Francis: "Vivian Francesca, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Last year, I got an opportunity to come to Rome for Holy Week. On Easter Sunday, we got the chance to get near the Pope. He just passed by us very closely, and that's the moment that I felt something in my heart and I knew that he is the representative of Jesus on earth. That's when I started thinking about my baptism.

Before this, I was just a very normal person, having a very normal life, but religion didn't really impact my life, I never thought about God. I didn't know Him. He had never been in my life. But in 2015, I got an opportunity to join a training program in the Opus Dei center in Malaysia, so I got to know about the faith and bit by bit I was thinking... the faith and what I had learned must be true.

Through the liturgy and the formation that I have received through these two years, I learned that what you get from God is free, and that you have to pass it to other people also, so I pray that everyone can receive what I am receiving now.

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