

Meet Zachary King

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Former satanist Zachary King, founder of All Saints Ministry with his wife, Katie, has been a frequent pilgrim to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy since his conversion to Catholicism in 2008. *Father Anthony Gramlich, MIC, our current shrine rector, served as Zachary's spiritual director for several years. We sat down with Zachary to hear his story.*

How old were you by the time you knowingly became a satanist?

I was 13. I had to sign a document that said I could never seek out God. I believed Jesus died for everybody, but not for me; the Blood of Jesus washes away all sins, but not mine. I bought into that. I now know it is impossible to “sell your soul.” Jesus bought your soul on the Cross. You don't own your own soul. You can't [irrevocably] sell it to the Devil in this life. But I didn't know that back then.

How did you get started with satanism?

I began experimenting with magic and the occult when I was 10. I also began playing Dungeons & Dragons with my friends, and I always played a major

wizard. When I was 12, I met a group of kids and adults who played Dungeons & Dragons. They also believed that magic is real. At that time, I had done a couple of spells that really worked out. I was hooked; magic was real. It's no fun being able to do something if you can't share it, so I started hanging out with this group. It turned out that it was a satanic cult. I was raised Baptist, and Satan was almost never talked about in the Baptist church. He was this bad guy from way back in history who doesn't do anything now. By the time I found out [they were a satanic cult], I had had so much fun there. I got to smoke, drink, do drugs, have sex — nothing I did seemed wrong. Here I was, a geeky, nerdy kid, and I had the chance to have the power to do whatever I want. That was my road in. Going from that coven to another one [when I went off to college] — that was the World Church of Satan, where I learned how big satanism really is.

So then you had 26-plus years in organized satanism, reaching the level of High Wizard in the World Church of Satan.

I was part of 146 ritual abortions, helped break up around 120 Baptist churches through infiltration,