

Review #04 : *Why I Became a Catholic* (2001)

A Timeless Conversion Story

Joseph Pope

SYNOPSIS

Originally written as a personal testimony to his own **children** on why he became a Catholic, this is a thoughtful and timeless **conversion** story of Sir Joseph Pope written during the early part of the 20th century.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Born in 1854 to a family renowned for distinguished service to the Canadian government, Joseph carried on the family tradition as a highly regarded civil servant. Like Saint **Thomas More**, Pope was held in high esteem as a public servant, and he enjoyed the total confidence of prime ministers and governors, all whom sought his advice. He was a prolific author of dozen books and pamphlets, including the official biographies of major Canadian historical figures. Amidst this busy public life, he developed a profound spiritual life and a mind always hungry for eternal truth. Raised in a nominal Anglican family, his persistent and courageous search for the fullness of truth and grace finally led him home to the Catholic Church.

REVIEWS

“A marvellous journey of discovery and adventure. Joseph Pope, a courageous man of a century ago, followed the same path that thousands of Protestants have discovered again in this generation.”

Stephen K. Ray, Author of *Crossing the Tiber*

“This book is a treasure from the past. Although written a century ago, the issues are pertinent to our faith in this twenty-first century. It will warm the heart and challenge the thinking of both Catholic and Protestant. This is a book to buy, pass around, and discuss.”

David Currie, Author of *Born Fundamentalist, Born Again Catholic*