**Tim Staples**

* Tim Staples was a fallen-away Southern Baptist who as a teen came back to faith in Christ through the witness of televangelists.
* During his four-year tour with the U.S. Marine Corps, he became friends with a Marine well-versed in his Catholic Faith who challenged Tim to study Catholicism from Catholic and historical sources. That sparked a two-year search for the truth. Immediately after his tour of duty, Tim attended Jimmy Swaggart Bible College and became a youth minister in an Assembly of God community.
* Determined to prove Catholicism wrong, Tim studied his way to the last place he thought he would ever end up: the Catholic Church.
* He converted in 1988 and spent six years in formation for the priesthood, earning a degree in philosophy and studying theology at the graduate level. Realizing that his calling was not to be a priest, Tim left the seminary in 1994 and has been working in Catholic apologetics and evangelization ever since.