

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The following are the steps in the RCIA process as you consider joining the Catholic Church.

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I. INQUIRY – RCIA process is explained and there is an opportunity to ask questions about the Catholic Faith.	As needed basis
II. PRE-CATECHUMENATE – We come together as a group to begin learning the basics of the Catholic faith. Meeting - A one-on-one meeting with the Coordinator to help answer further questions you may have about the RCIA process and to discuss the specifics of your journey. Rite Of Acceptance And Welcoming – During this Mass, the inquirers as a group declare their faith before the parish community. The Church, in turn, welcomes and encourages them on their journey to become Catholic. A sponsor accompanies each inquirer and provides support and companionship for the rest of the RCIA process. If you do not have someone to be your sponsor, we will provide you with one.	Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8:30pm At beginning of process In January
III. CATECHUMENATE – On a weekly basis the Catechumenate meets to hear about and discuss the teachings of the Catholic Church. Those who are not baptized are called – Catechumens Those who are baptized are called - Candidates Breaking Open the Word – After the homily during Mass the priest blesses and dismisses you as a group to meet and discuss the Scripture and learn how to apply it to your life situations. Rite of Election – The Catechumens and Candidates are presented to the Archbishop. He accepts them on behalf of the Church and encourages them to continue their conversion as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Those who are not baptized are now called – Elect.	Wednesdays, 6:30pm—8:30pm Celebrated sporadically through out the process. First Sunday of Lent
IV. PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT – Coincides with the season of Lent. This is a time of spiritual preparation through prayer and reflection. There will also be a Lenten Retreat. Easter Vigil / Celebration of The Rite Of Christian Initiation – This celebration of receiving the Sacraments of Baptism (if this applies to you), Confirmation and Holy Communion takes place at the Easter Vigil Mass. This is a time of great joy and celebration as you are now fully initiated into the Catholic Church.	During Spring Evening of Holy Saturday
V. LIVING THE MYSTERIES (Mystagogy) – A time to reflect, appreciate more deeply, and unfold the meaning of the sacraments you have just received. You will learn more about ministries and service opportunities at Holy Trinity and how you can share the talents and gifts God has blessed you with.	One session after Easter Vigil