

## **FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS**

- ❖ Are you looking for a way to live your faith?
  - ❖ Do you want to get more involved with parish life?
- Our parish priests and the RCIA team are asking you to consider walking with one person who is on a journey of faith.

## **RCIA COMPANIONS**

Companion volunteers welcome all new candidates to RCIA and our parish community by providing a brief overview of St. Francis Xavier's mission and descriptions of the various ministries.

You will get to meet many new people and personally invite them into the life of our parish.

## **RCIA SPONSORS**

The time commitment will average two hours a week, which can occur on a weekday night, or during the weekend Mass, which you and the person attend.

The process of joining the Roman Catholic Church is known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – RCIA.

Throughout the Fall, our parish will be welcoming people inquiring into our faith into the catechumenate, and this is where companionship begins and continues to their reception into full membership in our church at the Easter Vigil.

## **RCIA CATECHISTS**

Can you spare at least one evening a year to participate in the parish RCIA Ministry as a guest catechist?

RCIA catechists present topics that include the following areas:

- The Journey to God
- What is a Person
- The Trinity
- The Sacraments
- The Commandments
- Christian Prayer
- Catholic Traditions
- The Paschal Mystery
- Mary the Mother of God
- The Communion of Saints
- The Four Marks of the Church
- Our Eternal Destiny

All of the presentations used in the RCIA have been developed over the years and include presentation materials, related articles and a bibliography. Additional catechists are needed to make these topics become alive to the RCIA candidates.

Your personal stories of faith combined with presentations on the Eucharist, Prayer, and Mary, etc. serve as a witness as to how the Living God is active in our lives.

## **MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL ADVOCATES**

Parishioners who have been through the marriage tribunal process are needed to counsel those seeking annulment of a previous marriage.

Advocates provide support and answer questions using their experience as a guide. They can assist in the preparation of tribunal forms and ensure they are properly completed.

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One day all of us will stand before the Lord and He will ask us what we have done with the gifts He has given. One answer could be our work in spreading the Gospel by participation in the parish RCIA program.

## JUST REGULAR FOLKS

Volunteers do not have to be either experts or saints— just regular folks willing to be present to another on a consistent basis over a period of time.

This is a wonderful way to learn more about your faith, to get to know another person in the parish, to grow in your ability to talk a little about how you experience God in your everyday life.

***“We welcome with joy  
all those who come to  
us and invite them into  
the life of our parish  
community.”***

Visit the RCIA link on  
the parish web site.  
[www.stfrancism.org](http://www.stfrancism.org)

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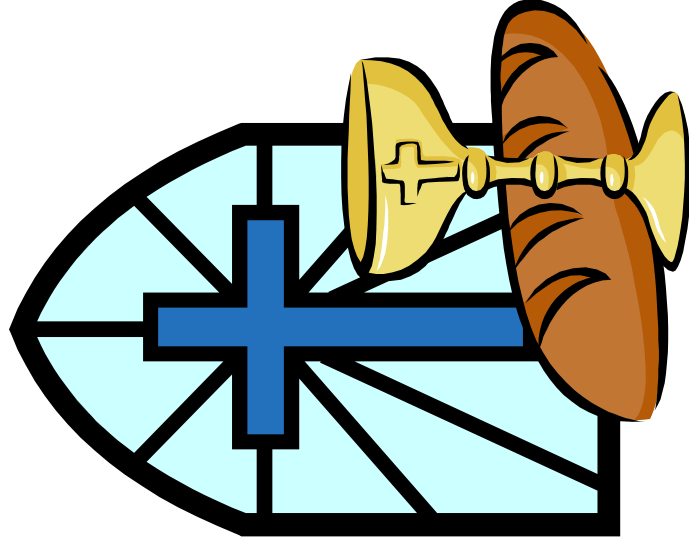
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# RCIA

## Parish Ministry



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