

❖ What is RCIA?

RCIA is the process by which adults, whether unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition, become members of the Catholic Church.

❖ Who belongs in the RCIA Program?

RCIA is for adults who...

- Are unbaptized and want to become Catholic Christians through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- Are baptized Christians (in another faith tradition) who want full sacramental membership in the Roman Catholic Church through Confirmation and Eucharist.

❖ What happens during RCIA?

The RCIA takes place within the context of the parish community, and after a suitable period of formation, culminates in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation.

Formation includes several areas with the goal of engaging the individual in his or her lived faith:

- Scripture; the stories of God's people
- Teaching; what Catholics believe
- Prayer; how we, members of the community, worship
- Liturgy; how the community worships
- Mission; how we live out what we believe

❖ How to begin:...

God calls, and we respond.

With the process of Christian Initiation, men and women at all stages of their faith journey come together in a nonthreatening and a non-pressured atmosphere to learn more about the Catholic Church. RCIA is a year-round program and inquiring adults are welcomed into the process at any time. There is no firm 'start date' for participating. The RCIA provides a forum for shared spiritual growth, and means to explore the Catholic Christian tradition through the scripture, sacraments, church teaching, and social outreach; all in the midst of the Catholic faith community.

If you are interested in exploring the Catholic faith through RCIA, please contact Kimberly Chapman, Director of Christian Formation at: KChapmanPC@gmail.com, or 757.851.8800.