



HOLY APOSTLES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome! I am glad you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

If you would like to find out more about how to begin the process of becoming Catholic, the best way is to contact me, Mary Wax, at Holy Apostles.

Our parish priests will be happy to talk with you about becoming Catholic, but please remember that Sunday is a very busy time for them, and it may be best to make an appointment to see them during the week.

If you decide that you want to become Catholic, you will participate in a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation, or RCIA. In these classes you will learn about the teachings of Jesus as the Catholic Church has handed them on. You will also have the opportunity to participate in the life of the parish.

- If you have not been baptized, the Christian initiation process prepares you to become a Catholic Christian through the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Communion.
- If you have been baptized in another Christian church, the initiation process prepares you to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church by celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and Communion.
- If you have been baptized in the Catholic faith as an infant, but have not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Communion, the RCIA program would also be appropriate for you.
- If you are looking for the process for you and your children to join the Catholic Church, RCIA for Children and Families is the way it is done at Holy Apostles.
- If you are an inactive Catholic, one that has celebrated all the sacraments of initiation, and would like to return to active participation in the Catholic Church at Holy Apostles, “Returning Catholics” courses are offered in the fall and springtime.

Holy Apostles begins RCIA classes in the fall; participants will typically celebrate the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil liturgy on Holy Saturday.

What if you attend classes but change your mind about becoming Catholic? Seeking information about the Catholic faith will not commit or oblige you to become Catholic. I encourage you to learn as much about the faith and take as much time as you need to make this decision. While I love the Catholic faith, and hope that you will also come to love it, you will never be pressured to make such an important decision.

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