



What is R.C.I.A.?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. The goal is to foster a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through the teaching of the gospel, prayer, spiritual direction and catechesis within the framework of the Catholic faith. The RCIA process consists of several steps and ceremonies called rites:

Period of Inquiry

This is a time for any and all questions, finding out more about the Church and the value of faith. It is also a time to get acquainted with fellow inquirers and team members.

Period of Catechumenate

During this period the focus is on prayer, sharing of faith, and the teachings of the Catholic Church with the help of a sponsor and members of the parish.

Period of Purification & Enlightenment

The Lenten season involving reflection upon scripture, fasting, prayer, and works of charity and sacrifice in preparation for the initiation Sacraments.

Initiation

The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist (Holy Communion) are received at the Easter Vigil liturgy.

Mystagogia

A period of reflection on the Sacraments of Initiation, the RCIA journey and how one will share in the church's mission through Christian service.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is my inquiry considered a permanent commitment to become Catholic?

No. One is free to come and question for as long as desired without having to make a commitment of any kind.

How long is the Saint Ann RCIA process?

The RCIA journey begins at Saint Ann in September and ends shortly after Easter.

What is required if I have already been baptized?

It is not necessary to be re-baptized in the Catholic Church if one has been previously baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But one does renew their Baptism vows and make a profession of faith.

Do I need to find my own sponsor?

You are free to choose your own sponsor for the RCIA process, or you may rely upon the RCIA team to find a compatible sponsor for you.

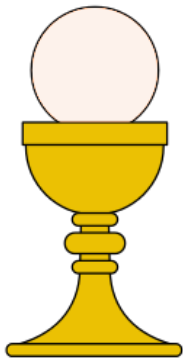
Who can be a sponsor?

A sponsor can be any Catholic at least 16 years of age **in good standing** and active in the church. We ask that parents, spouses, and significant others not sponsor their inquirer.

When does Saint Ann RCIA meet?

Beginning September 11th, Saint Ann RCIA meets every **Tuesday at 6:30 pm** in the lower level of the Parish Life Center.

If you would like more information, please call or email Mandi Pitt-Reed, Saint Ann Director of RCIA and Religious Education, at 615-298-1782 or mandi@stannnash.org.



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