



St. Mary's Catholic Church

Today's Date: ___/___/___

Teen/Child's Full Name (Please print clearly): _____

PARENT COMMITMENT FORM

Preparation for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. Information parents need to know and commit to for their child's preparation.

The R.C.I.A. formation process can last up to 3 years and it begins on the day of registration. The formation process may be less depending on your child's participation and individual progress. You and your child will be attending classes on Tuesdays from **6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** with the exception of a few dates. We will have a Christmas and Easter break. It is imperative that you arrive on time and that your child attend each of the sessions. **More than three absences shows a lack of readiness.** If an emergency should arise, you are responsible for notifying the catechist and for making up any missed work and time. Children and youth will be interviewed individually with their families in order to determine readiness. **Readiness is determined based on the following: their Attendance, Assimilation of the material presented and the fulfilment of the requirements.**

Initials

This formation process is for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. We will also prepare them for Reconciliation before we send them forth.

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Teens and children who participate in this formation process must begin looking for **A GODPARENT**. This means **ONE PERSON** not a couple, the **ONE PERSON** will be the godparent for all 3 sacraments. The godparent must be a practicing Roman Catholic who doesn't have any impediments to receiving the Sacraments. (Please see Sponsor requirement form). Sponsors are expected to accompany their godchild to the various Church ceremonies which are required as part of RCIA. This includes the godparent Sessions/Retreats. Students and parents **must attend Mass on weekly basis.**

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Parents and children/teens are required to attend the Monthly Family Mass. **Regular Sunday Mass Attendance IS NOT OPTIONAL.** The excessive absence also applies here. Attendance is **VERY IMPORTANT**>

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Each teen/child must select a **saint of their choice**. As a suggestion, they may select a saint whom they have a devotion to. They must research this saint and share the following information in their saint report: date of birth, why they were made saints, how did they live their life and why they chose this saint as well as what most interested them about this particular saint. They may not choose any of the titles given to the Virgin Mary or any title given to God. The name of the saint they select will be their Confirmation name. **This Project MUST be submitted to us by the first week of December.**

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Parents are required to accompany their child through the RCIA journey. This includes attending class with your teen/child and attending the retreats that will take place for parents and sponsor. **Parents will need to participate in 4 parish events during the year.**

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Each family will be given a list of requirements and forms to turn in, please make sure all forms and certificates go directly to the Catechist.

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RCIA is not a certificate program, therefore; the process doesn't end once your child receives the Sacraments of Initiation. You as their parent are committing to bringing them until that group concludes with the Mystagogy Period (after Pentecost) which will include the preparation of First Reconciliation.

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The children will attend the special RCIA adapted for children and teens classes, where they will participate with other un-baptized children and teens that are of the same age. You will receive a copy of the programmed sessions for the calendar year. You as the parent are responsible for bringing your children/teens to all the classes and special Rites...

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**By initialing each paragraph above and signing here,
I am committing to fulfill all of the above mentioned
and live a Christ-filled life.**

Today's Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Father's Signature **X**: _____

Mother's Signature **X**: _____

Teen/child's Signature **X**: _____