
What happens during an RCIA session?

Sessions normally begin with a discussion of a selected scripture passage. This is followed by a topic of Catholic teaching based in our rich tradition. The sessions are facilitated by members of the RCIA team, which includes both lay people and clergy. The atmosphere is informal and questions are always welcome and encouraged.

When & where are they?

RCIA sessions are held weekly in the Faith Formation Office on Jasmine Ave. It is near the Father Rooney Parish Center. For times and dates, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

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... or speak to one of our parish priests.

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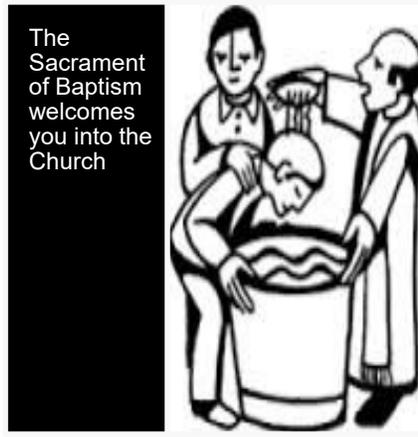
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What is the RCIA?

- RCIA is a unique process to help interested adults learn about the Catholic Church, and if desired, become full members. It is also a program for baptized Catholics who have never received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion.
- RCIA is a personal journey. It can result in transformation of mind and spirit as participants take the time to re-examine their relationship to God and others.
- It is also a community journey. RCIA team members walk along the path with participants, guiding them in the faith and serving as Christian examples. In turn, participants inspire the RCIA team with their openness to the Word of God.



The RCIA journey begins with several questions that will be answered along the way to initiation.



Why the RCIA?

- The RCIA grew out of the need to have a process to prepare people for church membership. In the time of the apostles, extensive periods of preparation were required before a person was admitted to church membership.
- However, as the Church became the official religion of the Roman Empire, infant baptism became the common member. The formal process for initiation faded.
- The renewal of the Second Vatican Council led to a return to the initial formation practices of the early Church which the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) represents.

Who should join RCIA?

- Persons desiring to learn about the Catholic faith with a possible interest in becoming part of our community.
- Baptized Catholics desiring to complete their initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion.
- Fully initiated Catholics desiring to learn more about and update their understanding of Catholicism.

