



Rite of Christian Initiation

Who is the process for?

- *The unbaptized.* The primary focus of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is on those who are not already Christian and have not been catechized.
- *Baptized but uncatechized.* Those who have been baptized either as Roman Catholics or as members of another Christian community, but have not received further catechetical formation or instruction. These individuals typically have not celebrated confirmation or Eucharist.
- *Those seeking full Catholic Communion.* These are baptized, practicing Christians from other denominations, who seek entry into the Catholic Church.

Note: According to canon law, children of catechetical age are considered to be adults for the purposes of Christian initiation, and so any child who has reached the "age of reason" (roughly age 7 or 8) and has not been baptized, undergoes the same process, in the same sequence, as the adults, with some minor modifications due to age and ability to understand. When they are initiated, they celebrate baptism, confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, just like their adult counterparts. Pastors do not have the authority to separate either confirmation or Eucharist from the celebration of baptism of these children. (c. 843.1)

Time: Commitment and meeting times vary.

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Catechists present the Scripture readings of the week to children ages 4–10 and offer a follow-up discussion.

Volunteers work in pairs and lesson plans are provided.

Time: October through May, at 10:30 am Mass.



Catholic Youth Formation

The Youth Formation (Religious Education) program is held in conjunction with St. Roman Parish. 4K through 5th Grade sessions are held twice per month on Sunday mornings at St. Roman, beginning at 8:45am. 6th Grade through 11th Grade sessions are held twice per month on Monday evenings at St. Charles at 7:00pm. This is a family-based catechesis approach, involving students and parents/grandparents/guardians.

Time: Two days per month, approximately 1 hour for class time.

Baptism Preparation Program

Baptism begins the process of initiation into the Catholic Church. Baptism preparation classes are held on the first Tuesday of the month in collaboration with St. Roman

Parish, or by appointment.

Parents and godparents make a commitment to care for and teach the child as he or she is raised in the Catholic faith.



Reconciliation and Communion Preparation Programs

These are parish-based sacrament programs centered on teaching children, families, and the community that God is a generous gift-giver. Along with Catechists, parents/guardians are engaged in the role of teaching the child, enriching the sacramental experience for the child, family and parish community.

Time: Commitment includes parent meetings and retreats for children. Preparation time is 8 to 10 weeks per sacrament.



Confirmation Preparation Program

Small group leaders guide

students as they build upon their knowledge of the sacraments and the Creed and are challenged to recognize God's presence in their lives especially when it comes to making sound moral decisions and seeking social justice. Much of the class will be involved in service-learning, where the group is exposed to many different opportunities to serve others (locally and globally) and then reflect on those experiences. Students will participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation, a retreat, and prayer services. All this culminates in their decision to receive the sacrament of Confirmation – the adult commitment to continue their faith journey. *Time: Two Mondays per month, September through April, 7:00-8:30 pm and participation in several outreach projects.*

FOCCUS Ministry

Prepares engaged couples for the sacrament of marriage through administration of FOCCUS Premarital inventory. Planning team – approximately 2 couples per year, 2 to 3 sessions each (approximately 90 minutes).



Time: Meeting times vary. One all-day training session (sponsored by the Archdiocese) is required.

Adult Formation

Provides opportunities for adult learners to grow in their understanding of the Catholic Tradition as well as grow spiritually.

◇ Small Faith Sharing Groups

Groups of 7-10 meet to discuss Scripture or other faith related topics. Some groups meet all year.

◇ Parish Mission Team

Involved with planning the parish Mission, organizing speakers, determining theme, liturgy, hospitality, communication, etc. The more people on board, the more enjoyable and easy the workload! Meet new people, enrich your faith.

