

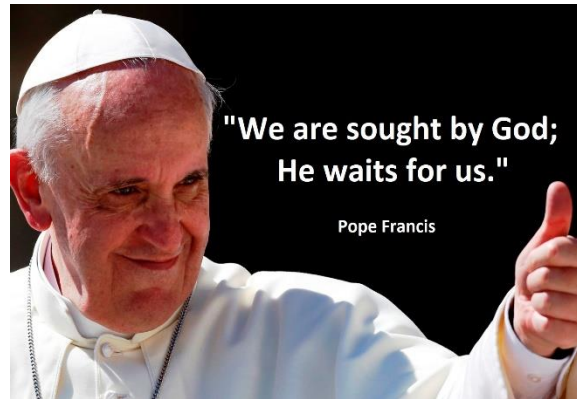
God calls, and we respond. With the process of Christian Initiation, men and women at all stages of the faith journey come together in an open atmosphere to learn more about the Catholic Church.

# Come and See

“Do not be afraid of what you will eat and drink. Your Father knows that you need these things. Instead be concerned with the kingdom, and he will provide you with these things.”

Luke 12:29-31

- + A Faith Journey
- + Understanding Church
  - + Living in the Sacraments
- + Your Mission ... an on-going Process
- + An Encounter with God



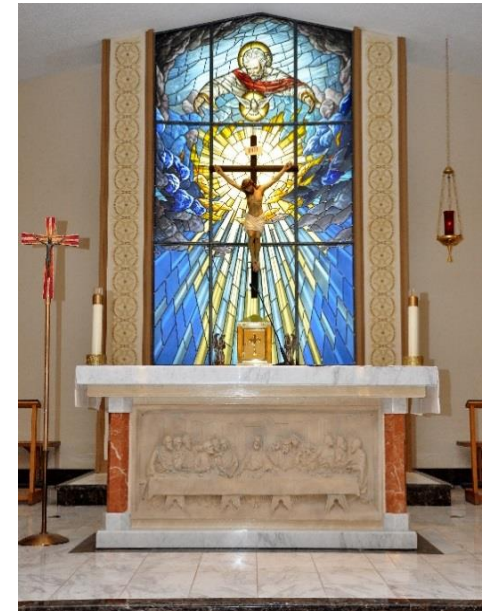
## Will You Join Us on this Faith Journey?



Love God,  
Love Others,  
Make Disciples

# Are You Thinking About Becoming A Catholic?

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)



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# The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

## *What is it?*

RCIA is the process by which adults and teens (16+) become members of the Catholic Church. Because the Spirit is always at work in its people, the process is on-going. There is no formal *start* to this process. When you are ready, you begin! The RCIA takes place in our parish community and after a suitable period of time, is celebrated in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation.

## *Who Belongs in the RCIA Process?*

### **This process of Christian Initiation is for adults who ...**

- want to learn more about the Catholic Church.
- are not baptized and want to become Catholic Christians through the Sacraments of Initiation.
- are baptized Christians (in another faith tradition or Catholic) who want full membership in the sacramental life of the Roman Catholic Church through Confirmation and Eucharist.
- attend Catholic Church because of a special friend, relative, or spouse and are not sure if this is the church for them. They wish to ask, learn, and understand their loved ones commitment to the Catholic faith.

## **Formation Includes:**

- \* **Scripture:** The stories of God's people.
- \* **Teaching:** What Catholics believe.
- \* **Prayer:** How we communicate with God.
- \* **Liturgy:** How the community worships and celebrates the Word and Eucharist.
- \* **Mission:** How we live what we believe.



## **Some Terms of the RCIA Process**

**Inquiry:** A step in the first period of the process, where the inquirer looks into Christianity and its Catholic traditions.

**Catechumenate:** A second step in the process of formation leading to entrance into the Catholic Church.

**Candidate:** A person baptized in another Christian faith tradition who seeks membership into the Catholic Church.

**Catechumen:** An unbaptised person who seeks entrance into the Church.

**Sacraments of Initiation:** Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

## **The Formal Process...**

At Holy Family Parish, the RCIA is an eight-month series of weekly sessions in preparation for reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at Easter, followed by another 6 weeks of study.

## **The Sessions...**

Sessions are held 7:00 – 9:00pm on Tuesdays, beginning in early September. Sessions are held in the *Knights of Columbus* room. Our sessions are small and relaxed, with opportunity for individual attention.

We will accept new inquirers throughout the Fall. There is no obligation, and all materials will be provided. Eventually, you will need to find a sponsor (we can help you), and if you have been baptized, your baptismal certificate.



## **To Learn More About RCIA...**

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