

**LETTER INTRODUCING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN  
INITIATION**

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To: The priests, deacons and lay ecclesial ministers serving in the  
Diocese of London

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The responsibility of forming people in the Christian faith and for reception into the Catholic Church is the responsibility of all of us. It is our witness, our prayer, and our words that open up minds and hearts to the Good News of salvation. Further, our work in this area is key to the New Evangelization called for by our Holy Father.

At the beginning of this Year of Faith, I am pleased to promulgate *GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION*. This document, which was reviewed by the Diocese in 1991 and describes the practices which I would like to see happening in all of our parishes and faith communities.

I offer my thanks to Mr. Matthew Sutton from Amherstburg who chairs the Diocesan RCIA Committee, to Sister Loretta Manzara, C.S.J., who directed the committee's work, and to Father Michael Bécharde who brought the work to completion.

Because many of us did not receive adequate formation regarding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, which was published in Canada in 1987, often our parish practices have not been in keeping with what is wanted or required.

The Liturgy Office of the diocese offers workshops on the RCIA throughout the year. I encourage you to participate in these workshops to better understand the Church's directives on sacramental initiation and the life which Christ offers us through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.  
Bishop of London

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