

## The RCIA Journey

### *You are not alone*

As you learn about the Catholic Faith you will have an entire team of people to answer your questions and walk with you as you discern the Faith.

The evening always starts with instruction on a specific doctrine of the Church. You are invited to ask questions as you listen and participate in discussions after the main teaching.

You do not have to engage in the Q&A or discussion portion if you do not want to.

### **Definition of Terms**

**Catechumen** – this term is used for someone who has not yet been baptized into a Christian Faith.

**Candidate** – this term is used for someone who is not Catholic but has been baptized into the Christian Faith.

**Sacraments of Initiation** – this refers to the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

*"Let us utter this one prayer: **'Thy will be done.'** Let us repeat it time and time again and it will please God more than all our mortifications and devotions. There is no better way to serve God than cheerfully to embrace his holy will." St. Alphonsus de Liguori*

## RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This is the process through which people learn more about the Catholic Faith and possibly become Catholic through receiving the Sacraments in the Catholic Church.

Many people begin the search and process of RCIA before we hear from them. God calls us in many different ways as seeds are planted throughout our lives by different people and different experiences. These seeds of faith take root and grow over time. Whatever your relationship with God is now, RCIA invites you to go deeper with it. Conversion is a gradual process and each of us are on our own unique journey.

RCIA gradually opens one to the inner transformation of the soul to the grace of a loving God. Each week you will be invited to go deeper into the beauty and awe of our Faith. We help each person make an informed decision. We will share what the Catholic Church teaches, what that means for your life and how to pray and discern where God is calling you.



## Schedule

**Tue. 7-8:30PM in the Merton Room starting September 12<sup>th</sup>**

RCIA will meet regularly and there will be times of discernment throughout the year to see if you want to continue.

## Rites

**Rites are blessings by the Church along your journey**

The Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming usually happens in November. This is the first discernment process.

The Rite of Election takes place during Lent and is another discernment process in your journey of Faith.

Rite of Initiation is the final process and discernment. It takes place at the **Easter Vigil** and this is when you will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

## Mystagogy

**Your first year in the Church following Easter**

It is important that you are accompanied on your journey in the Catholic Church after you receive the Sacraments and we are available to answer questions on your continued journey.

*For God so loved the world that  
he gave his only son, that  
whoever believes in him should  
not perish but have eternal life.  
John 3:16*

**RCIA meets in the Merton Room  
and is located in the basement of  
the Church.**

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