

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Primary Purpose

Inform adults about the teachings of the Catholic faith and prepare them for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. This includes the initial formation of their spirituality to live the faith. It prepares adults for an encounter with Christ in the **Sacraments of Initiation**

Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

If you are an adult, or another adult you know, has not received one or more of these Sacraments then prayerfully consider this program.

Secondary Purpose

Anyone who is fully initiated in the Catholic Faith can continue to grow in their knowledge of the faith and share their faith journey. All adults are welcome to participate.

Website

There is much more information on our parish website

<https://www.stannmilton.com/rcia>

Including: Team members, our approach, teaching material, schedule, and witness stories from some who have attended in the past.

New Sessions Begin Soon

Class sessions for this year begin Sunday, October 15th at 11:30am in the Parish Hall. (following 10:30am Mass)

Interested individuals should contact Deacon Paul Garrow

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"Approaching age 60, I felt a very large void in my life. Baptized Presbyterian, confirmed Congregationalist, my children all baptized Catholic. I did not regularly attend church, only during significant occasions with my family. I was yearning to learn more, and the Catholic church is where I felt the most drawn to during the few times I attended.

Being a participant in RCIA classes year has given me such knowledge of information that I am embarrassed to admit I was not provided in any of my religious classes many years ago. The readings, videos from Formed (an absolutely wonderful addition for the church to have available for everyone), and the weekly meetings from October to June were something I looked forward to each week and will miss immensely.

The very well thought out structure of the class, the weekly communications about the upcoming class, the wonderful support in the class from parish members, meaningful conversations about weekly material during class, all facilitated by Deacon Paul Garrow was a combination of enabling me to feel welcomed, encouraged to ask questions, as well as providing me with a wonderful continuation of my journey. I strongly encourage anyone that is contemplating attending RCIA classes, please do not hesitate. I am so glad to have been part of such an amazing experience."

"I joined the RCIA group to support my fiance, who was curious about Catholicism. He had already accepted Christ as Lord but was uncertain whether the Catholic Church was right for him. I grew up practicing the Catholic faith and went to Catholic high school, but I didn't realize how much there was still to learn. Faith is not a destination, but a journey, as I've heard many times. This class proves it's a worthwhile quest and sparked a desire to make it an even more prominent facet of my life.

I am amazed at how much this class deepened my faith and relationship with Christ. I had the privilege of watching my fiance grow from a secular nonbeliever to a man with a passion for Christ and living the faith. Something I never thought was possible a few years ago. I also had the opportunity to witness others experience and accept Christ in their own lives, and reveled in the deep, meaningful conversations we had each week. This experience is unlike other religious learning I've been a part of because it involves adults outside the Catholic Church using their will, intellect, and curiosity to encounter God and the Church. This class strengthened my faith and created new relationships with fellow parishioners, and for that I will be forever thankful."

I have to say, the direction this class took me in was far beyond anything I had ever imagined. I would highly recommend it to anyone at any level of faith. It was an amazing journey. I am proud to say that I am now a practicing Catholic!