

***“Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”
(John 8:12)***

What is the RCIA?

In simplest terms, RCIA is an acronym for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is an opportunity for the participants to partake in the sharing and discussion of the teachings of Christ through His Church. This is not a class, but a gradual spiritual growth of the teachings of Christ that will offer an opportunity for the participants to either choose a spiritual path through the Catholic faith or deepen one's walk as a Catholic.

RCIA consists of four distinct periods: the period of Inquiry, the Catechumenate, Purification & Enlightenment and Mystagogy.

Who can participate?

RCIA is offered to unbaptized individuals who wish to learn more about Christ and his teachings as well as those baptized in other Christians faiths who have an interest in learning about or becoming Catholic. RCIA also offers an opportunity for those Catholics who would like a “refresher” on the teachings of the faith or those that have been non-practicing for a period of time.

What do you do at the RCIA?

As with all Catholic experience, RCIA sessions begin with prayer, scripture reading, discussion, and dialogue to support the deepening of understanding of the liturgy for that Sunday and how it plays an important role in our weekly life. Secondly, there are some teachings of the Church, its history and sacraments as well as beliefs that Christ has passed down to us.

Am I committed to anything if I participate?

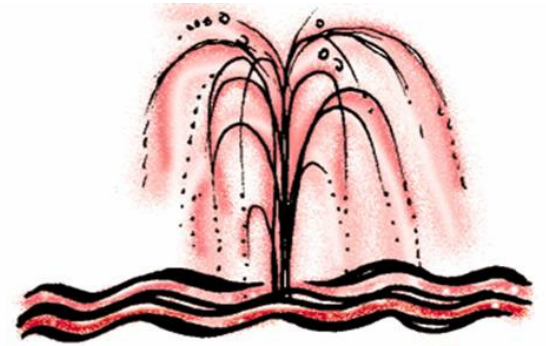
Absolutely not. The RCIA should be a welcoming journey for you to take away whatever you get from it.

What if I do want to become a Catholic?

After participating in RCIA, should one decide to become a full member in the Catholic faith, several “Rites” will be celebrated in the process prior to participating in the Easter Vigil sacraments beginning the fullness of your journey as a full member of the Catholic Church.

What if I have more questions?

Your call blesses us with the opportunity to continue our faith journey along with you. Feel free to call the Parish Office at 908-689-8138, or Rose Strohmaier, RCIA Director, at 908-689-5173.



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