



CURIOUS ABOUT CATHOLICISM?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you, or someone you know, curious about Christianity and the Catholic Church? Are you married to a Catholic and want to unite fully in faith by being received into the Catholic Church? Are you an adult baptized Catholic that has never been Confirmed and/or received the Eucharist? RCIA is the safe, welcoming, Christ-centered environment for you to explore these questions and desires on your faith journey! You will be loved and welcomed with all of your questions, joys, hurts, and desires! Please contact Brian Kudro for more information on the process.

Who: Anyone curious about the Catholic Christian faith and considering membership.

What: IHM's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program

When: Sundays from September 15th-May 31st Beginning with the 10am Mass and concluding by 12:15PM

Where: McIntyre Room after the 10am Mass

Why: God is calling YOU!

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RCIA Period of Inquiry

- For those considering being Baptized or welcomed into the Catholic Church.
- In human relationship terms, this is analogous to a “getting to know you” phase, or beginning a new friendship.
- Focus is on the “Big Picture” of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.
- No formal commitments are made at this time.
- “Official” informational meetings will begin on September 15th; but please contact Brian Kudro at the Parish Office prior to starting the sessions to enroll or ask questions about the process.
- We will attend the 10am Sunday Mass together, then meet afterwards in the McIntyre Room until around 12:15. We will reflect on the scripture readings, discuss a particular topic, meet our parish members, and pray together.
- Sep. 15=Welcome!
- Sep. 22=Divine Revelation (Church Hall)
- Sep. 29=Parish Festival! (Church Hall)
- Oct. 6=Scripture Overview
- Oct. 13=Overview of Salvation History
- Oct. 20=Human Origins in Genesis
- Oct. 27=Human Destiny/”Last Things”
- Nov. 3=Incarnation/Person of Jesus
- Nov. 10=Ethics/Teachings of Jesus
- Nov. 17=Paschal Mystery
- Nov. 24=The Nicene Creed

RCIA Period of Catechumenate

- This stage is for those Inquirers who feel called to continue on with the desire to become fully initiated or received into the Catholic Church.
- In human relationship terms, it is analogous to starting to date someone in order to get to know them better with the possibility/intent of marriage.
- Focus shifts to learning about aspects more specific to the Catholic faith.

- With the Rite of Acceptance/Welcome, a formal commitment is entered into to begin the process of entering the Catholic Church.
- Dec. 1=Rite of Acceptance/Welcome
- Dec. 8=The Mass/Liturgical Year
- Dec. 15=Tour of a Church
- Jan. 5=Marian Teachings/Titles
- Jan. 12=Tradition & Magisterium
- Jan. 19=Sacraments of Initiation
- Jan. 26=Sacraments of Healing/Service
- Feb. 2=Q & A
- Feb. 9=Catholic Schools Week
- Feb. 16=Catholic Social Teaching
- Feb. 23=Lent

RCIA Period of Purification & Enlightenment

- Beginning with the Rite of Enrollment, Catechumens and Candidates officially commit to joining the Church at the Easter Vigil.
- In human relationship terms, this is analogous to getting engaged to be married.
- This period lasts from the 1st Sunday of Lent up until the Easter Vigil. “Formal” catechesis has stopped in order to more intensely pray and prepare for the sacraments to be celebrated at the Easter Vigil.
- We will continue to meet for prayer & reflection on Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, & Apr. 5.

RCIA Period of Mystagogy

- The newly initiated Neophytes and those received into the Church continue to meet during the Easter season, to pray, reflect, and learn how to nurture their life in Christ & in service to others.
- In human relationship terms, after the spiritual “marriage” at the Easter Vigil, we now begin the “honeymoon” stage.
- We will continue to meet Apr. 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.