



R.C.I.A. means Rite of Christian Initiation of Addults. The R.C.I.A. is the Church's way to initiate new adult members. RCIA is a process which is concerned with the total formation of the person. It involves doctrinal formation (believing with the Church community); practical formation (living with the Church community); liturgical formation (praying with the Church community), and apostolic formation (service with the Church community). Topics discussed include Scripture, the Mass, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Church history and structure, Mary and the Saints, sin and Reconciliation, conscience and moral decision-making, Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Holy Orders, ministry, and social justice.

Who may participate in R.C.I.A.?

- Adults who have never been baptized;
- Adults baptized in another Christian faith tradition who are interested in the Catholic tradition;
- Baptized adult Catholics who wish to prepare to receive First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Others who may be interested in the R.C.I.A. are:

- Non-Catholics who want to learn more about Catholic Christianity;
- Catholics who may have been away from the Church for a period of time.

SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- "If I begin the R.C.I.A. process, am I obligated to become a Catholic?"

There is no obligation to make any kind of commitment, nor will anyone be pressured to become a Catholic. Each person's decision is respected. RCIA shares information about the Catholic Church, but the decision to join the Catholic Church is made through personal discernment.

- "How long is the process?"

We meet once a week from September 2006 through the 2007 Easter season.

If you are interested, please complete the form below and return it to the parish office at your earliest convenience.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (home) _____ (work) _____

Have you ever been baptized? _____ Have you been baptized Catholic? _____

Have you received the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation? _____

Please return this form to the parish office.