

# **RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

## **Share the Journey of Faith with us!**

**What:** The Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process by which individuals who have expressed a desire to know more about the Catholic Faith, meet with members of our community for Catechetical sessions, faith sharing, and when ready, full initiation into the Faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist.

**It is open to:**

- Non-Catholics interested in our Faith.
- Any Catholic person who was Baptized as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.
- Any child over the age of 7 that has not been baptized.\* (\*Although geared toward adults, we modify the process for children.)

### **The Stages**

**The Inquiry:**

- a time for searching for God, for meaning in life, or for asking initial questions & seeking answers about the basics of the Catholic faith.

**The Catechumenate:**

- a time of being formed by the Gospel & of learning more in depth about Catholic tradition

**Purification & Enlightenment:**

- a time during the Season of Lent involving prayer and deeper reflection as one prepares to receive God's new life at the Easter celebration.

**Mystagogia:**

- a time after the Easter celebration to deepen one's understanding of what it means to "become" Eucharist and live Christ's mission in our world.

### **The Journey of Faith: A Lifelong journey**

**Our R.C.I.A. leaders help you to take your first steps on this journey with:**

- Weekly sessions about what Catholics believe; containing both instruction and informal discussion and questions;
- Informal faith-sharing where you can share your story with us and we share ours with you, helping us all better recognize God actively working in our lives;
- Special preparatory rites along the way to help strengthen you as you prepare for the sacraments of initiation;
- The celebration of Baptism, or of reception into the church (for non Catholics who are already baptized), Confirmation and Holy Communion (Eucharist).
- Living out your ever deepening relationship with Christ and His People.

**For more information about the R.C.I.A. process,**

**please contact**

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***We look forward to speaking with you!***