

*The Rite of  
Christian  
Initiation  
Of  
Adults*  
*RCIA*

*Welcome*

We want to assist those seeking full Communion into the Catholic Church.

We provide a process in which you can grow in understanding and faith.



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and  
see...  
...a look into the  
Catholic Faith*



# Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

## Learn More

RCIA is a process that takes place along the Spiritual path to Christ. Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, thousands of are baptized into the Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**.

Before Easter, there are different aspects of formation in the process. They are:

**Inquiry:** the initial period before you decide to enter the Catholic Church. You are asking questions and checking it out, but you are not ready to commit.

**Catechumenate:** those who decide to enter the Church and are being trained for a life in Christ are called *catechumens*, an ancient name from the early Church. In this stage, you are developing your faith and are being “catechized” – learning catechism, or the basic points about Catholic faith and life.

**Purification and Preparation:** The Church will help you focus and intensify your faith as you prepare you to commit your life to Christ and be received into the Church at Easter. If you are following the RCIA process, you will go through a beautiful series of Gospel-based meditations during Lent, which is the time frame of this period.

**Initiation:** itself, the culmination of the whole process! You are received into the Church during the Easter Vigil

Mass, where you will receive the sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. (If you have already been baptized, you will not be baptized again.)

**Mystagogy:** after reception into the Church at Easter, this period lets you reflect and learn more about the mysteries of the Mass and the Sacraments that you now participate in fully.

**Faith will be the foundation of your life:** Make that foundation solid! Go slowly, make sure you have developed the basics well. Make sure that you are satisfied with your own faith development in each of the Catholic RCIA stages before moving on to the next.

