

## A FAITH JOURNEY...

An Ongoing Process...  
Constantly Turning To  
The Lord...  
Continuing Through  
Adult Life...



**WE INVITE YOU  
TO ALLOW  
HOLY FAMILY  
TO BECOME A  
PART OF YOUR  
FAMILY.**

Will you join us on  
this journey?

Some RCIA terms

**Catechumenate:** the process of formation leading to entrance into the Catholic Church

**Sacraments of Initiation:** Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

**Catechumen:** an unbaptized person who seeks entrance into the Church

**Candidate:** a person baptized in another Christian faith tradition who seeks membership in the Catholic Church

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HOLY FAMILY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

HOW CAN I  
**BECOME  
CATHOLIC?**



**OUR DOORS WILL OPEN TO  
THOSE LONGING TO FIND  
GOD.**

# THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)



**WE TAKE THE  
"GOOD NEWS"  
INTO THE  
COMMUNITY**

## What Is It?

The RCIA is the process by which men and women become members of the Catholic Church. Because the process is ongoing, people begin whenever the Spirit moves them to inquire. There is no formal "start" to the process.

The RCIA takes place within the context of the parish community, and

after a suitable period of formation, culminates in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation.

## How does it work?

God calls and we respond. With the process of Christian Initiation, men and women at all stages of the faith journey come together in a non-threatening and non-pressured atmosphere to learn more about the Catholic Church.

The RCIA provides a forum for shared spiritual growth and a means to explore the Catholic Christian tradition through the scripture, sacraments, church teaching, and social outreach, all in the midst of the Catholic faith community.

## Who Belongs In The RCIA?

The process of Christian Initiation is for adults who...

- want to learn more about the Catholic Church
- are unbaptized and want to become Catholic Christians through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- are baptized Christians (in another faith tradition or Catholic) who want full sacramental membership in the Roman Catholic Church through Confirmation and Eucharist
- Attend Catholic Church because of a loved one or spouse and are not sure if the Catholic Church is for them—but desire to ask questions

## Formation includes several areas:

*Scripture: the stories of God's people*

*Teaching: what Catholics believe*

*Prayer: how we communicate with God*

*Liturgy: how the community worships*

*Mission: how we live out what we believe*

## How do I learn more?

Call Chris Shafer in the Faith Formation Office at 891-8867 x224 if you have questions about the process and upcoming Inquiry sessions.

**OR**

Fill out and detach the following and return to the Church office or place in the collection basket.

I am interested in learning more about the Catholic Church

I know someone interested in the Catholic Church

I am interested in helping with the RCIA at Holy Family as a:

Sponsor

Other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (best contact number):  
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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_