

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Stage 1: Just Looking

In the **inquiry** stage, you're just finding out about Jesus, Christianity, and the Catholic Church. Your main task here is to explore and develop your faith enough so you can make an informed *initial* decision about entering the Catholic Church.

Stage 2: Learning about the Faith

In the catechumenate, your faith has begun to develop. Now you need to learn and grow more. You focus on **catechesis** in this stage: learning about the faith, how to live as a Christian, and developing your interior life.

Stage 3: Getting ready for Rebirth

This period of **purification and enlightenment** is the final stage before receiving the Easter sacraments of initiation. This stage of intense **reflection** calls you to deeper **conversion** in preparation for your renewal at Easter.

Stage 4: Reflecting on the Mysteries

This stage of **mystagogy** is for continued reflection on the sacraments.

(Taken from BeginningCatholic.com)

THE HISTORY OF THE RCIA

Since the days of the Apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and initiation in several stages. This journey contains certain essential elements:

1. Proclamation of the Word
2. Acceptance of the Gospel
3. Profession of Faith
4. Sacrament of Baptism itself
5. Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
6. Admission to Eucharistic Communion.

This initiation has varied through the centuries according to circumstances. In the first centuries of the Church, Christian initiation saw considerable development. The entire RCIA process covered a long period of time. It included a series of "rites," these being liturgical landmarks along the path of preparing those who were never baptized and who wished to become Catholics. The process was completed when the Sacraments of Christian initiation were celebrated. The Second Vatican Council's involvement consisted of restoring within the Latin Church the "catechumenate for adults."

THE RCIA OF TODAY

Today in all of the Rites the Christian Initiation of Adults begins with their entry into the RCIA process and reaches its completion in a single celebration of the three Sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

THE THREEFOLD PURPOSE OF THE RCIA

Through the RCIA, the Catholic Church extends an invitation to: those who are not associated with a community of faith and who wish to become Catholics; those who want to convert to Catholicism from another faith; (for them, the RCIA is the process through which they will become full-fledged Catholics) and those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith. These individuals may be involved in interfaith marriages or simply are actively involved in any Church and they want to learn more about the Catholic faith in the spirit of faith and unity. The RCIA fills all these needs of those who are searching and inquiring about the Catholic faith.

(Taken from the Catechism of the Church)

The Church of Christ the King

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

2022-2023

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a grateful and welcoming Catholic family of faith, nourished by the Word and Eucharist, called to serve as disciples of Christ, the King.

Journey through
RCIA
THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Each Catechumen and Candidate will be interviewed individually to assist in discerning readiness to join the process and to prepare for the reception of the Sacraments.

Classes will be held in the Parish Life Center.

Regular attendance is expected for the process of RCIA.

In the event of a necessary absence, arrangements can be made to make up the material.

For more information
Contact Jonathan Camiolo
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SCHEDULE

Sessions Sunday mornings 10-11am
Attend either the 9am or the 11am Mass

Oct 23 Intro Introductions



Nov. 13 Session 1 *What Do You Seek?*

Nov. 27 Session 2 *Who are You?*

Dec. 11 Session 3 *Why a God?*
Rite of Welcome at 11am Mass

Jan. 8 Session 4 *What's Our Story?*
Creed/Scripture (bring Bible & CCC)

Jan. 22 Session 5 *Who is Jesus?*

Feb. 5 Session 6 *Am I Saved?*
Feb. 18 or 19 Rite of Sending (Catechumen)

Feb. 26 Session 7 *Why a Church?*

Mar. 12 Session 8 *Prayer/Lord's Prayer*
Scrutiny at 9am Mass
(See Important Dates)

Mar. 26 Session 9 *Sacraments*

Apr. 2 Session 10 *Holy Week*
April 6-8 Sacred Triduum

TBD Session 12 *Celebration/Q&A*

IMPORTANT DATES

Spring 2023:

Diocesan RCIA Retreat (optional)
9:30am – 2:30pm at
St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison

Sunday, February 26, 2023:

Rite of Election (Catechumen only)
Cathedral in Paterson, Time TBD

SACRED TRIDUUM:

April 6: Holy Thursday
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 7: Good Friday
3:00pm Passion Service

April 8: Easter Vigil
8:00pm Mass
(Rehearsal - Morning of April 8)