

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is RCIA?

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the way by which adults are brought into the Church and become Catholic!

What happens during RCIA?

RCIA is a process of conversion. During the process, men and women hear the Gospel message, grow in relationship with Jesus, receive teaching and instruction in the Catholic faith, are accompanied by the RCIA team, and go through various liturgical rites that help empower them to live the Christian life and prepare them to receive the sacraments.

What happens during an RCIA session?

There is a time for fellowship, listening to testimonies of how God has worked in peoples' lives, time to ask questions and receive answers, a teaching about something (like prayer, the sacraments, the Christian life, etc.), and a time of prayer.

Who can come to RCIA?

Anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, certain that they want to become Catholic, curious about the Catholic Church, and baptized Catholics who still need to receive first Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Can I come if I'm not sure I want to become Catholic?

Absolutely! There is no commitment! We invite you to come and check it out if you're interested. There is no pressure to become Catholic when you come. The RCIA team is here to walk with you on your journey of faith, whether it means you are ready to become Catholic or not.

What if I'm already Catholic but haven't received all of my sacraments?

You are welcome to come! If you need to receive Confirmation, we are here for you. If you were only baptized and need first Eucharist and Confirmation, we are here for you.

How long is RCIA?

The RCIA process is as long as you need it to be. If you aren't ready to become Catholic during the next Easter season (about mid-April) then there is no pressure to do so.

Practically speaking, RCIA begins in September and lasts until Christmas break. Then it starts again at the beginning of spring semester and goes until the end of spring semester.

RCIA meets on Monday evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Does RCIA cost anything?

Nope! It is absolutely free, just like God's love.

What happens if I miss a session?

We'll miss you, but we understand that things come up. Even if you miss a session, you are still welcome to keep coming.

Who should I contact if I'm interested?

The Director of Religious Education (DRE) who you can email at joetheworkerdre@gmail.com. You can also call the Parish Office at 304-723-2054 for more information.

What if I have questions that aren't listed here?

Feel free to come by and ask all the questions you have!