

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Is this you?

- Never been baptized
- Have been coming to Catholic Church for years but never formally joined
- Have thought about becoming Catholic for many years but never did
- My family receives Communion and I would like to join them
- Baptized Catholic as an infant but never received Confirmation and Eucharist

If any of these apply, **RCIA** is just what you need. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (**RCIA**) is the process for initiating adults into the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. It is designed for adults who have never been baptized or who have been baptized in other Christian faiths who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. The process includes four periods, three major rites, and other rituals to mark a person's journey of faith and full initiation into the Catholic Church.

RCIA is a spiritual journey of adults that is:

- ❖ Gradual - four time periods
 - Inquiry - a time for initial conversion
 - Catechumenate - a period of pastoral formation and apprenticeship in the Catholic way of life
 - Purification & Enlightenment - a 40-day Lenten retreat
 - Mystagogy - a time of integration into life as a fully initiated Catholic
- ❖ Systematic and Comprehensive - drawing upon the vast treasury of Catholic teachings and practices so that the person of Jesus becomes the life-changing Savior and Lord whom the Church proclaims.

RCIA sessions are held weekly in the Catechumenal Room next to the Day Chapel in the Church from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Come and join us!



To get your questions answered or to join the **RCIA**, please contact Deacon Jerry at the Church at 968-1077 X244 or at DeaconJerry@sainttims.org.