



RCIA Adapted for Children

For children over 7 years of age

The Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children is a practice of the Church to prepare children 7 years and older who have not been baptized and wish to participate in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. These children or their families:

1. They have not been baptized and would like to be received by the Catholic Church through Baptism.
2. Have been baptized in another Christian community and seek to be part of the Catholic Church.

The process begins in the fall each year and celebrates the Easter Vigil where candidates are initiated into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The process culminates at Pentecost in his second year.

RCIA adapted for children and youth is a two years and consists of four steps which take place within the community of believers.

1. Inquiry time: this is a time of evangelism and the Catholic elementary life, prayers, liturgies and Teachings. This period ends with the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate. Each candidate or catechumen Catholic sponsor who will assist you in your day.
2. Catechumenate Period: This is a time of learning about the Catholic sacramental life and spiritual development time. It ends with a mutual discernment and the Rite of Election.
3. Period of Purification and Enlightenment: coincides with Lent and is an intense period of prayer and preparation for the celebration of Easter and the sacraments of initiation.
4. Final Period or Mystagogy: Extends to the Easter season and is dedicated to deepening the Christian experience.

The RCIA group adapted for children meets on Sundays. (Time and place TBA)

If you have any questions, please contact the office Faith Formation.

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