

INTRESTED IN LEARNING MORE
ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

INFORMATION

New Inquiry sessions
beginning September
2022.

All are welcome to be a part of
this joyful process! Contact
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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
OF ADULTS

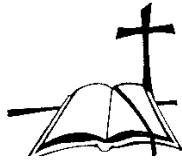


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Who is this process for?

- **The non baptized:**
The primary focus of the Rite of Christian Initiation of adults is on those who are not already Christians and have not been catechized
- **The baptized but not catechized:** Those who have been baptized either as Roman Catholics or as members of another Christian community but did not receive further catechetical formation or instruction. These typically have also not celebrated Confirmation nor Eucharist.
- **Those seeking full Catholic Communion:** These are baptized, practicing Christians from other denomination who seek entry into the Catholic Church.

THE RCIA HAS FOUR PERIODS:

1. PERIOD OF EVANGELIZATION AND PRECATECHUMENATE:

This is a time, for inquiry and introduction to Gospel values, an opportunity for the beginning of faith.

2. PERIOD OF CATECHUMENATE:

This time corresponds to the progress of the individual, for the nurturing and growth of the catechumens' faith and conversion to God; celebration of the word and prayers of exorcism and blessing are meant to assist the process. At the end of this period candidates express their intention to respond to God's call to follow the way of Christ.

3. PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

This is the time immediately preceding the elects' initiation, usually the Lenten season preceding the celebration of this initiation at the Easter Vigil; it is a time of reflection, intensely centered on conversion, marked by celebration of the scrutinies and presentations and of the preparation rites on Holy Saturday.

Celebration of the sacraments of Initiation: This is the liturgical rite, usually integrated into Easter Vigil, by which the elect are initiated through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

4. PERIOD OF POSTBAPTISMAL CATECHESIS OR MYSTAGOGY

This is the time, usually the Easter season, following the celebration of initiation, during which the newly initiated experience being fully a part of the Christian community by means of pertinent catechesis and particularly by participation with all the faithful in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration.

