

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Revised on June 19, 2009

Mission: The members of the RCIA ministry, as representatives of the St. Mary parish community, welcome adults as they prepare to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. During this time of preparation, we journey with the catechumens through catechesis, retreats, and scriptural reflection. Together we grow in faith and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Organization: The RCIA ministry conducts meetings on Sunday mornings and at other times for adults who are not baptized, for non-Catholics who wish to become members of the Catholic Church, and for baptized Catholics who have not received all their sacraments. The special rites for RCIA are celebrated at parish and diocesan levels, culminating in the Easter Vigil. "Mystagogia" meetings are held during the Easter season, and annual reunions of the parish "neophytes" are held. "Neophytes" are encouraged to join parish community-service organizations in order to become integrated into the regular parish community more fully.

Follow-Up: RCIA members welcome the new Catholics into the parish community, and assist them in registering as parish members and becoming active members of the parish community. The parish secretary makes all the proper notations in the parish registers of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, after the Rites of Christian Initiation are completed, and then adjusts the parish census information accordingly. A member of the RCIA ministry serves on the Spirituality Commission.



Our R.C.I.A. program is a process through which adults who are interested in becoming Catholic are introduced to the Catholic Church and way of life. It often also includes Catholics who have not completed their sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

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A new session will begin soon, so if you are interested, call Sister Dolores at 708-326-9313.

Received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in 2009