

I am interested in speaking with someone from the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roman Catholic Community about the RCIA Process.

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Best Time to Contact:

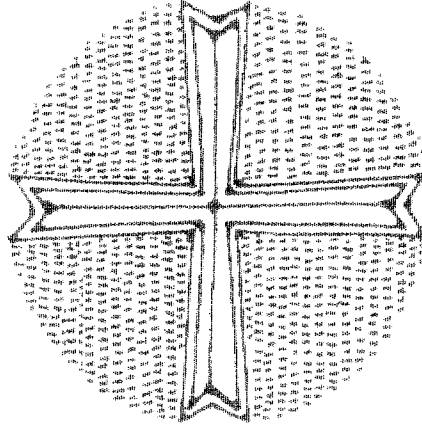
The Prayerful support of the whole parish community is an important part of the Rites of Christian Initiation. All are encouraged to extend an invitation to those they feel may be interested and to personally continue to learn more about the process in order to explain it to others.

All of us, every day of our lives, are on the journey of growing in faith. Therefore, all of us are part of this process which calls us to a deeper understanding and more sincere living of our Catholic faith.



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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



“The people of God, represented by the local church, should always understand and show that the initiation of adults is a concern and the responsibility of all the baptized...the community must not only aid the candidates it must also journey with them.”

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WHAT IS IT?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process described in four stages. Through prayer and study an adult is led to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Catholic Faith. It is directed toward the possible decision to become a full member of the Catholic Community.

"Catechumens" is a word unfamiliar to us but used by the early Church to describe those persons who are in the process of becoming Christian. Those who are already baptized are called "Candidates" for the Sacraments of Initiation.

In this four stage process, Catechumens and Candidates are joined by their sponsors and the parish community who through their prayer and presence support them on their faith journey.

POSSIBLE CANDIDATES:

- ⊕ Unbaptized adults who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic.
- ⊕ Baptized Christians from other denominations who want to learn more about and possibly join the Catholic Church.
- ⊕ Baptized Catholics who would like to prepare for Confirmation and Eucharist.



WHAT DOES PROCESS CONSIST OF?

An informational meeting to explain the process and answer questions. Time to decide if individuals wish to continue the process. Involvement can be discontinued at any time.

FOUR STAGES

- ⊕ Pre-catechuminate: Extending over a period of some weeks meeting with other people and team members who will be guiding the process. This is a period of inquiry....telling faith stories.
- ⊕ Catechuminate: Those choosing to become Catechumens are formally enrolled and begin a period of instruction on Scriptures, Christ, the Church, Mass, Sacraments and daily living in the Catholic Community.
- ⊕ Enlightenment: A time of spiritual preparation during Lent. It's the time to consider one's readiness to receive the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. *Catechumens and Candidates who choose, will be received in the Church at the Easter Vigil Service on Holy Saturday Evening.*
- ⊕ Mystagogy: The Easter Season is time for deepening the Christian experience, for spiritual growth, and entering more fully into the life of the community.