

From the time of the Apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and an initiation in several stages... This journey can be covered rapidly or slowly, but certain essential elements will always have to be present: proclamation of the Word, acceptance of the Gospel entailing conversion, profession of faith, Baptism itself, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and sharing in the Eucharist communion.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1229

This journey is called Christian initiation and it is one to which all of us are called. It is a journey toward Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead. It is He who wants to give us the gift of faith. Faith is the guarantee that we are sons and daughters of the living God, who conquers death and “wipes away every tear”.

To help us begin or continue our journey, the Church has revised and restored the process by which people become members of the Catholic Church. This process, the catechumenate, is open to all who desire to meet Christ in His Church.

This brochure contains information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in our parish. You are always most welcome at any time to inquire about the experience of the catechumenate. We hope, too, that you will share this information with anyone you know who may be interested in life as a Catholic Christian, or experiencing that life more fully.

*The team of the
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*



“I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.”

(John 15: 11)

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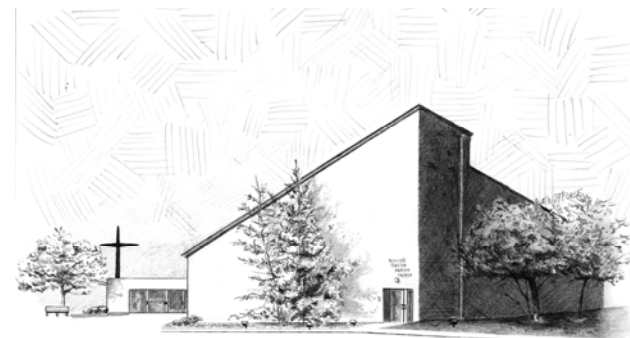
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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

A JOURNEY OF
FAITH AND CONVERSION TO
JESUS CHRIST

WHAT IS THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS?

The way the Church helps others to enter into the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Christian initiation is a spiritual journey to discover Jesus Christ in our lives and God's plan for us. The journey is marked by rites (stages) that celebrate what has been reflected upon and received. Thus, the rites are spiritual landmarks, steps in a process of coming to a greater knowledge of Christ and His Church.

If you have felt the first stirring of interest in discovering what it means to know who Jesus is and what it means to be a Christian, please call us! All inquiries are held in full confidence.



WHO IS WELCOME?

- ◆ Those who feel this is the time to begin a journey toward Baptism.
- ◆ Those baptized Christians who wish to explore entering into full communion in the Catholic faith.
- ◆ Those baptized Catholics who wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation of Confirmation and First Communion.

WHEN AND WHERE?

**THE RCIA MEETS ON
TUESDAY EVENINGS AT
7:30 P.M.
IN THE PARISH RECTORY MEETING
ROOM**

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT:

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“Do not be afraid!”

Pope John Paul II

There are no commitments, no cost, no “pressure”.

INSTEAD, there is only:

The love of God for you, just as you are – right now.

The love of the Church in acceptance of you, wherever you are in life's journey.

The prayers and support of the people of Divine Savior for you to experience the joy and the freedom that can result from following Jesus.

