

**RCIA—
TOPICS TO BE COVERED**

Our Faith is in Jesus

God's Covenants with His People

Stories of the Bible

Four Marks of the Church

Liturgy and the Mass

The 10 Commandments

The Sacraments

God's Mercy and Justice

Communion of Saints

Traditions of Prayer

The Virtues

Mary, the Virgin Mother of God



**RCIA—
TESTIMONIALS**

Our journey through the RCIA program was a wonderful experience. It helped us to form a closer and more meaningful relationship with God, our family and friends. It taught us to be grateful for what we receive from God, and to be more forgiving to those who are less fortunate to find this relationship. It touched us spiritually, intellectually and socially. We are so glad that we took this course together and with our child. The Catholic faith is the greatest gift we could share with our baby. The RCIA program is a true blessing.

- Kan and Nancy, class of 2011

The RCIA for me was all about sharing, parishioners from the Holy Family Church and other guests taking time out of their day to assist and share their knowledge with the new members of the RCIA. Hearing their lectures and experiences was inspirational, educational, and in many cases very spiritual. Seeing their dedication week after week for my benefit was very moving, and made me realize that if they could do this for me, I could without a doubt do this for myself. It has been a real pleasure to be a part of the RCIA program, and God Bless you all.

- Daryl, class of 2012

I grew up in a protestant church but still had many questions that no one seemed to be able to answer. Those at RCIA helped me to understand not only the answers but how to find ones I didn't think to ask before. I joined the Catholic church last Easter. I would just have to say: Don't be afraid to ask questions, that is what RCIA is for.

- Rod, class of 2012

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**Rite of
Christian
Initiation
of
Adults**



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COME AND SEE

Ready for the leap of faith? Ready to join the Catholic Church? RCIA?

For many of us, life is full of distractions. Our lives can be so busy and yet unfulfilling. Is there a way to set priorities and to have "life in abundance?"

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. Matthew 6:33

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. John 14:6

Please consider joining us as a new group begins the RCIA process at Holy Family Parish each September.

God is waiting for each of us
To accept His Son and return to Him!

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the usual process adults go through in order to become a Catholic.

The first several months of the RCIA process are called the "Inquiry Period", during which you become more familiar with the Catholic faith and church in order to decide if you want to join.

RCIA is a discernment process – a searching out of God's Will for you at this time. There are opportunities built into the year when each Inquirer is asked personally: "Do you wish to take the next step in the process? Or do you feel you should step aside or take more time?"

The parish RCIA Team leads the process, and prepares and facilitates the meetings. Our parish priests also regularly participate.

Each RCIA group usually includes Inquirers from a variety of backgrounds.

Through celebrating the 'Sacraments of Initiation' (that is, Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) a person becomes fully a member of the Catholic faith and church.

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APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

"**The Apostles' Creed** is so called because it is rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles' faith. It is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome. Its great authority arises from this fact: it is 'the Creed of the Roman Church, the See of Peter, the first of the apostles, to which he brought the common faith.'"

- from the Catechism of the Catholic Church; 194.

"This Creed is the spiritual seal, our heart's meditation and an ever-present guardian; it is, unquestionably, the treasure of our soul."

- Saint Ambrose.