

For over 2,000 years, the Catholic Church has been faithful to the truth of Jesus Christ and His Gospel, which has been revealed by the Holy Spirit in the Holy Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition. As Christians, we are made members of God's Holy Family through Baptism, anointed with His Spirit in Confirmation, and nourished through the Eucharist. In gratitude for God's grace, we seek to become the hands and face of Jesus in service to all of our brothers and sisters.

We invite you to learn more about us and join us in living this great mystery of faith!



I WILL GIVE YOU LIVING WATER



If you are interested in joining us in this journey, please contact Deacon Ray Ortman in the Parish Office. RCIA classes begin each year on the First Tuesday in October (6:00 p.m.) and continue weekly through Easter.

Jesus began the encounter with His disciples with these inviting words: "Come, and you will see." John 1:39. Come, join us in RCIA, and see that as Catholics we walk by faith in Jesus and that we do not walk alone.

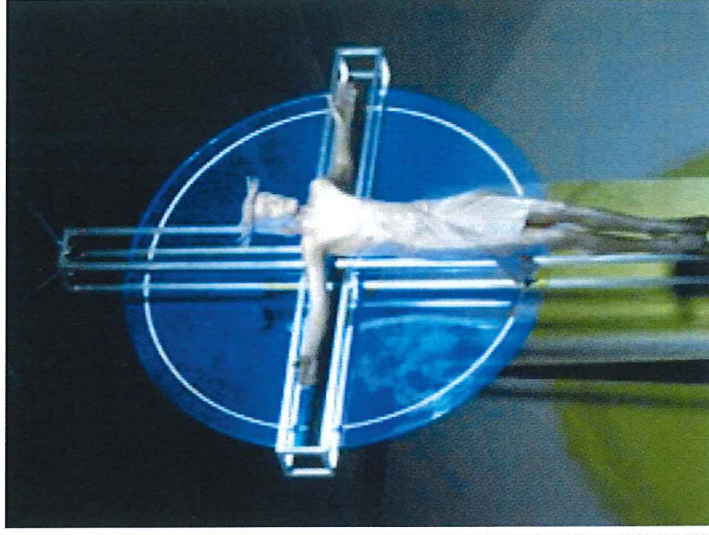
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A JOURNEY OF FAITH: RCIA



Becoming Catholic is a life long journey that begins with baptism and continues throughout our lives. It is a continual saying "Yes" to our Lord.

We invite you to come walk with us.





At St. Victoria Parish Family, we seek to reach out to all as the face and hands of Jesus Christ.

Who Should Attend RCIA?

The Unbaptized-these are people age 7 and above who have discerned God's call to conversion and faith, and are seeking to answer that call.

Those Baptized in another Christian tradition-these are men and women who have been baptized and formed in another faith community other than the Catholic Church. These individuals are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church.

Baptized, but uncatechized Catholics-these are individuals who were baptized as an infant in the Church, but received no formal religious education or did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Catholics seeking to enrich their faith-these are fully catechized and initiated Catholics who seek to enrich their faith as adults through systematic inquiry into the tenets and practices of that faith.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

The formation of adults and the process for initiation into the Catholic Church is called the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults," or simply "RCIA." This program provides the groundwork for basic faith development. Together with others, you will gather for classes, prayer, and discussion guided by the liturgical calendar of the Church — all of which are tailored to enliven your faith, enrich your relationship with Jesus, and learn more about His Church.

THE STAGES OF RCIA:

INQUIRY/PRE-CATECHUMENATE

This is the "come and see" stage. You are invited to join others interested in the faith, in community, to learn more about the Gospel and to discern if God may be inviting you to the Catholic Church.

CATECHUMENATE

This is a time for formation and growth in the faith. Along with your companions and the faith community you will continue to study, pray upon, and learn more about the teachings of the Catholic Church. The whole Church community prays with and for you as you make this journey of faith.

PERIOD OF ENLIGHTENMENT

The third stage of the process commences in Lent and culminates with the celebration of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

MYSTAGOGY ("uncovering of mystery")

A life long process of discipleship continues.

