

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Classes for both adults and children take place every Sunday (except certain holidays) on the Christ Cathedral campus.

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# **CHRIST CATHEDRAL**

## **THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

# **RCIA**



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## **WELCOME** to Christ Cathedral Parish.

Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, thousands of men and women are received into the Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes welcome these new members through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and at a liturgy bringing men and women into full communion with the Catholic Church. The RCIA is a communal process and involves a number of stages punctuated by liturgical rites to aid and assist the potential convert toward the final rite, usually at the Easter Vigil at which time they will become full members of the Roman Catholic Church.

### **WHAT IS RCIA?**

RCIA is the process through which interested adults and older children are introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life. For individuals preparing to enter into the Catholic Church, we offer formation classes to prepare you for this wonderful grace-filled process.

### **WHO IS RCIA FOR?**

- ◆ It is appropriate for unbaptized persons who follow a process to help them grow in awareness to God's call to conversion as well as ways to respond to that call.
- ◆ It is appropriate for persons who were baptized as infants in the Catholic Church yet not given religious upbringing within the Catholic tradition. These adults will be prepared to celebrate the sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- ◆ It is appropriate for persons who have been baptized in another Christian church, those catechized and uncatechized persons from a faith tradition other than Catholic who are seeking full communion with the Roman Catholic Church through Eucharist and Confirmation.

## **A COMPANION ON THE JOURNEY**

- ◆ Every catechumen or candidate will need a sponsor. Your sponsor will be someone (other than your parent), who will support you in your Catholic journey.
- ◆ The sponsor must be a Confirmed and practicing Catholic who is over the age of 18 and in good standing with the Catholic Church.

### **RCIA ADAPTED FOR CHILDREN**

RCIA adapted for children is appropriate for children between the ages of 7 and 17 who have completed the 2nd grade, and are not baptized.

Children preparing to receive the sacraments they have missed since Baptism, or to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, will attend classes on a regular basis beginning in September and continuing through the Easter Season, with holiday breaks. Sacramental preparation is two consecutive years in duration. Our goal at Christ Cathedral Parish is to provide a basic understating of what it means to know and love God, and how to live as a disciple of Christ. They will learn about what it means to become a Catholic Christian. The importance of weekly Mass will be stressed, an understanding of the parts of the Mass, and how to use the Holy Bible will be covered early in the curriculum.

- ◆ Every child will need a sponsor. The sponsor will be someone other than the parent who will support the child in his or her Catholic journey.
- ◆ The sponsor must be a confirmed and practicing Catholic who is over the age of 18 and in good standing with the Catholic Church
- ◆ Parents will be expected to participate in all ceremonies with their children.