



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults 2020-2021

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program at St. Mary Cathedral is program through which the Church welcomes, educates, and equips those persons seeking full communion in the Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. It is also a program of discernment and instruction in which you will be introduced to the beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith.

During your journey, you will be known as either a Candidate or a Catechumen:

Candidates are baptized adults walking through the journey of RCIA

Catechumens are those not baptized or did not receive a Trinitarian baptism

The fee to participate is \$75 to cover books and materials used for instruction during the process.

- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Catholic bible

If you are unable to pay all or part of the fee, please inform our staff – an inability to pay will not prevent anyone from participating in the RCIA process or receiving sacraments.

Registration Process:

- Registration application
 - helps us to determine if you are a catechumen or a candidate
 - give us some basic information and background on you
 - how to proceed with your personal catechesis process

And this documentation – select the one that pertains to you:

- **Baptized Catholic** – we will need a copy of your baptism certificate
 - To assure you were baptized catholic, where, when and your baptismal name
 - To record your legal name, place and date of birth and parent's name in our registry
- **Baptized non-Catholic** – we need a copy of your baptism and birth certificate
 - To verify that your baptism was a Trinitarian baptism – we do not re-baptize
 - To record your legal name, place and date of birth and parent's name in our registry
- **Not-Baptized** – we need a copy of your birth certificate
 - To verify that your baptism was a Trinitarian baptism – we do not re-baptize
 - To record your legal name, place and date of birth and parent's name in our registry

You will be automatically registered as parishioners with Saint Mary Cathedral. We hope that you will be able to make this your home parish and join us for celebrations of the Holy Eucharist weekly.

You will need a Sponsor to walk with you through this journey and stand by you as you grow in the Catholic faith.

- See Sponsor Covenant Form for more information