

St. Patrick Catholic Church **RCIA for Children/Teens Registration Handbook**

Welcome! At St. Patrick, RCIA adapted for children is for children 7 years old and older who have not been baptized. We are excited to be partnering with you and your child on this journey of faith! Please take a moment to read through the packet and complete the registration form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING:

- Read the *Parent Information for RCIA adapted for Children/Teens Handbook*.
- Complete the RCIA registration forms. Please answer all questions on the forms included in the handbook: registration form, Parent Information acknowledgement form, Baptism requirements, sponsor/godparent verification form.

Please submit the following forms together, if possible

<p><i>Required documents for the Unbaptized:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Photocopy of Birth Certificate</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>RCIA Registration Form</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Baptismal Godparent verification form</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Confirmation Sponsor verification form (if different from Godparent)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Patron Saint Report</i> 	<p>Required Documents for older children/teens already baptized but needing Eucharist and Confirmation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Baptismal Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA Registration Form <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Sponsor verification form <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Saint Report
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Sponsor/Godparent verification form (required) can be sent with above forms or separately. Sponsor/Godparent's church may complete form and mail directly to St. Patrick Catholic Church, 2500 Limmer Loop, Hutto, Texas Attn: Nancy Longo

**FOR CHILDREN/Teens 7 YEARS OLD AND OLDER IN
NEED OF BAPTISM**

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St. Patrick Catholic Church Requirements for
Initiation

- 1) If your family is not yet registered with St. Patrick Catholic Church, we invite you to do so at this time.
- 2) Initial meeting with the Director of Religious Education.
- 3) Participation in the RCIA for Children/Teen process, minimum two school years.
- 4) Parents must attend Parent Sessions (see calendar). If possible, Godparents are highly encouraged to attend. Check the website for updates on dates and times.
- 5) **ALL PAPERWORK:** Baptism Application, a **photocopy** of your child's birth certificate or Baptismal Certificate, Godparent Verification Form must be submitted to the DRE at St. Patrick **by October 1st**.
- 6) Patron Saint Report will be due by November, 2019.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the baptism preparation and/or requirements, please contact Nancy Longo, DRE, 512-759-3712 (ext 104) or email: re@stpatrickhutto.org

Mission Statement

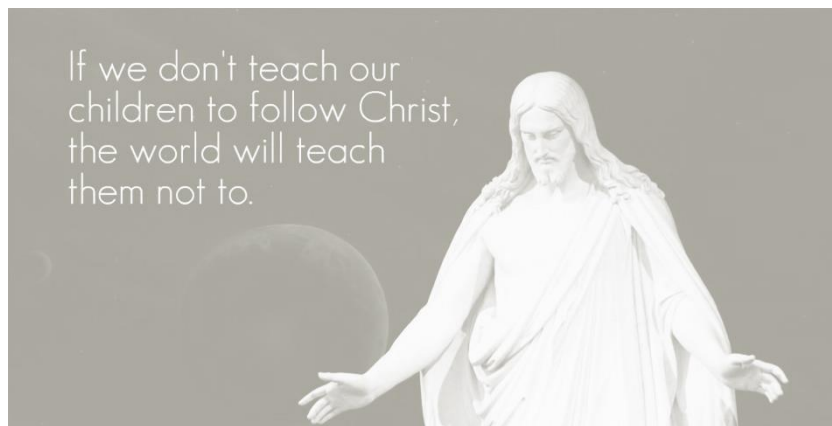
RCIA-AC seeks to lead all children and families to a deeper relationship with Christ and celebration of the Sacraments through creative catechesis, activities, and community and fellowship within their small groups. The preparation process seeks to not only introduce them to Christ, but also to give them the tools to foster a life-long relationship with Christ in His Church. RCIA-AC continually seeks to bring Christ's love to the all by sharing the faith and time with you and your family.

Parent's Role

RCIA-AC is supplemental to the faith formation that is taking place in the home. No one is more important than parents in passing on to their children the priceless gift of faith. Parents are the primary educators of faith as the family is the *domestic church*. This means that the parents' role is to witness, live and share the faith with their children. This is done directly and indirectly. All children learn from their parents indirectly when faith is made a priority in the home and their

parenting/ family life reflects virtue and the love of Christ. Parents should also seek out direct ways to form their children in the faith. This includes: family prayer, participation in Sunday Mass, and intentional conversations about the faith and morality. Essentially, Jesus Christ should be a member of your family, not merely a mascot that comes out every so often.

While the Church has been clear that parents are the Primary Catechists of their children, RCIA-AC offers weekly parent sessions that are held at the same time that your children (grades 3-8) are in session. For high school parents, you may choose to volunteer in the SPY ministry or attend the Saint Patrick Catholic Church Adult RCIA program that will lead you closer to Christ and empower you to share your relationship with others, including your children. Adult RCIA Classes are 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 7-9pm.



RCIA-AC/ RCIA-AT – What does that stand for???

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The *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Adapted for Children/Teens* envisions children as persons who are capable of a journey of conversion that leads to deeper relationship with the living God. Children and Teens are encouraged to develop a relationship with God, learn how the stories and symbols carry meaning and how family is central for them to grow spiritually. Often our children/teens lead us parents closer to God in extraordinary ways.



Sacraments of Initiation

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As a participant in RCIA-AC your child will be preparing for two or all three Sacraments of Initiation. These sacraments include **Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion**. The healing Sacrament of **Reconciliation** (Confession) is a sacrament that seeks to reconcile our relationship with God and with others and will be celebrated in January for those who are already Baptized Catholic and in May for those who will be Baptized at the Easter Vigil.

- The Sacrament of **Baptism** requires at least ONE (1) or TWO (2) Baptismal Sponsors (see below).
- The Sacrament of **Confirmation** requires only ONE (1) Confirmation Sponsor and a Saint's name (see below).
- The Sacrament of **First Communion** and Reconciliation does not require a sponsor.

Sponsor's (Godparent's) Role

Sponsors, also known as Godparents, can be described as a role model of the Catholic Church while we are here on Earth. Sponsors are fully initiated Catholics who have met the canon law (church law) requirements as stated below. They should be in a "state of grace" and able to receive Holy Communion at the Celebration Mass. One of the most important roles of a sponsor/godparent is to receive the Eucharist at mass with their sponsored child.

Baptismal and Confirmation Sponsor Requirements

- Must be at least 16 yrs old
- A Baptized Catholic, who has received:
 - Baptism
 - First Eucharist
 - Confirmation
- Catholic Marriage within the Church; if married.*
- A Trusted adult; who is willing to stand with the youth not only during the ceremony, but throughout life's journey.
- A mentor who is active in the Catholic Church & who fully embraces and lives their faith by receiving Holy Communion weekly at Sunday Mass.
- Has gone to Confession within the last year.
- May not be the parent of the one being confirmed.

*Common Law marriage or cohabitation of sponsors is **not** allowed by Canon Law.*

Service Hours for Confirmation “Be doers of the Word and not hearers only.” James 1:22

We are called to serve and love one another just as Jesus taught us and showed us. Volunteering as a family helps kids learn to make a positive impact on the lives of others and appreciate their blessings. It also fosters communication, strengthens bonds, starts traditions and makes memories for the family in amazing ways. Each participant is encouraged to complete at least 2 hours of service for someone in a Christ-like manner without receiving monetary payment. This might be volunteering in various organizations, helping the family without being asked, visiting a nursing home, or volunteering at the church.

A Service summary sheet will need to be turned in by **February 2020**.

Spiritual Hours for Confirmation “Lord, teach us how to pray.” Luke 11:1

Spending time in prayer is how we both listen and talk to God. Our prayer can be by ourselves or with others. Each participant should explore at least 2 new/different ways to pray. This might be praying a family rosary, visiting the adoration chapel, or participating in various prayer experiences here at St. Patrick.

A brief paragraph should be written to describe the family’s experience. Spiritual Hours for Confirmation will need to be turned in by **February 2020**.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
RCIA for Children/Teen Application
(Please print legibly and complete all information.)

CHILD/TEEN INFORMATION (Please provide a photocopy of your child's birth certificate)

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____
Street City

Telephone Number(s): Home _____
Cell (mom) _____ (dad) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
Month/Day/Year City/State or Country

Grade _____ School _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Father's full
Name: _____ Religion: _____

Address (if different): _____
Phone (if different): _____
Email: _____

Mother's full
Name: _____ Religion: _____

Mother's MAIDEN name _____
Address (if different): _____
Phone (if different): _____
Email: _____

Parents Marital Status

Married: (check one) _____ Yes _____ No
Married by: _____ Priest/Deacon _____ Judge/JP _____ Minister

Place & Date of
Marriage: _____
City/State or Country Church (or other) name Date of Marriage

GODPARENT INFORMATION

Godparent #1

Full name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Religion: _____

Church name _____

Church address: _____
Street City State Zip

(circle Y or N)

- a. Is Godparent a member of the Church listed above by registration? **Y N**
- b. Is Godparent a member of the Church listed above by regular attendance? **Y N**
- c. Is Godparent at last 18 years old? **Y N**
- d. Is Godparent a practicing Catholic in good standing? **Y N**

Please list the church name, city & state or city & country for each sacrament received.

Baptism _____

Holy Communion _____

Confirmation _____

Godparent #2

Full name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Religion: _____

Church name _____

Church address: _____
Street City State Zip

(circle Y or N)

- a. Is Godparent a member of the Church listed above by registration? **Y N**
- b. Is Godparent a member of the Church listed above by regular attendance? **Y N**
- c. Is Godparent at last 18 years old? **Y N**
- d. Is Godparent a practicing Catholic in good standing? **Y N**

Please list the church name, city & state or city & country for each sacrament received.

Baptism _____

Holy Communion _____

Confirmation _____

PATRON SAINT REPORT FOR those being CONFIRMED

- 1. What is your Patron Saint's name, Feast Day, Date of Birth and Death?**
- 2. Where was your saint born and raised? (Country and City)**
- 3. What do you know about his or her family?**
- 4. What were his/her life's mission and/or vocation? What did he/she do that is significant?**
- 5. What were his or her strongest convictions or beliefs?**
- 6. What is your saint most remembered for today?**
- 7. If alive today, where would you most likely find them? (Teaching at a High School, nursing at St . David's Hospital, feeding the homeless on 1st street, etc...?) What is your saint a patron of?**
- 8. Why did you choose this saint and in what ways is he/she a role model for your life? Why do you admire this saint? Why is this saint important to you?**

Please turn in your Patron Saint Name by November 2019.

Parent Acknowledgment Form
(This form must be signed and submitted with the registration form)

This is to acknowledge that I/we have received the St. Patrick Information Packet for the RCIA for Children/Teen process.

We understand and agree to cooperate with the Parish policies set forth in the packet.

Signed (Parent/Guardian) Date

Signed (Student) Grade

SACRAMENTS that are being requested for my child/teen:

- Baptism
- Eucharist
- Confirmation

