

**RCIA for Children 2021- 2022: SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

Congratulations on choosing Baptism for your child! The RCIA stands for the "*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*" and it is adapted for children ages 7-17. Because your child is of the age of reason - which means they can choose to do right or wrong - they are the ones prepared for the sacraments. By Church Law, a person who is of the age of reason and unbaptized, must be fully initiated with the sacraments of **Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion**. There are special passages and rites associated with their faith journey toward their baptism:

**1 - Inquiry** - also known as the period of the Pre -Catechumenate. All seekers are welcome and may or may not decide to continue towards the sacraments.

**2 - Catechumenate** - marked by the *Rite of Acceptance* in which they publicly declare the desire to be baptized. Those desiring baptism are now called "*Catechumens*"

**3 - Period of Purification and Enlightenment** - marked by the Rite of Sending at MQ and *the Rite of Election* at the Cathedral by the Bishop. This is always the 1st Sunday of Lent. At *the Rite of Election*, the Bishop promises the catechumens the sacraments at the Easter Vigil and they are no longer called Catechumens, but are now called "**The Elect of God.**" On the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent, the Elect receives the scrutinies which help heal and strengthen them as their baptism comes closer.

**4 - Holy Week** - Includes going to the Cathedral for the "*Chrism Mass*" in which the Bishop blesses the oils (three oils: *The oil of catechumens, The oil of Holy Chrism, and The oil of the Sick*) that will be used at each parish for the coming year. The Triduum – (3 days) leading up to Easter Sunday - is celebrated each day with Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. It is not required to attend the two celebrations (Holy Thursday and Good Friday) in person. They will be live streamed from our website and Facebook page. But you and the Godparents/Sponsors are required to attend the Easter Vigil where your child will receive Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil on April 16, 2022

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER** is September 5, 2021

**REGISTRATION:** RCIA is for any person age 7 and older who desires to be baptized. Registration is online at [www.mqhr.org](http://www.mqhr.org).

When you register, you will automatically be signed up for the Flocknote communication system for both emails and texts. This will ensure that you receive correct and timely information about RCIA.

**CLASS INFORMATION:**

Class and discussions are held on Sunday mornings 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Our expectation is that we will meet in person following the COVID guidelines from the Diocese and CDC. A final decision will be made in early August and more details will be forthcoming.

**Godparents / SPONSORS:** The term for the witness for the sacraments is interchangeable - Godparent / Sponsor. The requirements for Godparent / sponsors are: **16 years old, practicing and Confirmed Catholic.** (*See Canon Law 893 and 874*). Sponsors are strongly encouraged to attend the Sunday sessions, and keep in close contact with their Candidate. Parents or Stepparents cannot be their child's sponsor.

Each sponsor is required to complete the Sponsor Covenant.

If your sponsor cannot be present for the celebration of the sacrament, a proxy may be chosen. This proxy must meet the same requirements as a sponsor. Both the sponsor and proxy will be recorded in the sacramental records.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Baptism washes away original sin - and all other sins. The student's first Reconciliation will be done in December of 2022 - during the Advent season.

**CLASS ITEMS AND THOUGHTS GET READY \* YOU GOT THIS \* YOU ARE AMAZING IN GOD'S EYES AND HE LOVES YOU**  
**Use if we end up doing RCIA on Zoom Meetings**

1. Doodle Pad with something to write with
2. Bible
3. Prayer Before and Final Prayer Some prayers are formal and all prayer is talking to God using your own words
4. Our teaching and your participation = faith \* hope\* love are virtues....as disciples of Christ that we are ... AND Jesus said the greatest of these is LOVE
5. PARENTS - it would be great if you could go over the lesson with your child some time during the week before Sundays Class
6. We will email when there is a pick up for materials for your child in the church hall where the bathrooms are.....

**CLASS SCHEDULE 2021-2022**

**September 12:** Class # 1 Room 214 at Mary Queen School from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For all classes 2021-2022 year.

**September 19:** Class # 2

**September 26:** Class # 3

**October 3:** Class # 4 Rite of Acceptance at 9:00 a.m. at the rotunda (In the school where the Mary statue stands); Children will go to class after the rite; Parents and Godparents are required to attend to the rite

**October 10:** Class # 5 *Attend Holy Mass at 8: a.m. We'll sit together as group and after we go for our normal Class.*

**October 17:** Class # 6

**October 24:** Class # 7

**October 31:** Class # 8

**November 7:** Class # 9

**November 14:** Class # 10 *Attend Holy Mass at 8: a.m. We'll sit together as group and after we go for our normal Class.*

**November 21:** Class # 11

**No class November 28 - Thanksgiving**

**December 5:** Class # 12

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December 12: Class # 13

No class Dec. 19 and 26 and Jan. 2 - Christmas

January 9: Class # 14

January 16: Class # 15 *Attend Holy Mass at 8: a.m. We'll sit together as group and after we go for our normal Class.*

January 23: Class # 16

January 30: Class # 17

February 6: Class # 18

February 13: Class # 19 *Attend Holy Mass at 8: a.m. We'll sit together as group and after we go for our normal Class.*

February 20: Class # 20

February 27: Class # 21

March 2: *Ash Wednesday. Attend mass with your family. (Check the Schedule for Masses)*

March 6: Class # 22 **Rite of Sending** at MQ at 8 a.m. **Rite of Election** at the Cathedral of Christ the King with Bishop John Stowe. All children, parents and sponsors need to attend. If a sponsor cannot be there in person, a parent may substitute for them. Time is TBD - most likely at 3:30 p.m.

March 13: Class # 23

March 20: Class # 24 - **1st Scrutiny** during Holy Mass. 8: a.m. in English; 9:30 a.m. in Spanish

March 23: Presentation of the Creed at Mass (bilingual) 7 p.m.

No class March 27 - Spring Break

April 3: Class # 25 *Attend Holy Mass at 8: a.m. **3rd Scrutiny** during mass.*

April 10: Class # 26 - Review

April 12: **Chrism Mass** at Christ the King Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. (Tuesday) Mary Queen will issue a note if you need it for your school.

April 14: **Holy Thursday** at 7 p.m. at MQ

April 15: **Good Friday** at 7 p.m. at MQ

April 16: **Holy Saturday** - 8:00 a.m. Preparation Rites at Mary Queen Church and practice for the Easter Vigil.

At 8:30 p.m. **Easter Vigil** - Everyone will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First communion.

April 17: **Easter Sunday** - Attend Holy Mass of your choice for your 2nd Communion!