

*The information shared in this bulletin insert is for EVERYONE.  
Everyone in the Parishes/Missions will be invited to be involved in some way.*

## RCIA

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

#### What is RCIA?

RCIA is a process in which participants “undergo...conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments...The RCIA process follows the ancient practice of the Church as was restored by the Second Vatican Council as the normal way adults prepare for baptism.” – The US Conference of Catholic Bishops

The language used in the RCIA process is that of the early Church formation programs.

Catechumens are those people who are seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church through all the Sacraments of Initiation-Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Candidates are people who have been baptized in a Christian tradition but are seeking initiation into the Catholic Church through Eucharist and Confirmation.

#### All are Welcome!

RCIA is a process of study, exploration, faith-sharing, and faith formation with specific liturgical rites.

#### Who attends RCIA?

The Seeker and Inquirer. These are non-baptized adults who desire to be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. During this process, participants are introduced to the liturgy, the teachings, and the life of the Catholic Church. If you choose to continue the process, you become a Catechumen.

The Candidate. Adults or older children who were baptized in another Christian denomination prepare in a similar way for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation during their reception into the Catholic Church.

The Candidate. Adults or older children who were baptized Catholic and desire to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

#### RCIA is Journey.

Next week's bulletin insert will discuss the steps of the RCIA Journey.

Question: Are you a person seeking to become Catholic? Or...do you know you want to become Catholic? Or...you are Catholic and want to receive sacraments you haven't received? Then...RCIA is the process for you. If you need more information, or know right now that you would like to start RCIA, call the Parish Offices. A MEET and GREET gathering is scheduled on Sunday, September 10, 5:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall.