

- **I am not Catholic, but want to learn more.**

**We welcome all who are interested in joining us at Saint John Paul II Parish. For those that are not Catholic, we highly recommend RCIA - which is an acronym for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The following FAQ should answer most initial questions.**

**When and where do the RCIA sessions meet?**

The RCIA sessions are held on Thursday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the lower level of the parish center. Our next session begins September 11, 2014.

**How long does the RCIA process last?**

For most people the process runs from September to April.

**How do I register?**

You can register the first week of RCIA.

**Who should attend the classes?**

RCIA is for adults who want to be baptized, baptized Christians of other faith traditions who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic, and baptized Catholics who have not yet received their first Communion or Confirmation.

**Can students join the program?**

Yes. From time to time we do have students who are of the junior high age or over, but is geared for adults. If you would prefer a different format, Saint John Paul II does have a Religious Ed program 'CCD'. You can contact 309-540-9800 for more information regarding their program.

**What does RCIA stand for?**

It stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

**Are you high-pressure about becoming Catholic?**

Not at all. We want to assist you in discerning God's will for your life at this time. There is no pressure at all. We will help you through prayer, answering questions, and talking with you. We are merely here to help in whatever way we can.

**What if I have another question?**

Please contact Dc. Martin VanMeltebeck at 309-852-4549 ext. 131 or [deacon@saintjohnpaulii-kewanee.org](mailto:deacon@saintjohnpaulii-kewanee.org).