

RCIA Team opportunities for St. Francis of Assisi parishioners:

RCIA Prayer Companion – Members of the parish can be involved in the initiation process by serving as prayer companions. This would include parishioners or groups of parishioners actively remembering in prayer catechumens (unbaptized persons) or candidates (baptized persons) throughout the process. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved for those who are unable to commit to attending the weekly RCIA sessions and Sunday celebration of Rites. Prayer companions may send cards and notes of encouragement to the catechumens and candidates as they journey toward the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil.

RCIA Companion – At St. Francis, we use the term “companion” to describe a specific role in the initiation process. A parish companion is one who warmly welcomes and offers hospitality to an inquirer; who serves as a bridge for the seeker into the life of the parish; who shares his/her lived faith; who helps the catechumen/candidate to understand the fundamentals of the faith; who introduces and witnesses on behalf of an inquirer at the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome; who is a good listener; who prays and journeys with a seeker throughout the process and beyond. A parish companion commits to attending the weekly RCIA sessions that take place on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

RCIA Hospitality - RCIA hospitality volunteers accept the responsibility to provide or request contributions of food and beverages for the weekly sessions; to set up, serve food and clean-up at the end of session. Throughout the RCIA process, special parish receptions are held to mark the celebration of Rites and movement in the process. Hospitality volunteers assist in the preparations for these events, as well. Parishioners are invited to take on this role as an individual or as a team. All help is appreciated! -- *“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.” (Hebrews 13:1-2)*

RCIA Catechist – Presents weekly sessions and facilitates the Sunday Dismissal’s “Breaking Open the Word.” Catechists must have Basic Diocesan Certification.

If you are interested in serving as a member of the RCIA team, please contact Kathy Dancey at kdancey@columbus.rr.com