

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Program to Begin

Invitation for Non-baptized Adults to become members of the Catholic faith.

St. Richard Parish is again offering the RCIA program of Catholic instruction, process and welcoming of non-baptized adults into our Catholic Christian community. Participants will be expected to attend a series of weekly instructional and informational sessions each Tuesday, beginning October 6th and ending May 18, 2021. Our October 6th meeting will commence in the Pearce Center (church basement) at 6 p.m.

The RCIA program is a worldwide Catholic program and the process designed to invite and welcome new members into the church. This year, due to the virus pandemic, Catholic bishops are limiting the participation of the RCIA program to *only* those who have not previously been baptized in a mainstream Christian faith using the Trinitarian baptismal formula. Those who *have* been previously baptized in another Christian faith and would like to become full members of our Catholic faith will be invited to begin their candidacy at a future date to be announced.

Sessions will cover the foundational issues of Catholic history, biblical studies, sacramental theology, devotional and uniquely Catholic culture and Tradition, as well as other important and timely topics. No prior knowledge or practice of religion is required. If you know someone who might be interested, please feel free to bring them to the first session on October 6. Program registration will be completed and the schedule and materials will be distributed at the first meeting. Please follow the virus safety protocols including wearing a mask and social distancing.

For more information, please contact Colleen in the p office at 406-892-5142, or call Deacon Doug Cordier at 406-892-3991.