



# RCIA INVITATION

In Isaiah 43:1 God says: **“I have called you by name, you are mine.”** The invitation to respond to God’s call is extended to anyone who is interested in exploring Catholicism as a way of life. In our parish, this response is coordinated by a group of fully initiated Catholics who make up the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team. RCIA is not a one-size-fits-all process. We will listen to your story of faith and adapt as necessary to meet your needs.

- Maybe you have never been baptized.
- Maybe you have been baptized in another faith.
- Maybe you have been baptized Catholic but have not completed full initiation into the Church through Confirmation and/or Eucharist.
- Maybe you attend Mass regularly but do not participate in full communion by reception of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

What is RCIA? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. The Rite speaks of conversion as a "spiritual journey." Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful.

Formation over a period of time includes several elements:

1. Scripture – the stories of God’s people including our stories.
2. Teaching – what do Catholics believe? What is faith? Etc.
3. Prayer – we develop a deeper relationship with God.
4. Mass – we worship together.
5. Mission – we live what we believe.

We invite you to respond to God’s call.

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