

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Every year in the Archdiocese of Detroit, hundreds of people join the Catholic Church. Since becoming Catholic requires a commitment to God, the Church, and a worshipping community (parish), the person seeking to join the Church is invited to enter a process of preparation and discernment. This process is called the **RCIA**, an acronym for *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

In the RCIA, a person takes a journey with the RCIA Team to learn about and become closer to God. A major component in learning about God entails learning about God's Church. In the RCIA, the participants learn about how the Church was formed, and many of the particular beliefs and practices that are unique to Catholicism.

While learning about Catholicism is essential to the RCIA, it is only part of the process. The core of the RCIA centers on discovering, developing, and nurturing your relationship with God.

Who is the RCIA for?

+Adults (and children who are seven years old or older) who have never been baptized.

+Adults who are baptized in another Christian denomination and desire to join the Catholic Church.

+Adult Catholics who have been baptized, but have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

How to register for the RCIA

If the RCIA is something that looks like it is of interest to you or someone you know, please call Mr. Steve Petty, Pastoral Associate for Guardian Angels Parish @ 248-588-1222. Steve can also be reached via email at stevep@guardiana.com.



Testimonials

“Without question, this experience has changed my life. I look forward to studying the Scriptures and sharing the Gospel the way it was shared with me.”

Nicole

“The RCIA was a great experience. I realized afterwards how much faith I had. I'm praying to God every morning and every night.”

Brian

“Not only was I able to better understand the core beliefs of the Catholic Church, but my faith and devotion to God was strengthened immensely. The RCIA process changed my life.”

Carissa

“I could not begin to recount everything I learned in RCIA. One of the most meaningful things I learned, however, was that ‘No one is without a family in this world: the Church is a home and family to everyone....’ (CCC, Paragraph 1658). The teacher, sponsors, and my classmates in RCIA were the first brothers and sisters in Christ I met and got to know.”

Tom