



RCIA Welcome

Thank you for inquiring about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program at St. Mary Cathedral. RCIA is the program through which the Church welcomes, educates, and equips those persons seeking full communion in the Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Initiation, namely, Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

RCIA is a program of discernment and instruction in which you will be introduced to the beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith. **At the Cathedral, RCIA instruction is for (1) unbaptized or invalidly baptized persons, (2) Christians validly baptized in another Christian denomination, (3) baptized Catholics who lack the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, and (4) members of Orthodox churches, who only need to proclaim a profession of faith publicly.**

We are implementing a **year-round RCIA program**, and you are welcome to join us immediately.

- **Classes before Tuesday, September 4, 2018** provide an **overview of the Catholic Christian faith.**
- **Classes with speakers**, which focus more deeply on topics of faith and Christian living, begin on **Tuesday, September 4, 2018.**
- **Sponsor orientation, training, and matching will take place on Tuesday, October 2, 2018.** If you do not already have a sponsor, one will be provided for you from among the Cathedral parish family.
- **(1) Eligible catechumens, who are not baptized** and have resolved any issues related to annulments, will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist **at the Easter Vigil Mass on the evening of April 20, 2019.**
- **(2) Already validly baptized candidates from other Christian denominations**, who seek full communion with the Catholic faith and have resolved any issues related to annulments, will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on **Quinquagesima Sunday** (the last Sunday before Lent), **Sunday, March 3, 2019.**
- **(3) Baptized Catholics seeking Confirmation and Eucharist**, who have resolved any issues related to annulments, will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist **at the Easter Vigil Mass on the evening of April 20, 2019.**
- **(4) Members of Orthodox churches who wish to become Roman Catholic** will make a public profession of faith at the Mass on **Quinquagesima Sunday** (the last Sunday before Lent), **Sunday, March 3, 2019.**

Classes commence promptly at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in the school cafeteria in the far southeast corner of the Cathedral's Donahue Center. The cafeteria is located across the alley behind the Cathedral, through the blue doors with crosses, and up the half flight of stairs. If you are in the Cathedral's parking garage, use the second (2nd) floor button (PG level) to reach the Donahue Center.

We ask the catechumens, candidates, and baptized Catholics to pay \$50 for the books, handouts, snacks, and other materials you will receive. If you cannot pay all or part of the fee, please let the RCIA Co-Directors know. Inability to pay the fee will not prevent anyone from attending RCIA classes or receiving their sacraments.

Please complete the enclosed form entitled "RCIA Preliminary Information" and return it during the RCIA class.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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