



Have YOU  
Thought About  
**BECOMING  
CATHOLIC?**

**CLASSES WILL MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE OLG CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>. ATTENDANCE AT THE 6:00 P.M. MASS IS ENCOURAGED!**

### **What is RCIA?**

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the process by which an adult person is initiated into the Catholic Church, through Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. Through this process the adult is formed in the Christian faith, with the local parish community serving as both catechists and models.

### **Who is it for?**

- ❖ It is for un-baptized adults who desire to respond to God's invitation to eternal life both here and hereafter.
- ❖ It is for those already baptized, but not in the Catholic Church, who desire to respond to God's invitation to full and visible communion with the Church which He has established.
- ❖ It is for those already baptized in the Catholic Church, but not brought up in the practice of the Faith, who desire to respond to God's invitation to allow Him to bring completion what He has already begun.
- ❖ It is for members of the parish who desire to respond to God's invitation to return to the practice of the Faith.
- ❖ It is for members of the parish who desire to respond to God's invitation to refresh and renew on an adult level what was given to them as children.
- ❖ It is for member of the parish who desire to respond to God's invitation to deepen their own spirituality by involving and investing themselves in the lives and the spiritual journey of those who God is drawing ever more closely to Himself.



*Let the children come to me ... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

(Mt 19:13-14)

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**What is RCIC?**

**RCIC is a program designed for children who have not received the sacraments of Christian initiation - Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. RCIC is preparation for these Sacraments and for reception into the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. The sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession, Penance) is celebrated before Easter.**

**When will children receive the sacraments?**

**All students who are ready will receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil - the Saturday night before Easter.**

**How do I enroll my child?**

**Please contact Deacon Mike Harris at [michael\\_m\\_harris@me.com](mailto:michael_m_harris@me.com) or the parish office at 228-467-6509.**

**What is required of a child in RCIC?**

**Regular attendance at Mass and Sunday classes as well as active participation in class discussions and activities. All children will need a sponsor who is a practicing Catholic and member of the Catholic Church who will be able to be present at the Easter Vigil. If the family is unable to find a sponsor for the child, we will help find a good match within the parish. Your child must be enrolled in CCD classes at OLG or attend Catholic school.**

**The true success of the program depends on the parents/guardians and the sponsors. The adults must insure the child attends Sunday Mass, attends all classes, learns their prayers, and experiences a Catholic environment at home.**