

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)



How Can I Become a Catholic?

Life is a journey that continually searches for meaning. The human heart hungers for relationships that nurture one's maturity and ability to love and to be loved. Often as one seeks to fulfill these very human yearnings, the realization that something is missing from life is made. As one reflects upon this void, it is not unusual to discover that this something is God. This awakening may lead to a turning point in one's life to commit to a relationship with God and seek out a worshipping community to guide one's journey in faith. Many will ask the question: How can I become a Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the normal way for unbaptized persons and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition to become a Catholic.

“There is One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.” Ephesians 4:5

The RCIA welcomes both people who have never been baptized and people who were baptized in another Christian tradition and now wish to become Roman Catholic. Sometimes people who were baptized in the Catholic Church in infancy but did not grow up in the practice of the faith also participate in RCIA. Adults, who were baptized into the Catholic Church, have celebrated First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, but who never received Confirmation, may take part.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Roman Catholic Church is invited to “Come and See” on Sunday, September 13th in Guadalupe Hall at 9:15 AM, meet team members and have your questions answered. You may also contact, Mary Warner at the Parish Office 419-826-2791 ext. 229; Ann Geise for the RCIC or RCIY (ages 7-17) ext. 204. We will set up a time to meet and discuss your questions and the many paths to full membership in the Roman Catholic Church that we offer here at Saint Richard Church, no matter where you are in your faith journey. Ann Hallett is our RCIA Director.