

About RCIA:

Anyone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic Christian or who would like more information, please contact our parish office which will then direct your enquiry to our RCIA team. The Catechumenate is a process of Christian formation offered to those who seek to become members of the Catholic Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) refers to the liturgical rites belonging to the Catechumenate.

The Catechumenate, also known simply as RCIA, is offered to those who have never been baptized, as well as to those who have been baptized.

The unbaptized who are suitably prepared are joyfully received into the Catholic Church by the reception of the three Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The baptized who are suitably prepared are welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church by the reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

The people of God, as represented by our parish, should understand and show by their concern that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptized (RCIA 9)

The whole parish has a responsibility for the gathering and nurturing of new members. The entire community welcomes them and delegates some from among its members to accompany them on their journey of faith.

The bishop as part of his overall pastoral care of the diocese, personally and actively promotes the Catechumenate and welcomes the new members himself by presiding at the Rite of Election.

The priest plays a special role in ministering to the pastoral and spiritual care of those on the journey and those accompanying them.

Sponsors are delegated by the parish family to take an active and supportive role as companions, witnesses and guides for those seeking to join the Catholic Church.

A team of catechists is responsible for guiding the formation process of the members of the group. As those in formation share their experience of God in their own lives, catechists guide them to a deeper reflection on the Word of God and greater understanding of the faith of the Church.