



RCIA ADAPTED FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

For children and youth in 2nd grade and above who
have never been baptized OR were baptized in another Christian denomination
AND

For teens in 6th grade and above who were baptized Catholic but are uncatechized

*We require a minimum of two years of formation for
celebration of the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist*

- **Year 1:** Children and youth participate in regular Faith Formation sessions from September through May, either at 10:00 (attend 12 noon mass) or 2:00 p.m. (attend 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Family Gatherings: Parents and children gather **ONCE A MONTH** for a family gathering. They are introduced to Jesus Christ and fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church and are encouraged to learn through Scripture, prayer, and small group activities.

- **Year 2:** Weekly catechumenate sessions take place on Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in conjunction with 10:00 Mass. After the homily, children are sent forth with their catechists to study and pray the Gospel and continue to learn about the Catholic Church and its teachings. Full initiation into the Church (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

The Role of Parents

Parents, who are the first and most important teachers of their children, have a key role in the journey of initiation. You are expected to be fully involved in the entire process, including weekly Mass participation. You will learn the benefits of bringing our Catholic faith and traditions into your home life and your family will grow in faith together!

The Role of Godparents

The godparent also accompanies the child through the RCIA process to support the child's formation in the faith, to attend some family sessions, and to become even more involved during the second year. The commitment is ongoing and lifelong. The godparent must be 16 years of age or older, be a Catholic who has received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), and lead a life in harmony with the faith and the responsibility to be undertaken. If married, the requirement is that the couple has been married in the Catholic Church.

We look forward to sharing this journey with you and your family.

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