

# RCIA - COME AND SEE What the Catholic Church is all about?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults...RCIA process is for adults who would like to explore the teachings and life of the Catholic Church with a view to possibly becoming a member of the Church.



As John watched Jesus walk by he said, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. When Jesus turned around and noticed them following him, He asked them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi, (which means Teacher) where do you stay?" "Come and See," He answered. In 1:36-37

Classes begin on <u>September 10, 2013\* 7:00 p.m.</u> and will be held every Tuesday evening in the hall.

The sessions will be led by Fr. Sexton with occasional guest presenters. For more information, please call the Church Office 525-5161.

## Questions about the RCIA

#### 1. What is the RCIA?

It is a process (more than a program) that helps an adult to explore the beauty and truth of the Catholic Faith.

#### 2. What is the process?

Inquirers meet weekly for a presentation on some aspects of the Church, this is followed by questions and discussion. There is also a time for the prayer asking God to give guidance and wisdom to the inquirer.

## 3. How long does the RCIA process take?

Usually it begins in September and continues through Easter time when new members are welcomed into full membership in the Church.

#### 4. Do I have to take tests or do homework?

No. This is an adult learning experience. You are encouraged to read further on topics if you have the time and, of course, prayer is important.

## 5. What expectations go with the RCIA Process?

Weekly attendance at the RCIA sessions; a commitment to begin to share in the weekly Sunday worship at Our Lady of the Lake; you are always free to discontinue.

## 6. Will I have a Sponsor to walk the journey with me?

Yes, if you have a spouse or friend who is already a Catholic, they may will to be your Sponsor, or the Church will find a Sponsor for you.

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RCIA Sessions Tuesday at 7pm 2013-2014

RCIA Team: Leader: Fr. Michael Sexton Adminstrative: Parma Boyle

Presenters: Yolie Roy, Micky Zielinski, Tom Welch Refreshments & Environment: George Sobolowski

Textbook: We Believe by Fr Oscar Lukefahr



Date	Topic/Event	
September 10	Introduction and Tour of Church	
September 17	Things you've heard about Catholics: Are they true?	
September 24	The Existence of God	Chap 1
October 1	The Judeo-Christian Tradition	Chap 2
October 8	Who is Jesus?	Chap 3
October 15	Jesus in His Followers & in His Word	Chap 4
October 22	The Trinity	Chap 5
October 29	The Church Human & Divine	Chap 5
November 5	The Saints and the Communion of Saints	Chap 6
November 12	Jesus Brings Us to Fullness of Life	Chap 7
November 19	The Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation	Chap 8
November 26	No RCIA Thanksgiving Break	•
December 1 (Sun)	11:15 am Mass Introduction of RCIA Members	
December 3	The Sacrament of the Eucharist	Chap 9
December10	The Sacrament of Reconciliation	Chap 10
December 17	The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick	Chap 11
December 24	No RCIA Christmas Break	
December 31	No RCIA Christmas Break	
January 7	The Sacrament of Holy Orders	Chap 12
January 14	The Sacrament of Marriage	Chap 13
January 21	Ecumenism-Other Churches and Religions	•
January 28	The Christian Call to Holiness	
February 4	Christian Life: Morality - Conscience	Chap 14
February 11	The Ten Commandments	Chap 10
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February 18	Church History - Highlights	Chap 5
		Pg 54-56
February 25	Catholic Social Teachings: Life Issues	
March 4	No RCIA Eve of Lent	
March 9 (1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	11:15am Mass Rite of Sending	
Lent)	4:00 pm Rite of Elect at the Cathedral of St. Paul	
March 11	Prayer Communicating with God	Chap 15
March 18	A Walk Through the Mass	Church
March 23 (Sun)	8:30 am Mass 1st Scrutiny	
March 25	No RCIA Lenten Mission	
March 30 (Sun)	11:15am Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny	
April 1	Pathway to Prayers: Private-Public, The Rosary	Chap 15
April 5 (Sat)	5pm Mass 3 <sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny	
April 8	Preparing for Holy Week	
April 15	Practice for Easter Vigil	
April 19 (Holy Sat)	8pm Mass Easter Vigil-Reception into the Church	
April 22	Pot Luck Invitation to Ministries	