



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA

Welcome! Thank you for taking the first step in inquiring about membership of the Roman Catholic Church. We are delighted to accompany you as you know more intimately the living person of Jesus Christ who continues his presence among us in the Church.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults come to learn about and experience the Christian life, specifically our Roman Catholic tradition, and in the fullness of time become initiated into the life of our Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

RCIA is a spiritual process for anyone who is inquiring about the Catholic Faith, and also for Catholics who are already baptised, but who, for some reason, were never instructed in the faith or celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist.

The three goals of RCIA are:

- To instruct participants about the Catholic Church
- To bring about a full conversion as a follower of Jesus Christ
- To become an active member of the faith community

The RCIA begins with a period of inquiry and maturing. This is a time for hearing the first preaching of the Gospel and of prayer. The end of this period is marked by the first stage or step: The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens.

The second period is called the Catechumenate. This is a time of more intense preaching and teaching of the Gospel, prayer, instruction, handing on the sacred traditions of the Catholic faith, and personal contact with members of the larger Christian community. This period ends with "The Rite of Election" when the catechumens are ready to respond totally to God's call to faith through the sacraments of initiation.

The third period takes place during Lent. It is a time of purification and enlightenment for a more profound spiritual preparation. Its focus and conclusion is the Easter Vigil and the sacraments of initiation.

The final period takes place during the Easter Season. The newly baptized can deepen their experience of the sacraments and of being new members of the Christian community.

If you are interested in being initiated into the Roman Catholic Church, please consider attending Mass at a nearby parish and contact the Parish Priest to enquire if they have an RCIA programme.

Inquirer's Information

Surname _____ Candidate's First Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Nationality _____

Address: _____

Tel. Number _____

Email Address _____

Baptismal Information

- I am unbaptised and desire to become Catholic
- I was baptised in a non-Catholic church and desire to become Catholic
(Please provide a copy of your Baptism Certificate)
- I was baptised as a Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or First Eucharist (Please provide a copy of your Baptism Certificate)
- I am not sure if I was baptized or not

Marital Information

Single Engaged Married Separated Widowed

If married, Name of Spouse _____

Place & Date of Marriage _____

If separated, was a divorce or annulment from your first marriage granted?

Yes No

If yes, please state when the divorce/annulment was obtained and provide documentation to support same.

Are you currently in a relationship Yes No

Parental Information (Details required for Baptism Register)

	Father	Mother
Surname		
First Name (s)		
Address		
Date of Birth		
Telephone		
Religion		
Date of Marriage		

Sacramental Information

If requesting Baptism, please state the Name of your Godparent(s)

If requesting Confirmation, please state the Name of your Sponsor

The following should be considered when choosing a Sponsor: (Ref. Code of Canon Law §874)

- Sponsors must be at least sixteen years of age.
- A Confirmed Catholic who has received the Holy Eucharist.
- A practising Catholic who attends Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and follows the precepts of the Catholic Church.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

Priest's Signature _____ Date _____

SPIRITUAL INFORMATION

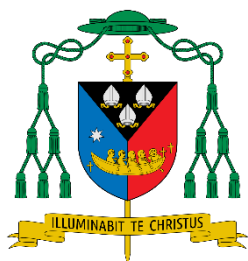
1. How would you describe your relationship with God?

2. Is prayer a part an integral part of your life? In what way do you pray?

3. Has any particular individual inspired you in the Christian faith? If yes, how have they done so?

4. Why do you feel called into the Catholic Church at this time?

5. How did your family and friends react to your decision to become fully initiated in the Catholic Church?



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