

## **FAQ about RCIA**

### **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

#### **Who should attend RCIA?**

People who have not received all the sacraments of initiation; Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (First Communion). Already-baptized Christians will need to make a profession of Faith and then they will be Confirmed and receive first Eucharist. Also Catholics who have been baptized, but have not received Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

#### **I'm already baptized in another denomination. Do I need to attend RCIA?**

Yes, but the Catholic Church does not re-baptize those who have been baptized in another Christian church. If you have been baptized but never received instructions in the Catholic Faith then RCIA is recommended. RCIA will help you to begin the lifelong learning of the beliefs, practices, and traditions of the Catholic Church.

#### **What kind of information do I need to join RCIA?**

You need no information to join the process, but if you wish to become Catholic then you will need to obtain copies of your baptismal records and submit them to the Pastor who will further assist you. Since obtaining records may be a time-consuming process it is suggested you begin whenever you believe Catholicism is right for you. If for some reason your church did not keep records or the church no longer exists, other arrangements can be made.

#### **I heard I need a sponsor. What is that and how do I get one?**

Sponsors are practicing Catholics who are in good standing with the Church and who accompany you on your journey through RCIA. For Baptism the Sponsor is called "godparent". We encourage your Sponsor to attend sessions with you. If you know someone who meets the criteria you can simply ask them to sponsor you. If you do not have someone who is able to sponsor you, we will provide you with a Sponsor who will accompany you on your faith journey.