



Welcome to RCIA

RELAX



INTRODUCTIONS



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- ▶ What did your 15 year-old self imagine you'd be doing right now?

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The Schedule

- ▶ The RCIA year runs from September 13, 2020 to May 23, 2021.
- ▶ All classes are held on Sundays from 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM.
- ▶ The only days we will not meet are:
 1. November 29 (Thanksgiving)
 2. December 27 (Christmas/New Year)
 3. March 7 (Right of Sending on March 6)
 4. April 4 (Easter Vigil on April 3)

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Step 1 – Pre-catechumenate Stage (until Rite of Acceptance, January 17, 2021)

1. Asking questions about the Catholic faith
2. Building community within the group
3. Examining God's presence in our lives, past and present
4. Learning about prayer
5. Developing or improving our relationship with God
6. Getting to know his church.
7. Learning about the basic teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church

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Step 2 – Catechumenate Stage (until Rite of Election, March 6, 2021)

1. Getting more involved in parish activities, getting to know the parish community
2. Continuing to learn about the basic teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church
3. Continuing to examine God's presence in our lives, past and present
4. Developing a prayer life, entering into the communal worship of the parish
5. Fostering conversion
6. Developing or improving our relationship with God

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Step 3 – Purification and Enlightenment Stage (until Easter Vigil, April 3, 2020)

1. A time of reflection centered on conversion and on preparation for the Easter Vigil
2. Enlightenment is a time for:
 - a. Repentance
 - b. Examining areas of sinfulness or weakness in our lives
 - c. Asking God's help in healing these areas
 - d. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving
 - e. Preparation for receiving the sacraments of initiation

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Step 4 – Mystagogy Stage (until June 6, 2021)

1. The period of Mystagogia is a time for:
 - a. Living a sacramental life
 - b. Living out the gospel way of life
 - c. Becoming more involved in the parish by joining a ministry
 - d. Transitioning into a small group

And Now a Word from Our Sponsors

What is the role of a sponsor?

The role of the sponsor is to both support and witness the person's conversion and readiness to receive the sacraments of the Catholic Church. This is accomplished by attending the catechetical meetings as often as possible, special rituals and events with the inquirer and offering encouragement, listening, prayers, and example outside of the regular meetings.

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Who can be a sponsor?

- ▶ Individuals who have received the Sacraments of Initiation
- ▶ Are practicing Catholics and give witness to their Catholic Faith
- ▶ Are or will be at least 16 years old at the time of the Sacramental celebration at which they wish to serve as a sponsor
- ▶ Will support the person they are sponsoring through prayer and by setting a good example for living a Christian life
- ▶ Is not a parent of the candidate

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Sponsor forms are due by November 8, 2020

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Sponsors will be needed for:

The Rite of Acceptance – January 17, 2021

The Rite of Sending/Election - March 6, 2021

The First Scrutiny (Those to be baptized only) – March 7, 2021

The Second Scrutiny (Those to be baptized only) - March 14, 2021

The Third Scrutiny (Those to be baptized only) - March 21, 2021

The Rite of Ephphatha – April 3, 2021

Easter Vigil – April 3, 2021

Resources

Bible

Catechism

Journal

Formed.org

Stpeterjupiter.com

Stpeterjupiterrcia.com

REFLECTIONS PART II

During our next session we will discuss where we want to go and how we get there. Please review the Reflections tab on the RCIA website and select three questions from Part 1 and three questions from Part 2. Please write your responses in your journal. During next week's session, I am going to ask everyone to share at least one response from Part 1 and one response from Part 2, but nobody is required to share.

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QUESTIONS?

