
Today's Date

Adult Inquirer Information Form

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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to be
taken at office

First Name

Middle

Last Name

Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Preferred Name to be called (if different) _____

Date of Birth _____ **Age** _____

Place of Birth (city, state, country) _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

I. Contact Information

Mailing Address _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Email (print clearly) _____

Occupation _____

II. Inquiry: Reason for Signing Up for RCIA

- I have never been baptized. I am seeking Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist in the Catholic Church.
- I was baptized in another church/faith. I am seeking to join the Catholic community/Church.
- I was baptized in the Catholic Church. I am seeking the sacrament of Confirmation.
- I was baptized in the Catholic Church. I am seeking the sacrament of Holy Eucharist (Communion)
- I was baptized in the Catholic Church. I am seeking the sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance/Confession)
- I am considering the Catholic Church, but I am not sure yet if I want to join the Catholic community.
- Other _____

VI. General Information

1. Who or what has influenced you to seek more information about the Catholic faith?

2. Please describe any religious education you have received—as a child and as adult.

3. What is your exposure with the Catholic Church—participating, accompanying someone, etc?

4. What questions or concerns do you have about the Catholic Church?

5. Which of the following statements best describes your present feelings: (check more than one if applicable)

I was raised as a Catholic but I have not been active for a long time.

I am Catholic but I really do not know a lot about my faith

I am not a Catholic right now but I have decided that joining the Catholic community is what I want.

I am considering the Catholic faith, but I need more information before I decide.

I find it very important to grow in my faith as an adult.

Other: _____

Helpful Information



Introduction. “Becoming Disciples of Jesus” is the overall theme of the RCIA. It is not sufficient just “to get Confirmation or Eucharist” or “to just get baptism.” We hope that the RCIA will serve as a meaningful process for everyone who joins on this journey of faith. It goes beyond “learning about the Catholic faith” although this is one aspect of RCIA. It focuses more on one’s relationship with the Lord; and with this as the focus, the Catholic faith will make more sense.

Timeframe: For the 2021-22 year, the RCIA will begin on Monday, September 27, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Conference Room at the parish office. We will meet weekly (a calendar will be given) through the middle of May. Baptisms will take place at the Easter Vigil (unless COVID is still a concern); and Confirmation will be scheduled for May, 2022. A specific date will be given to us by the Diocese of Brownsville after they create the schedule.

Paperwork/Records: The Church keeps records on all who receive the sacraments.

- a. If you are seeking Baptism, submit a copy of your birth certificate so your full legal name can be documented. (those never baptized will receive Confirmation and Eucharist as well)
- b. If you are baptized as a Catholic, bring a copy of your baptism certificate. You will have to find out the parish where this happened, and you will need to request of a copy.
- c. If you are not sure where or when your baptism occurred, talk to RCIA team on what to do.
- d. If you were baptized in another faith tradition, provide a certificate from that church if they keep records. In many cases, your baptism in another Christian tradition will be accepted; but there are some exceptions. Bring what you have and we can discuss your situation with you.

Note: Records should be submitted by **November 15**. Please bring any records you have: proof of baptism and 1st Communion. If you received Communion, it should be noted on the back of your Baptism certificate. If you run into unexpected difficulties, notify the RCIA team to discuss options.

Prior Marriages: The registration for RCIA requests information about your history of prior marriages. The Church wants to ensure everything is in order. There are many different situations—civil marriages, prior Church marriages, etc. These matters are better discussed in person, and we encourage you to meet with Patsy Vela at the parish office (956-686-0251). We welcome your inquiries.

Welcome: By inquiring about the RCIA, you have shown that you find your faith important to you. The process may seem long in the beginning, but hopefully you will find the time worthwhile and supportive of your journey of faith.

You will have the opportunity to raise questions, share your experiences, and ultimately make the personal decision to grow as a Disciple of Jesus—a decision made as an adult who has been informed and educated in the faith. On this journey during the year, we will celebrate the sacraments you seek—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Interviews: Prior to starting our meetings, each person or couple will be interviewed. This is a way of knowing you as you begin the process and to address any concerns or questions beforehand. The interview is informal and will be done at the parish office. A time can be arranged around your schedule—during the day or in the evening. Contact Robert Codina 956-821-5662.

Fee: We ask for a \$35 contribution for materials you will receive. This can be paid upon registration or during the year. Do not let this be an obstacle to attending.