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## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program designed for adults who have not been able to complete their sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion & Confirmation) and those who would like to become Roman Catholics. The program, like all of our Roman Catholic teaching, is based on Sacred Scripture and the Traditions handed down to us by the early Church Fathers. It is divided into four segments to permit the inquirer to ask questions, listen to the teachings of the Church, reflect on their decision to join the Church, and have time to familiarize themselves with the parish.

The 2017-2018 RCIA program began on Thursday, September 21, 2017 in the Christian Formation Center, Room 212, and will continue until Easter 2018. The weekly sessions start promptly at 6:30PM and end at 8:30PM. Our multimedia sessions will allow you to experience the richness of our Roman Catholic faith, and your participation will enhance the sessions. The RCIA team is comprised of active members of our parish who share their experiences of God as applicable to the session topic. There is still time to participate in the 2017-2018 program

During the program we will journey from Creation to the Risen Christ. We will grow in our understanding of Christ's promises and how the Holy Spirit can guide our Christian lives. We hope that you will grow in faith as you consciously and freely seek the living God and allow the Holy Spirit to open the eyes and ears of your spiritual understanding. As Jesus has said, "come and you will see" (Jn 1:39) the goodness of the Lord and taste the blessing of celebrating the faith in a community that has pledged its support to you in this wonderful journey.