



One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic
St. Joan of Arc Church
invites you to the 2017-2018
RCIA Program

***Classes begin Tuesday August 29th, 2017
7:00p.m. in Conference room A***

Registration now through August 27th
Call the Religious Education Office
561-952-2870

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



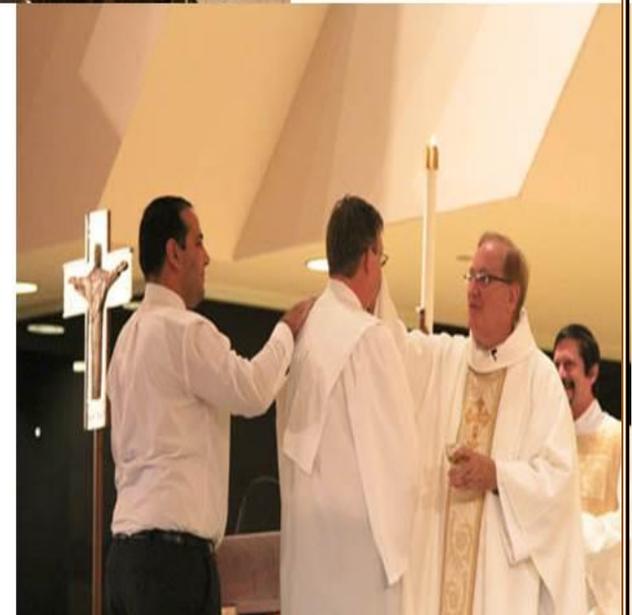
Thinking of Joining
the Catholic
Church?

The One, Holy,
catholic, and
Apostolic Church
invites you to the
RCIA 2017-2018
program.

Starts: 8/29

Life-long Catholics
who better want to
deepen their faith
and understanding
of the teachings of
the Church also
invited to join
as well.

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you are reading this, chances are that you are inquiring into the Catholic Faith. You would like to be baptized, confirmed and receive communion or you may be baptized already but need to receive confirmation and communion. You may also be baptized in another faith and would like to convert to Catholicism. Or you may be fully initiated member of the church but are interested in refreshing your faith by attending the course. In any way, WELCOME, we are happy that you are interested in the program. Please fill out this form and email or drop off in the Religious Education Office. You will be contacted shortly for an interview by the Director of Faith Formation to respond to any questions you may have and to explain to you the program in depth.

Tuition of \$50.00 to cover expenses will be appreciated. If you have financial problems, please talk to the Director of Faith Formation for arrangements.

Classes are weekly starting on **August 29th, 2017 to April 10th, 2018.**

Sacraments will be received on Easter vigil, March 31st, 2018.

Name: _____

Address:

Phone (H): _____ **(C)** _____

email: _____

Best time to contact you during the day _____

Best weekday to contact you _____

I'm interested in, please check below:

_____ Being Baptized _____ Communion and/or Confirmation.

_____ I belong to another faith denomination and would like to enter the Catholic faith or _____ would like to know more about the Catholic faith.

_____ I'm fully initiated Catholic but would like to refresh my faith knowledge of the faith.

Four Steps to Becoming a fully Initiated Catholic

1- Period of Inquiry

People will look into full membership in the Catholic Church for years. At some point, the person will contact the Catholic parish and begin to meet with other adults who are also inquiring about the Catholic faith. These adults, with members of the RCIA team will take time to tell their stories and connect them with the faith stories found in scriptures.

2- Rite of Acceptance into the Order of the Catechumens and the Period of the Catechumenate

Some of the inquirers become firm in their desire to be initiated into the catholic faith and begin a more formal journey of study of the teachings of the Catholic Church. They are admitted to this next step through a special ceremony called Rite of Acceptance.

3- Rite of Election and the Period of Purification and Enlightenment

The period of Catechumenate ends when the person discerns, with the help of their sponsors and the Parish RCIA team, that God is calling them to receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Before they can be initiated they must be officially called to the sacraments by the Bishop. This Rite of Election is celebrated in the cathedral with other adults from parishes all over the diocese. The election marks the end of the formal studying and the beginning of a spiritual discernment about what becoming Catholic and Easter people will mean to them.

4- Initiation and Mystagogia

For the newly initiated, now called *neophytes*, the time between Easter and Pentecost is a special opportunity to reflect on the commitment they have made to the Lord, to the Church, and to the local parish community. This journey lasts a lifetime. The new Catholics are invited in this step to seek out their place in the parish community.