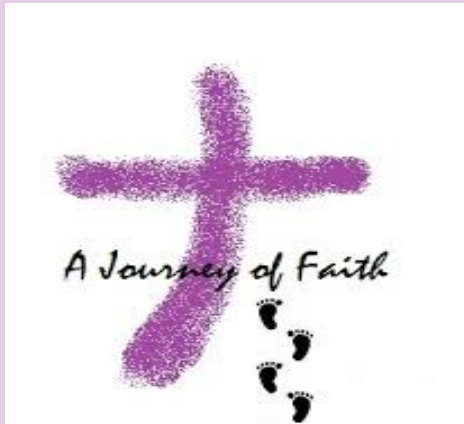


Have you thought about becoming a Catholic?



How does a person start the process?

The best place to begin is where you are now.

The RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process for those thinking about joining.

Stage 1: Just Look Stage: a period before you decide in which you can ask questions and check it out. At this stage there is no commitment to enter the church.

Stage 2: is the **Catechumenate or Learning about the Faith:** once you decide that you want to enter, you begin a stage of developing your faith through learning and sharing of the basic ideas about the Catholic faith and the way of life.

RCIA stage 3: On the verge of rebirth!

Purification and enlightenment is the last stage before being received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. (Those already baptized with a valid baptism in another Christian church aren't baptized again.) This period begins in the season of Lent a time when each member of the Church is called to a deeper renewal of their life and a more concentrated look at how they are living out their Christian life. .

RCIA stage 4: Discipleship

This stage of **mystagogy** during the Easter Season (following Easter) is a time to learn more about the Eucharist (Mass) and its importance in the life of the community. Generally we all come to appreciate the Celebration of Mass – Hearing God's Word, Remembering and Sharing in the very Life of Christ – Body and Blood of Christ, and then being Sent - to witness to our life as a Servant of Christ.