

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: A Time of Conversion for Us All

God's project for all creation is the mission of the Church, "doing this in memory" of Jesus, the one who is God's message. We are reminded each time we gather as Church at the Table of the Lord that we have a very definite job to do in the world – being transformed into the Body of Christ.

We face tremendous challenges as a Church today, in not separating and isolating ourselves from the people outside our faith community. The meaningfulness of what we do each day as Disciples of Jesus is in connecting with all the "others" who do not know the transformative power of Jesus' presence in our lives. His teaching and moral vision continues to challenge our way of life as a parish community, inspiring and infusing every person and family in an intentional way of life, as disciples.

The **RCIA** is a time of reflection for the entire community as Christ the Servant. **We are asking** others to share in our community life, joining a more complete communion with us. This calls us to renew in our continuing commitment to the mission of Christ the Servant. **We are asking** our parishioners and those outside our community to look once again at our community of learning here at Our Lady of Peace School and our Parish School of Religion ensuring the spiritual and religious education and formation of their children. **We are asking** our parishioners to share in a continuing outreach to the wider community through generosity of service - giving generously of ourselves in helping those who are marginalized and appear in our society to be the least, lost and last. **We are asking** our parishioners to use their stewardship of time, talent and treasure to further the mission of the Church – this calls us all to possess an attitude of gratitude, trusting the Lord's overflowing love and care.

Sharing in God's Project and Vision for the all creation - driving us to love as God loves is an awesome mission and an adventure of a lifetime. LGaetano

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RCIA Time Schedule

In order to better align the RCIA with the often time hectic daily experience of our candidates and catechumens; we believe that Sunday Mornings present the better time for the RCIA Formation Program. Families continually run into juggling work schedules, driving children to multiple after-school programs, preparing meals after work, and hopefully having some time to spend together as a family.

This coming October 4, we will begin the formal process of the RCIA. Teaching, Reflection and Discussion Sessions will be held on Sunday Mornings, from 9:00 until 10:30. This will provide families the opportunity for their children to attend our Parish School of Religion if not attending our Parish School, while sharing in the RCIA Process.

Attention Parents: We also will be providing a Pre-School 3 – 4 – 5 year old religious education program, in addition to a regular K-8 School of Religion. Our intention is that this will assist our families - who attend either our Parish School here at Our Lady of Peace and our Parish School of Religion – for either attending Mass at 9:00 a.m., and or participating in the RCIA Process for this year.

RCIA Class Schedule and Topics

Oct 4	Faith –Transcending the Limits
Oct 11	God – Mystery
Oct 18	Revelation of God - Dei Verbum
Oct 26	Salvation / Whole - Making (Schillebeeckx)
Nov 1	Jesus – Visible Image of the Invisible God
Nov 8	Scripture – Former Relationship (OT) with God / New Relationship (NT) with God
Nov 1	Beatitude Way of Life - Going Beyond the Law
Nov 22	Discipleship
Nov 29	Sacramental World - View
Dec 6	Rite of Acceptance
Dec13	Prophetic Church / Vatican Council II Pastoral Vision
Dec20	Church as Sacrament – Christ Seeking a Body
Jan 3	Social Teaching of the Church
Jan 10	Laudato Si
Jan 17	The Moral life / Reconciliation / Sin
Jan 24	Baptism and Confirmation – Consecrated in Christ
Jan 31	Mission of the Church and Christ the Servant
Feb 7	Eucharist – Sacrament of Love
Feb 14	Rite of Election
Feb 21	Marriage – Ministry of Love and Service
Feb 28.	Holy Order – Ministry of Service / Anointing of Sick – Ministry of Healing
Mar 6	Make up day / or retreat
Mar 13	Make up day / or retreat
March 20	Palm Sunday
March 24	Holy Thursday
March 25	Good Friday
March 26	Holy Saturday
March 27	Easter Sunday
April 3	Reflection after Easter / Ministry Choosing
April 10 -16	Service Project
April 17	Pot Luck and Reflection on Service Project