

## **WHAT IS RCIA?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation---Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church.

The Rite speaks of conversion as a “spiritual journey.” Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful.

The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church’s way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the world-wide Church.

### **Who is RCIA for?**

1. Persons in need of Baptism.
2. Persons baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to be Catholic.
3. Persons baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation

### **How Do I Get Started?**

If RCIA is something you would like to explore, please click on the link to fill out the Registration Form. [\(place link here for Registration Form\)](#)

## **ARE YOU CATHOLIC AND INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR GIFTS IN THE RCIA MINISTRY?**

To learn more about the opportunities on how you can intentionally become involved in the process click on the link. [\(Create and place the link here to go to the document entitled VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES\)](#)

Please contact [RCIA@resurrectionparish.ca](mailto:RCIA@resurrectionparish.ca) if you have any questions. Thank you.