

Is now the time for
you to become
Catholic?

It is worth finding out



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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - Noon
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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

No Mass on Mondays

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening
7:00 p.m.

Saint Katharine Drexel Church

RCIA

INQUIRY MEETING

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
12:15 p.m.
in the Library

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Pastor

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Director of Faith Formation

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RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Information Sheet

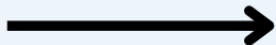
Q: Have you thought about becoming Catholic?

Q: Do you often wonder why Catholics do things the way we do?

Q: Were you baptized Catholic? If so, do you need the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist or Confirmation?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then maybe you are being led to RCIA!

RCIA is a process where adults are introduced to the Catholic faith and way of life.



RCIA normally takes nine (9) months to complete, although it can vary according to personal situations. It includes four (4) periods that are covered over the course of the entire program.

1. The **INQUIRY PERIOD** introduces basic information about the Catholic faith and communicates the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Inquirers are invited to initial conversion and, although there is no obligation, classes are intended to help decide whether they would like to learn more.

2. The **PERIOD OF THE CATECHUMENATE** is an extended time in which Catechumens (those not baptized) and Candidates (those validly baptized) are given pastoral information and guidance to train them in the Christian life.

3. The **PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT**, which corresponds with Lent, is intended to increase introspection and grow closer to God. The aim of this period is to eliminate what is weak and sinful and affirm what is holy.

4. The **PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGY** is a special time during Easter in which the neophyte (newly initiated person) deepens their understanding of the mysteries of faith and is more fully immersed in the life of the Church.