

RCIA Adapted for Children and Teens

Students in 2nd - 12th grade will have RCIA classes on Sundays from 12:00—1:45 p.m. in the Family Center every Sunday starting September 9, 2018.

RCIA Schedule

These are special events that children attend in addition to coming to class on Sunday afternoons.

September 9	First Day
December 2	Rite of Acceptance (2 p.m. Spanish, 9:30 a.m. English)
February (TBD)	Rite of Election
March 24	First Scrutiny (2 p.m. Spanish, 9:30 a.m. English)
March 31	Second Scrutiny (2 p.m. Spanish, 9:30 a.m. English)
April 7	Third Scrutiny (2 p.m. Spanish, 9:30 a.m. English)
April 8	Easter Vigil Rehearsal
April 20	Easter

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Information

What is RCIA Adapted for Children and Teenagers?

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The goal of RCIA Adapted is to prepare youth for Christian initiation into the Catholic Church. This process culminates with the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil.

Who is RCIA for?

RCIA is for teens or children over 7 years of age who have not been baptized. RCIA prepares children to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist (Confirmation is often delayed until age 14).

How long is RCIA?

RCIA starts in September and ends in May. Children and teens are received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Who is eligible to serve as a Godparent?

Children and youth who have not been baptized are required to select at least one Godparent. Two Godparents are permitted. If two, the should be male and female. The role of a Godparent is to set a Christian example for the child and to support parents in helping raise the child Catholic. For this reason, the person selected should be an active and practicing Catholic. The person should also be fully initiated (having received Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), be at least 16 years of age, and must be someone other than the child's parents.

What documentation must a Godparent provide to the Church?

Godparents must provide a recently issued Baptism certificate with notations on the back of what Sacraments they have received to date. Godparents must also provide a letter from their parish stating they have permission to serve as Godparents.

Godparents must also take a Baptism preparation class at St. Monica or at their local parish and provide receipt of having taken the class. If Godparents are married, they should be married in the Catholic Church and provide a marriage certificate from the Church where they were married.

RCIA for Parents

Parents who have children in RCIA sign up for RCIA. RCIA is for adults who are not baptized, are baptized Christian in another faith tradition or have been baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA can also be for Catholics who have