

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate

Starting the Journey: The period of evangelization and pre-catechumenate is a time of inquiry when an individual begins to respond to some stirrings within to seek out life with Christ in the community of Catholic Christians. This is a period of searching, asking questions, and the initial stirrings of faith. During this period, inquirers form relationships with one another and with their catechists. Each inquirer will examine the Church and the ways in which its members worship together and live the Christian Faith. No commitments or promises are made. The period can last as long as you desire—a few months up to years.

Sunday, August 26, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Inquiry Session 1 Welcome to the RCIA!
Sunday, September 2, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Inquiry Session 2 What is Faith
Sunday, September 9, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Inquiry Session 3 The Holy Trinity
Sunday, September 16, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Inquiry Session 4 Who is Jesus Christ?
Sunday, September 23, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Inquiry Session 5 The Bible
Sunday, September 30, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Inquiry Session 6 Divine Revelation
Sunday, October 7, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Inquiry Session 7 Your Prayer Life
Sunday, October 14, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Inquiry Session 8 Catholic Prayers and Practices
Sunday, October 21, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Inquiry Session 9 The Mass and the Church Year
Sunday, October 28, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Inquiry Session 10 Who Shepherds the Church?
Sunday, November 4, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Inquiry Session 11 The Church as Community: Dia de los Muertos Festival
Sunday, November 11, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Inquiry Session 12 Mary and the Saints
Sunday, November 18, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Inquiry Session 13 Eschatology: the “Last Things”
Sunday, November 25, 2018 No Session / Thanksgiving Weekend	No Session: Thanksgiving Weekend
Sunday, December 2, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Inquiry Session 14 The RCIA Process and Rites
December 2 through 7, 2018	Individual Interviews

Period of Catechumenate

The word “Catechumenate” comes from the ancient Greek, the language of the early Church. Catechumen means “a person receiving instruction.” During this period, you will study and discuss most of the Church’s main beliefs. You will also have a godparent or sponsor join you on your journey. This person can be a Catholic family member, a wise and good friend, or someone from the parish suggested by the team. Your sponsor should attend the RCIA sessions with you regularly and continue conversations with you outside of RCIA. They also serve as your representative and advocate to the Church.

Sunday, December 9, 2018 9:00 AM Mass – St. Mary’s Basilica	Rite of Acceptance and Welcome
Sunday, December 9, 2018 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Catechumenate Session 1 The People of God and the Early Church
Sunday, December 16, 2018 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Catechumenate Session 2 Sacrament: Baptism
Sunday, December 23, 2018 No Session / Christmas Eve	No Session Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 30, 2018 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Catechumenate Session 3 Sacrament: Confirmation
Sunday, January 6, 2019 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Catechumenate Session 4 Sacrament: Eucharist
Sunday, January 13, 2019 9:00 AM Mass / St. Mary’s Basilica	Rite of Sending for Candidates
Sunday, January 13, 2019 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Catechumenate Session 5 Sacrament: Penance and Reconciliation
Sunday, January 13, 2019 3:30 PM / Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral	Rite of Reception for Candidates: Call to Continuing Conversion
Sunday, January 20, 2019 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Catechumenate Session 6 Sacrament: Anointing of the Sick
Sunday, January 27, 2019 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Catechumenate Session 7 Sacrament: Marriage and Holy Orders
Sunday, February 3, 2019 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Catechumenate Session 8 Christian Moral Living
Sunday, February 10, 2019 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Catechumenate Session 9 A Consistent Ethic of Life
Sunday, February 24, 2019 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Catechumenate Session 10 Social Justice
Saturday, March 2, 2019 8 AM to 3:30 PM / The Casa Retreat Center	RCIA Retreat Day For Catechumen, Candidates and Sponsors
Sunday, March 3, 2019 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Catechumenate Session 11 Election: Saying “Yes” to Jesus
Wednesday, March 6, 2019 7 AM, 12 PM, 3 PM, 5:30 PM / St. Mary’s	Ash Wednesday Services
March 3 to 8, 2019	Individual Interviews

Period of Purification and Enlightenment

During the period of purification and enlightenment, the focus becomes a stronger emphasis on the spiritual and mystical life in preparation for the sacraments. The guidelines for this period (which normally coincides with Lent) as well as the rites associated with them, enable catechists to shift the focus of teaching to reflection and meditation.

Sunday, March 10, 2019 9:00 AM Mass / St. Mary's Basilica	Rite of Sending for Catechuminate
Sunday, March 10, 2019 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Purification & Enlightenment Session 1 Living Lent
Sunday, March 10, 2019 3:30 PM / Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral	Rite of Election for Catechuminate: Enrollment of Names for Catechuminate
Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Purification & Enlightenment Session 2 Scrutinies: Looking Within
Sunday, March 24, 2019 9:00 AM Mass / St. Mary's Basilica	Rite: First Scrutiny Samaritan Woman at the Well
Sunday, March 24, 2019 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Purification & Enlightenment Session 3 The Creed
Sunday, March 31, 2019 9:00 AM Mass / St. Mary's Basilica	Rite: Second Scrutiny Man Born Blind
Sunday, March 31, 2019 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Purification & Enlightenment Session 4 The Way of the Cross
Sunday, April 7, 2019 9:00 AM Mass / St. Mary's Basilica	Rite: Third Scrutiny Raising of Lazarus
Sunday, April 7, 2019 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Purification & Enlightenment Session 5 The Lord's Prayer
Saturday, April 13, 2019 3:00 PM Confessions / St. Mary's Basilica	Candidates celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
Sunday, April 14, 2019 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 PM	Purification & Enlightenment Session 6 The Meaning of Holy Week
Thursday, April 18, 2019 7:00 PM Mass / St. Mary's Basilica	Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, April 19, 2019 3:00 PM / Good Friday Service	Good Friday Service: 12:00 PM Stations / 3:00 PM Service

Sacraments of Initiation

Saturday, April 20, 2019 10:00 AM to 12 Noon / St. Mary's Basilica	Sacraments of Initiation Rehearsal and Rite of Ephphetha
Saturday, April 20, 2019 7:00 PM Easter Vigil / St. Mary's Basilica	Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
Sunday, April 21, 2019 7 AM, 9 AM or 11 AM Mass / St. Mary's	Easter Sunday (Easter Egg Hunt after the 11 AM Mass)

Period of Mystagogy

Sacramental initiation does not end with the celebration of the sacraments of initiation. *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* provides for the final period, the period of postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy (that is, reflection on the mysteries). During this time the neophyte is mentored into living as a Christian disciple in the World. This formal period of reflection and prayer continues until Pentecost Sunday.

Sunday, April 28, 2019 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Mystagogy Session 1 Conversion: A Lifelong Process
Friday, May 5, 2019 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Mystagogy Session 2 The Role of the Laity
Sunday, May 12, 2019 No Session / Mother's Day	No Session: Mother's Day
Sunday, May 19 2019 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Mystagogy Session 4 Discernment
Sunday, May 26, 2019 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Mystagogy Session 5 Our Call to Holiness & Living the Virtues
Sunday, June 2, 2019 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Mystagogy Session 6 Family Life
Sunday, June 9, 2019 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Mystagogy Session 7 Evangelization
June 9 to 16, 2019	Individual Interviews

Information on Individual Interviews

Individual Interviews – Period of Inquiry (Any time before the Period of Inquiry)
Before starting, the period of evangelization and precatechumenate inquirers will meet with the Director of Faith Development and/or the “Ambassador of Welcome” to review your information form, listen to your faith story, discover what questions you may have, and review the RCIA process with you before you enter the period of inquiry.

Individual Interviews – Period of Catechumenate (December 2–7, 2018)
After an appropriate period of inquiry during the period of evangelization and precatechumenate, the inquirer may now publicly declares their intention to continue their journey of faith toward full initiation in the Catholic Church. The decision to enter the period of catechumenate is a mutual decision between the inquirer and the RCIA team.

Individual Interviews – Period of Purification and Enlightenment (March 3 to 8, 2019)
Your decision to continue forward and celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil (March 31, 2018) is a mutual decision between the catechumen/candidate and the RCIA team. The period of catechumenate can last a couple of months to several years depending on the needs and readiness of each catechumen/candidate.

Individual Interviews – Period of Mystagogy (June 9-16, 2019)
We'll explore and discern how God is calling you to serve the local Church and community.