



Class of 2010



Class of 2012



Class of 2013



"The essence of Christianity is not an idea, not a system of thought, not a plan of action. The essence of Christianity is a Person: Jesus Christ Himself."

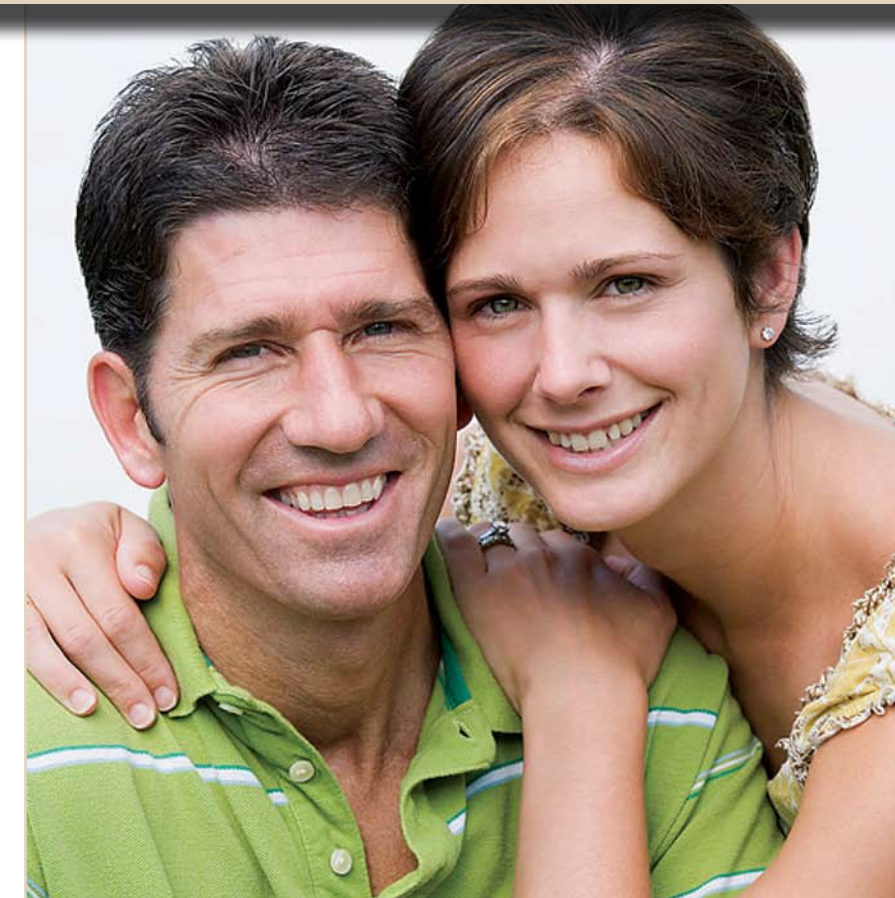
- Pope Benedict XVI

R.C.I.A.

Answering God's call to join the Catholic Church



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HOW TO BECOME CATHOLIC

R. C. I. A. is the process whereby adults interested in joining the Catholic Church or completing the Sacraments of Initiations gradually enter into an understanding of Christ and His Church in preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).

Through a series of weekly meetings, Inquirers are given the opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Faith and deepen their relationship with God. Team Members assist in all areas of responsibility facilitating that faith journey.

Sponsors have the wonderful opportunity to share in that faith journey by sharing their own faith experiences and guiding those Inquirers, and, through the process, grow in their own faith.

We also offer a concurrent program for children (R.C.I.C.) between ages 7-16 who are in need of the Sacrament of Initiation.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in learning about the

Catholic Faith and the

**Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults,**

please contact,

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SOME RECENT TESTIMONIALS

I was not ready to be Catholic when I started RCIA, but after attending Sacred Heart with my family for four years, I hesitantly accepted Deacon Roger's invitation to "just go and see." If nothing else, I could get some questions answered.

I entered RCIA with a faith in God and the Bible, a trust in my own understanding, and skepticism of the Catholic Church. Without an understanding of the principles of the Church, the Mass, and all that goes along with being Catholic, it appeared to be a bunch of senseless motions, words, and rules. Between RCIA and other study, I found that every time I learned enough about a subject, my views became Catholic. Eventually I recognized a pattern. At that point

I decided to submit my beliefs have faith in the teaching of Christ's one true Church. The RCIA process was an integral part of enlightening me to depth of meaning, richness, and wisdom entrenched in all that is Catholic.

Watching a sport you don't understand can be boring, but playing a sport you love is indescribable. Watching a Mass you don't understand can be boring, but participating in a Mass you truly comprehend is Awe-inspiring!! RCIA turned me from an observer into a Catholic.

Tim Linger

How RCIA Has Impacted Me

Before going through RCIA, I was not a very spiritual person. I more or less believed that there was a God, but that was the extent of it. I had a lot of anger towards God. A few years ago, I lost my sister in a car accident. She was just getting ready to start her life as an adult. My sister and I were very close. After losing her, I didn't really see the point in going to church, let alone the importance of a relationship with God. However, after going through RCIA, I learned that it was OK to be mad at God for what happened. I had my time to lament, but now I know that it was God's plan for my life.

If it were for my actions after my sister's passing, I never would have met my wife nor had the beautiful family I have now. Everything happens for a reason. Not only have I grown closer to God, but I also have a guardian angel in my sister. It is still something that is hard to get through, but RCIA has taught me to continuously grow in my faith. Not only did I resolve my own issues, but RCIA also taught me how to be a spiritual person. I am continuously learning, and now can set a good example for my children.

Nick Hardin

Making the decision to attend RCIA was an easy one for me. It was the strong desire to connect with God and unify my family's faith. I was so blessed to find that with every single class my heart was opening more and my faith was

strengthening. Deacon Rich and all of those involved were there every step of the way to guide me through the process. It was the best decision I could have made for our family.

Lauren Klancer