

CHILDREN'S INITIATION

The Catholic Church's process of welcoming new members is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (often called the RCIA). The Rite of Christian Initiation is a process of initiation that prepares children and adults to receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

The process for children is designed for those who are between the ages of 7 and 17 who have not been baptized, or though baptized in the Catholic faith or another faith, have received no religious education and are seeking the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist).

Participants will experience a journey of faith marked by special Rites and movement through different stages. The format includes small and large group sessions with scripture based catechesis and faith-sharing.

Prior to beginning the faith journey, the director of the Children's Initiation Process will conduct an interview with the parents and children who are considering beginning this process. Interviews are also conducted before each Rite to determine the readiness of the children to move to the next stage of the journey.

The first stage is known as Inquiry. During this stage the children will meet in the Kleinpeter Activity Center from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Following the Rite of Acceptance, which celebrates movement into the Catechumenate stage, the gatherings will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. including attendance at 9:30 a.m. Mass. Parents of children in the Christian Initiation process are expected to be involved with either our adult RCIA process, Re-Membering Church process, or a Small Christian Community. Information about these ministries will be explained and are available during the initial interview.

For further information, or to set up an interview for the Children's Initiation process, please call Cherry Riggs in the Parish Office at 293-2212..