

Stories from Participants:

"Having been a practicing Christian my entire life with highs and lows, I find the Catholic faith a very rich experience for me. R.C.I.A. was a faith process. The people from the faith community opened their hearts to us and became our friends. They gave us a spiritual longing for the Catholic faith."

John and Ann

"For me, the R.C.I.A. process has meant bonding among candidates, a faith-filled core team, and sponsors. As a member of the church I now look forward to deepening my intimacy with God...increasing my knowledge of Catholicism and the Scriptures. R.C.I.A. is also the powerful blessings connected with liturgies and rituals, friendly and welcoming parishioners."

Beth

"A couple of years ago, my wife and I started looking for a home church. We came to R.C.I.A. and found a feeling of 'coming home.'"

Steve and Kathy

"During R.C.I.A. I discovered how much I love being Catholic."

Luwanna

"I started R.C.I.A. last fall with a couple of strangers. Now they are my friends. Because of them, it has become easier to talk about the Catholic faith. 'Here I am, Lord.'"

Elaine

R.C.I.A. involves the whole Faith Community!

Perhaps, as an already member of the Catholic Community you feel the call to welcome people into the Catholic Church. We invite you to become involved in the various ministries of the R.C.I.A. process at St. Bridget of Sweden. Here are ideas:

- Share this brochure with someone and invite them to find out what the Catholic faith is about.
- Become a parish sponsor. It is helpful to connect each candidate or catechumen who comes to us with a parish sponsor who can help introduce them to the community and support them on the journey.
- Become an R.C.I.A. Core Team member – in this way you come to sessions, share your faith story when appropriate, talk about what the Scriptures and Catholic beliefs and practices mean to you. Reach out with care to serve the unique needs of candidates.

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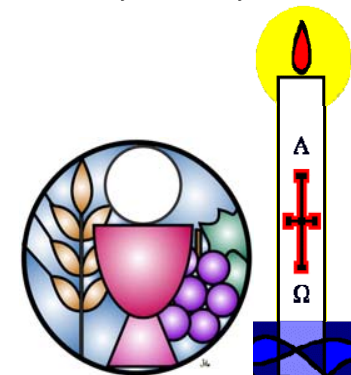
Come and See...

Have you wondered about...

- Adults joining the Catholic Faith community?
- Celebrating Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist in the Catholic Church?
- Returning to the Catholic Church? Missed Confirmation or Eucharist?
- Growing in experiencing and understanding Catholicism as a way of life?

We Welcome You !

*The R.C.I. A. Journey
may be for you!*



“God is in every person’s life...there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.” Pope Francis

What is R.C.I.A.?

R.C.I.A. stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process through which adults complete and celebrate their Initiation in the Catholic Church.

Is R.C.I.A. for me?

It is for you if any of the following apply:

- You are an adult who has never been Baptized, Confirmed or who has never received First Eucharist.
- You have been a member of another faith community and now wish to discern your involvement with a Catholic community.
- You have been away from the Catholic Church and wish to return.
- You wish to know more about the Catholic Faith.
- You are searching for a faith community in which to belong and deepen your commitment to being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Sessions will be held
at St. Bridget of
Sweden Parish on
Tuesday nights from
7PM to 9PM
in the East Wing of the
Education Center
Late October to
Easter Season.

Adults will celebrate
Sacraments at the
Easter Vigil.



Church
The People of God
Alive In Christ Jesus

What happens at a Tuesday evening session?

1. We start with prayer. As the year progresses we learn various Catholic prayers and their meaning and various Catholic ways of praying.
2. We read the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. We explore the meaning of these Scripture passages and look at what they say for our life now. They are guides for the Catholic Spiritual life.
3. We have a strong knowledge component – striving to learn Catholic beliefs and practices. Each night a different topic will be presented. Some topics will be: What Makes Us Catholic; Catholic Church Structure; Mary and the Saints; the Sacraments; the Catholic Creed; etc.
4. We form a small community knowing that becoming Catholic is about joining a people who are striving to make Jesus known and loved.

We do what the Church asks of people joining – go to the Cathedral to meet the Archbishop, participate in a retreat, celebrate rites with the Eucharistic community on Sundays.

We listen to God and let our hearts and minds be formed and shaped in His way of life for us.



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