

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Guidelines

The Archdiocesan Guidelines for the Rite of Christian Initiation are the National Statutes established in the book of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (**RCIA**) is a journey through different spiritual phases of increasing maturity by which one prepares to commit oneself to Jesus Christ and His Church through the search for the sacraments of initiation (**Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist**)

The **RCIA** is for

- Any unbaptized person who seeks to follow Christ in his Church as preparation for Christian discipleship through baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist. Such a person, after a period of research on faith and initial conversion to Christ is called: **Catechumen**.
- Anyone **baptized** from another Christian community seeking to be Catholic through preparation for Confirmation and Communion. Such a person, after a period of research on faith, is called a Candidate.
- Any **baptized** Catholic who seeks to increase his devotion as a disciple of Jesus Christ through the realization of the other sacraments of initiation such **as Confirmation and Communion**.

The rite of initiation is... **a spiritual journey... .. which varies according to the many forms of God's grace** and the free cooperation of individuals(RCIA, Introduction #5).

This trip includes not only the periods to do research **and for maturation**, but also the steps **that mark... progress, as they pass... or move up to the next** RCIA level, introduction #6).

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