

Welcome, the door is open!

Here at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish we have a warm welcome for anyone looking for a faith-filled Christian community within the Roman Catholic tradition.



We welcome those interested in joining the Catholic Church, and those Catholics who have been away from the active practice of their faith and are considering returning to active participation.

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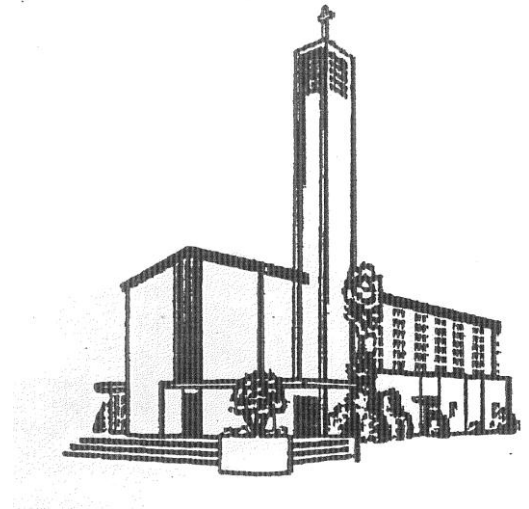


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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



**We invite you to
come home**

How does a person become a Catholic?

The Catholic Church invites those who are interested in the Catholic Christian community and the Catholic way of life to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process.

Based within a parish community, the RCIA process is a gradual process of conversion that can take anywhere from one year to several years, depending on the certainty and readiness of each individual. The process includes instruction in what Catholics believe, but more than that it involves conversion to a new way of life in Christ. Through the process, people gradually learn what it means to be Catholic not just by hearing it, but also experiencing Catholic life and worship as a part of the parish community.

The RCIA process is also the accepted form of preparation for adults already baptized who seek full communion with the Catholic Church.



What is the first step?

Anyone seriously thinking about joining the Catholic Church or simply seeking answers to questions is welcome to attend our Tuesday evening gatherings.

There are four stages to the journey. Each one concludes with a community ceremony (Rite), which leads to the next stage.

Step 1: Inquiry

Candidates make initial enquiries about the Catholic faith

Rite of Welcome

Step 2: Formation in Christian Life

A period of learning the teaching of Jesus through the Gospel and reflecting on how Catholics bear witness to their faith

Rite of Election

Step 3: Preparation for Easter

A time to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation and reflect on the Easter message

Sacraments of Initiation

Step 4: Deepening of Faith

Having received the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil the new Catholics reflect on the direction of their lives

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