

The Journey of Faith

(R.C.I.A)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

is a process or a course that brings people together from different walks of life for many different reasons.....

...Maybe you want to marry a Catholic, and do not understand the Church.

...Maybe you have been raised in another Christian faith, have started to attend the Catholic Church, and want to learn more about it.

...Maybe you were baptised in the Catholic Church, but went away and now want to return.

...Maybe you have never had any religious education at all, and know an emptiness or hunger for spiritual meaning in your life.

...Maybe you simply don't know the facts about the teachings of Catholic Church, and want to know the truth first-hand.

...for these, and for many other reasons, we welcome people into a warm and encouraging circle, celebrating our diversity and seeking faith enrichment.



Who is involved in this initiation process?

At St Mary's, we have a team that includes the clergy, catechists, and sponsors. There are also others who are like yourself, journeying and enquiring. We consider this is journey together in faith.

During your journey of faith... you are supported in your search.

You will be able to ask questions and receive the true answers you need.

You will receive facts about the Catholic Church, not second-hand hearsay, or slanted views.

You will know how the Catholic Church makes a stand about important issues, for example caring for the poor and the underprivileged, regardless of race or origin.

You will begin to understand the values, purpose, depth and meaning of a faith community that works together for mutual enrichment.

You will be invited to join in a Christian way of living that is joyful, peaceful and faith-filled.

You will be supported in your search for a relationship with Christ.

You will learn about a Church that is based on the teachings and works of Jesus Christ, and the lives of His apostles.



At the end of the enquiry process, you will be asked to decide where your path is going to lead you. If you are not convinced that our way is the right way for you, or if you disagree with any of the important precepts of the Church, you may find that this is not the right time for you to join us. You will be given whatever time is needed to make your decision, and all of the lessons required to help you make an informed choice.

**Please take a leaflet and return it to one of the priests.
Thank you.**

What are the RCIA sessions like?

Most sessions are informal discussions, combined with teachings about the Catholic faith. There is also time for private discussions as well as group interactions. The focus in most group sessions is mutual support and growth during the journey.

What if I start, then decide it's not for me?

There is a period whether to continue or not, depending on what is in your best spiritual interests. You are free to remain at this stage if you so choose for any period of time, until any obstacles, such as marriage impediments or personal faith, are resolved. No one will try to induce you to stay at RCIA against your wishes.

How long is the RCIA program?

When do I start?

RCIA will begin this year on **7th September at 7.30pm** and will be held in the Priory (The Clergy house at 67 Talbot St.). You can sign up at any time before the sessions begin: fill in the form included with this brochure, and drop it into the Parish office, or leave it in the Sunday collection basket. As you are reading this, and if you have any interest in beginning the process, the time to register is now! The length of the program depends on your unique personal background, but traditionally new Catholics are received into the Church at Easter.

I am interested in discovering more about the Catholic church.

*Please return this form to:
The Priory, 67 Talbot St, Canton,
Cardiff CF11 9BX:-
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or Telephone 02920230492*

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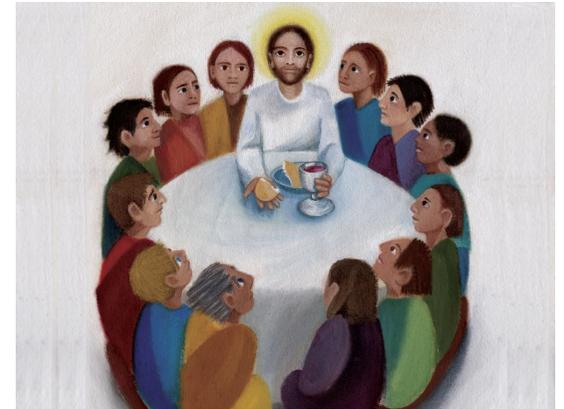
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*The Journey of Faith course
will begin on Thursday 7th
at 7.30pm September 2017
at the above address.
Just come along if you are
interested.*

*Consider
becoming
a
Catholic*



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