

The community of Our Lady of Angels warmly invites you who is seeking in becoming part of the Catholic church, to experience a "journey in faith" through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and/or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC).



What is RCIA and RCIC?

RCIA and RCIC is a process where an adult and/or child (*who has reached the age of reason*) interested in becoming a Catholic, is guided by the RCIA-RCIC team and supported by the church community, to start this new path in the Catholic faith and encounter a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.



The RCIA and RCIC process consists of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment, and formation. Weekly theme sessions, attendance at Sunday Mass, discussion groups, and involvement in parish activities to help participants prepare to receive the sacraments and full initiation into the church.

Classes are held on Sunday; there will be some Saturdays when attendance and participation may be required. Advance notice will be provided.

The steps in the RCIA and RCIC process are:

1. **Inquiry (Pre-Catechumenate):** Individuals (Inquirers) join in informal group discussions about the faith and the teachings of the church.
2. **Rite of Acceptance (or Rite of Initiation):** The first Rite in the RCIA process, the Rite of Initiation accepts new members into the worshipping community. This takes place the First Sunday of Advent.
3. **Catechumenate:** Candidates for reception into the church learn and develop an understanding of Church teachings and the mystery of salvation.
4. **Rite of Election:** Catechumens and Candidates are chosen to be received by the bishop and the community and to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. This takes place the First Sunday of Lent.
5. **Purification and Enlightenment:** During the Lenten period the focus is personal reflection on religious experience and faith.

6. **Sacraments of Initiation:** At the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday), all newly elected members of the community who have been journeying through the RCIA process are welcomed formally into the community of believers through receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (*Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation*).
7. **Mystagogy:** This final period of initiation, the newly initiated experience being part of the Christian community. Mystagogia means “leading into the mystery” and it is a time to explore the deep mystery of our faith and go forth to help build the reign of God on Earth as new members of the faithful.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, thinking of becoming a Catholic, want to learn more about RCIA or have questions about the process, please email Lupita Lopez at ola.rcia.rcic@gmail.com or contact Our Lady of Angels at (619) 239-1231.

RCIA-RCIC registrations open in July.



We also invite Catholics looking to refresh their faith to join us.