

RCIA/Adult Education Report

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**, is a process developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Catholicism who are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. For those who join a RCIA process it is a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment, and formation. There is no set timetable and those who join the process are encouraged to go at their own pace, taking as much time as they need.

Some of the topics covered in the RCIA classes are: The Existence of God, The Seven Sacraments, The Papacy, The Rosary, The Mass, Church History, The Study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and so on.

The **Catholic Adult Education Classes** meet just before the RCIA class. Catholic Adult Education is to help Catholics deepen their relationship with God and recommit themselves to the responsibility of sharing their faith with others. Presently, we have between 10 – 20 attending weekly.

Three major goals guide and direct our efforts in adult faith formation as directed by USCCB:

1. Invite and enable ongoing conversion to Jesus in Holiness of Life
2. Promote and support active membership in the Christian Community
3. To call and prepare adults to act as disciples in the mission to the world.

The first Class was a DVD series by Dr. Edward Sri. ***Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John.***

The class we are now having is a DVD series **The Second Greatest Story Ever Told** where the best-selling author Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, reveals St. John Paul II's witness for our time. Building on the prophetic voices of Margaret Mary Alacoque, Therese of Lisieux, Maximilian Kolbe, and Faustina Kowalska, The Second Greatest Story Ever Told is more than a historical account of the Great Mercy Pope. This series expounds on the profound connection between Divine Mercy and Marian consecration. It serves as an inspiration for all those who desire to bear witness to the mercy of God, focused on Christ and formed by Mary. Now is the time of mercy. Now is the time to make John Paul's story your own. Everyone interested is welcome to attend. Classes take place on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 – 7:30pm.

The classes are taught and facilitated by Deacon Tim Vaughn
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