

RCIA INFORMATION PACKET:

PLEASE READ THROUGH THE FOLLOWING. FILL  
OUT THE INQUIRY FORMS AND RETURN  
THEM TO THE PARISH OFFICE. SOMEONE WILL  
BE IN CONTACT WITH YOU SOON. THANK  
YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE RITE OF  
CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS!!

## **Welcome to Our Lady of the Lakes Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults!**

Dear Inquirer

Thank you for your interest in RCIA. If there is anything I can help you with as you prepare for this process please feel free to contact me.

Our fall Calendar with all dates of meetings is included in this packet. The first session is Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>.

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I am in the office Fridays from 8-2

I look forward to going through this experience with you and am truly honored to be a part of your faith journey. Thank you for taking the time for this commitment, I promise that the Lord has great things in store!!

Blessings to You

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Coordinator of RCIA at Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church

## **Our Lady of the Lake RCIA General Information Form**

### **Who is RCIA for?**

1. Persons in need of Baptism (Catechumen)
2. Persons Baptized in another Christian Tradition who desire to become Catholic.(Candidate)
3. Persons baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation(Candidate)

### **What does the process entail?**

#### **Period of Precatechumenate & Evangelization:**

This is a time, of no fixed duration or structure, for inquiry and introduction to Gospel values, an opportunity for the beginnings of faith.

#### **Meeting Times:**

**RCIA** : Wednesdays 7-9 pm in Canisius Hall

**Attendance to class is extremely important in the discernment process.** If more than 3 absences occur throughout the year, it may be necessary to postpone the reception of the Sacraments to the next Easter Season. Meeting times and dates are given at the beginning of the program to make it easier to accommodate schedules.

### **First Step; ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF CATECHUMENS: (Rite of Acceptance/Rite of Welcome)**

This is the liturgical rite, usually celebrated on some annual date or dates, marking the beginning of the catechumenate proper, as the candidates express and the Church accepts their intention to respond to God's call to follow the way of Christ. (Date: some time near the end of October/November during a Sunday Mass.)

**Period of Catechumenate:**

This is the time, in duration corresponding to the progress of the individual, for the nurturing and growth of the catechumens' faith and conversion to God; celebrations of the word and special prayers are meant to assist the process.

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**Celebration and Reflection on the Word(for RCIA):** 9 am Sunday Mass in the Church

**Second Step: ELECTION OR ENROLLMENT OF NAMES:**

This is the liturgical rite, usually celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent, by which the Church formally ratifies the catechumen's readiness for the sacraments of initiation and the catechumens, now the elect, express the will to receive the sacraments.

**Rite of Sending** at Our Lady of the Lake during a Sunday Liturgy.

**Rite of Election:** Location TBA, Celebrated the week following the Rite of Sending in the Evening.

**Period of Purification and Enlightenment**

This is the time immediately preceding the elect's initiation, usually the Lenten season preceding the celebration of this initiation at the Easter Vigil; it is a time of reflection, intensely centered on conversion, marked by celebration of the scrutinies and presentations and of the preparation rites on Holy Saturday

The Rites take place in the context of a Liturgy. One during each Sunday of Lent in preparation for Easter and then a couple take place during the week in the evening.

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**Third Step: CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION:**

This is the liturgical rite, usually integrated into the Easter Vigil, by which the elect are initiated through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

\*\*Adults over 17 seeking Confirmation will receive it at the Cathedral on a separate date.

**Period of Post baptismal Catechesis and Mystagogy: (Adults Only)**

This is the time, usually the Easter season, following the celebration of initiation, during which the newly initiated experience being fully a part of the Christian community by means of pertinent catechesis and particularly by participation with all the faithful in the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration.

During this period, adults preparing for Confirmation at the Cathedral continue their preparation and formation.

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## RCIA 2009-2010 Calendar

- Wednesday Sessions Meet from 7-9 pm in Canisius Hall
- Celebration of the Word, Beginning in November, takes place during the 9 am mass in the Church and Concludes in Canisius Hall.
- Beginning of Initiation Process during Lent: Rites, Presentations, Blessings, and The RCIA Retreat
- Easter Preparation Rites

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### August

8/19/09 RCIA Inquirer Meeting/Registration Meeting

### September

9/9/09 Session 1

9/16/09 Session 2

9/23/09 Session 3

9/30/09 Session 4

## October

10/7/09 Session 5

10/14/09 Session 6

10/21/09 Session 7

10/28/09 Session 8

## November

11/4 Session 9

11/15: Rite of Acceptance & Rite of Welcome 9 am mass in Church Followed by  
Celebration of the Word

11/11 Session 10

11/18 Session 11

11/22 Celebration of the Word 9 am mass in Church

11/25 Thanksgiving Holidays No Meeting

11/29 Celebration of the Word

## December

12/1, 12/2, 12/3 Advent Parish Mission 7-9 pm (Session 12)

12/6 Celebration of the Word

12/9 Session 13

12/13 Celebration of the Word

12/16 Session 14

12/20 Celebration of the Word

12/27 Celebration of the Word

## January

1/3 Celebration of the Word

1/6 Session 15

1/10 Celebration of the Word

1/13 Session 16

1/17 Celebration of the Word

1/20 Session 17

1/24 Celebration of the Word

1/27 Session 18

1/31 Celebration of the Word

## February

2/3 Session 19

2/7 Celebration of the Word

2/10 Session 20

2/14 Celebration of the Word

2/17 Ash Wednesday

2/21 Rite of Sending/Celebration of the Word

2/23 Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion (Date Tentative)

2/28 Penitential Rite (Candidates)/Celebration of the Word

## March

3/3 Session 21

3/7 First Scrutiny(Catechumens)/Celebration of the Word

3/10 Presentation of the Creed(all) @ 6:30 pm mass/ Session 22

3/14 Second Scrutiny(Catechumens)/Celebration of the Word

3/17 Session 23

3/21 Third Scrutiny(Catechumens)/Celebration of the Word

3/24 Presentation of the Lords Prayer @ 6:30 pm mass(All)/Vigil Rehearsal

3/27 RCIA RETREAT 8am-2pm

## April

### HOLY WEEK

4/1 Holy Thursday Mass 6:30 pm

4/2 Good Friday Veneration of the Cross 3 pm

4/3 Holy Saturday Prayer 8 am

4/3 Holy Saturday Preparation Rites 7 pm followed by The Easter Vigil: Sacraments of Initiation.

### POST-BAPTISMAL CATECHESIS

4/14 Session I

4/21 Session II

4/28 Session III

5/5 Session IV

5/12 Session V

5/19 Session VI

5/23 Tentative Adult Confirmation

\*\*\*some dates may change