



Dear RCIA for CHILDREN Inquirer:

On behalf of the staff and community of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, we extend to you our warmest welcome on this new direction in your journey of faith. Please review the information in this letter and the RCIA adapted for Children welcome packet which are intended as guides as you begin this journey.

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The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) adapted for CHILDREN** is the Church's ritual process for calling CHILDREN over the age of 7 to a conversion of mind and heart and preparing them for a full and active life in the Church as disciples of Jesus. During this process, inquirers study the basic teachings of the Catholic Church, and participate in liturgical rites that both mark the progress of their journey and form them more deeply by God's grace.

The culmination of the RCIA adapted for CHILDREN journey is the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil (April 4) for those seeking Baptism and on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12) for those already baptized.

IMPORTANT

If you have not been baptized, please provide a copy of your Birth Certificate and the Sponsor Form at our Parent Meeting, Sunday September 14, 3:00pm – 5:00pm.

If you were baptized in another Christian tradition, you will need to provide a copy of your Baptismal Certificate, Sponsor Form *and* a copy of your Birth Certificate. If you have difficulty obtaining documentation of your baptism, please let us know as soon as possible. Please bring these documents to the Parent Meeting on September 14 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

If you would like to set up an appointment to talk further, please let us know when you are available. Our parish office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30pm, and we can work with you to schedule an evening time if your schedule does not allow for a daytime meeting.

As you hear the mystery of Christ proclaimed, our prayer is for you to consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens your heart and gives you strength for the journey.

God bless!

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