

sions mean to you. You do *not* need to hand this in. You might be asked to share your thoughts but never to hand them in.

- From time to time, you will meet individually with a staff person to discuss how you are doing and your own readiness to continue.



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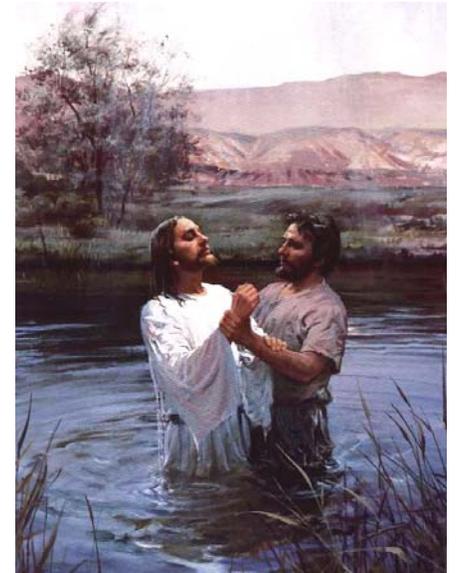
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you grow in your relationship
with the Lord.

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Frequently Asked Questions



Whether you have been coming to the Catholic Church for years or just started coming you probably have some questions about becoming Catholic. Perhaps we can answer some of your questions here.

What do you I have to do to become Catholic?

We have a process called RCIA which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process meant to deepen your relationship with the Lord and to help you understand our Catholic beliefs. You would meet as a group on a regular basis to be introduced to what it means to be a Christian disciple in our world today. Topics include the Sacraments, the Mass, Mary, and the Saints.

I was baptized in another Church. Will I need to be rebaptized?

As long as you were baptized using water with the words I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit you will not need to be baptized again. You will be received into the Catholic Church, Confirmed,

and receive Holy Communion after completing RCIA.

How long does it take?

We run a year round program here, meaning you can begin at anytime. Generally, those never baptized are encouraged to begin by Fall to be baptized as the Easter Vigil.

If you were baptized and educated in another Christian denomination the period of formation may be shorter and you may be received into the church at anytime.

If you were baptized but received little or no religious education your formation may take several months. Each case needs to be reviewed on its own merits.

What if I am not sure if I want to become Catholic?

You don't have to be sure to start. In fact, part of what RCIA is meant to do is to help you discern your readiness and willingness to become Catholic. While we would love to have you become Catholic

it is your decision to make with God. It is always your choice to continue.

How much “homework” do I have to do?

First, “homework” sounds like we are in a classroom. An important component of RCIA is learned but it's not about passing a test. The purpose is always to deepen your understanding of what it means to be a Christian disciple.

That being said, there are a few things we do ask

- First, we ask you to show up to all meetings. Generally, meetings are held weekly. Of course, we understand that you may get sick or need to make up a session due to emergencies.
- You will be given suggested reading to do; generally a few pages to a chapter.
- You will be asked to write down some of thoughts on what the ses-

