



*St. Augustin Parish  
2005-2006 RCIA Information*

**Dates and Times**

- ◆ The RCIA “Inquiry” process begins **September 11, 2005** at 7 p.m.
- ◆ We will meet initially during the pre-catechumenate on **Sunday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.** in the lower-level of the parish hall. You, your sponsor-to-be, your spouse, your best friend, your mother, your father, your sister or your brother are all invited to come to each and every session.
- ◆ Our topics for these evening sessions will be:
  - September 11, 7 p.m.  
What is the RCIA?
  - September 18, 7 p.m.  
Why be Catholic?
  - September 25, 5 p.m. (**Church Tour and Soup Supper Night**)  
What’s that and why is it there? Tour of Church
  - October 2, 7 p.m.  
How did the Catholic Church begin? History & “His-Story”
  - October 9, 7 p.m.  
Who is Jesus? Jesus of History and Faith
  - October 16, 7 p.m.  
What about the Bible? What Catholics believe about the Bible
  - October 23, 7 p.m.  
How do Catholics pray?
  - October 30, 7 p.m.  
How do you get to be a saint?
  - November 6, 7 p.m.  
What’s all this stuff about Mary?
  - November 13, 10 a.m. Mass – Celebration of the Rite of Acceptance on the Feast of Christ the King for those who are prepared to enter the Period of the Catechumenate
- ◆ Sponsor Workshop – October 23, during RCIA
- ◆ The Rite of Acceptance will be celebrated **November 13 at 10 a.m. Mass**. Prior to this rite, a copy of your baptismal certificate must be turned in by October 23.
- ◆ After the Rite of Acceptance, the “Catechumenate” period begins. We will meet for **Mass at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings**, we will take **Sunday, December 25 and Sunday, January 1** off from our regular

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schedule, then after the first of the year, our schedule will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2006, **until Palm Sunday, April 9 2006 from 10 am to approximately noon**).

- ◆ The Easter Vigil will be celebrated Saturday, **April 15, 2006** after sunset. We will meet for a morning of prayer on Saturday April 15 at 9:30 a.m., followed by a rehearsal. You will be done around 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ Lent begins on **Wednesday, March 1, 2006**
- ◆ Later in the year we will learn when our parish is scheduled for the Rite of Election. At this point we can expect it to be celebrated between **March 3, 2006**. After the Rite of Election, we enter what is known as “the Period of Purification and Enlightenment.” Those of you who are unbaptized will no longer be “catechumens” but “elect”, and those of you who are baptized Christians will be “candidates for full communion.”
- ◆ During Lent, the RCIA class will take on some kind of a service project. It’s not too early to begin to let the Holy Spirit stir your imaginations about this project. The RCIA is not a “head trip.” It is not Catholicism 101. Becoming a Catholic is not about “what you know, but rather WHO you know,” and we hope the RCIA process fosters a deep relationship between you and Jesus. And one way to know him is in service. We are called to know God, love God, and serve God.

### **YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS**

- ◆ We will not take “attendance” like in grade school, but if you miss a session and do not contact us, we will call to see if you are all right. *It is difficult for us if not impossible to “make up” a missed session because our meeting times are as much of a dynamic of the conversation that transpires as it is the curriculum and didactic of the evening.*
- ◆ Weather Cancellations: we are prudent about the weather. If a winter storm begins to brew during the day and the radio and TV stations are reporting local closing of evening activities, then we too will most likely postpone our meeting. We will attempt to send out a timely email message, as well as get a message on WHO radio and TV along with other weather related closings, but if you think that it is likely that we’re calling off class due to snow, sleet, or dangerously cold wind-chills, then we probably are.

### **Fees**

- ◆ The “recommended” fee for the RCIA is \$50. This is payable at any point during the next several months. The fee helps to cover the cost of materials used. If this fee is not affordable, please adjust your contribution to your resources. Please place your fee in a sealed envelope. On the outside, please mark “RCIA.” The envelope will be turned into the accounting office, which keeps track of RCIA receipts and disbursements.

### **Contact Information**

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### **Recommended Materials**

- ◆ The Catholic Bible: New American Bible/Personal Study, Jean Marie Hesberger, editor, Oxford Press
- ◆ Catechism of the Catholic Church, second edition