

you to grow in the awareness of your relationship with God—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and with the Catholic Church.

Sessions are held weekly from early September through April.

For more information about the RCIA, or to sign up, please contact Maria Maddox, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation at (847) 669-3137, x 8601, or e-mail her at MMaddox@StMaryHuntley.org

We'd be honored to walk
the way of faith with you!



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Becoming Catholic



"I came so that they might have life and have it more **abundantly.**"
—John 10:10

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process of prayer, study, discussion, and celebration used by the Catholic Church to receive new members into our faith community.

Is RCIA for you?

Are you an adult who

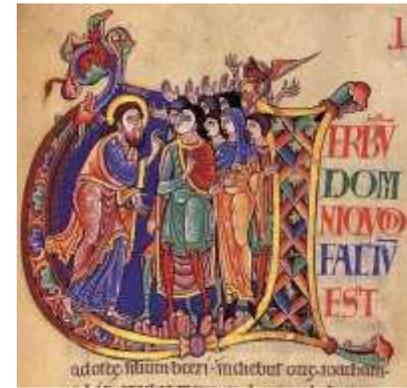
- ✘ Has never been baptized?
- ✘ Was baptized in a Christian church other than the Catholic Church?
- ✘ Was baptized as a Catholic, but have not yet received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Have you ever asked yourself the following questions?

- ✘ What am I looking for in life?

- ✘ What can I do about the loneliness I feel?
- ✘ How can I come to **know God's love?**
- ✘ How is the Catholic Christian faith different from other Christian religions?
- ✘ Will being a Catholic help me develop and strengthen my relationship with God?
- ✘ Will the teachings of Jesus enhance the fullness of life for me that is promised in the Scriptures?
- ✘ Will being a member of the Catholic Church make a difference in my life?

If you are asking these questions, or questions like them, the Catholic way of life awaits you. For centuries, people have



turned to the Church to find the answers to the deepest

and hardest questions of everyday life.

The RCIA process is a time to

- ✘ Ask questions
- ✘ Explore spirituality and faith
- ✘ Consider issues and topics from a Catholic perspective
- ✘ Learn Catholic customs
- ✘ Reflect on Scripture
- ✘ Meet others on the same faith journey
- ✘ Get involved in the Parish
- ✘ Pray

The RCIA process is a faith journey—a time for