

Office of Religious Education

RCIA FAMILY PROGRAM

What is RCIA?

Rite of Christian Initiation is the process by which a non-baptized person is entered into the spiritual life of the Church. *“In the sacraments of Christian initiation we are freed from the power of darkness and joined to Christ’s death, burial and resurrection.” (RCIA Study Edition, 1975)*

Who is eligible to enter the RCIA Family Program?

- Any non-baptized person over the age of 8.
- A baptized person between the ages of 13-17 who has NOT received holy communion or confirmation.

How is the RCIA Family Program structured?

The program is family-centered catechesis requiring parents to attend all classes with their children. Classes meet twice a week: Thursdays and during the 9am Sunday Mass. Consistent attendance is required as each class builds on the lessons of the previous week. *There are no make-up sessions.* Classes begin in September with the Inquiry Phase, and continue until April with the preparations of sacraments.

What is required for registration into the program?

- Each family must register as parishioners of St. Clare Parish
- An interview will be conducted of the family prior to placement into the program by the RCIA Family Catechists and D.R.E.
- Registration payment of \$50 per family.

To receive more information or set up an appointment with D.R.E., email us at reclare2@gmail.com or call the office at 661-252-6950

