

RCIA YOUTH 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 Youth Program?

- Any non-baptized person over the age of 12.
- A baptized person between the ages of 13-17 who has NOT received holy communion and confirmation.

How is the RCIA Family Program structured?

The program is teen-centered catechesis. Sessions meet twice a week: Thursdays from 5pm-6:30pm and during the 9am Sunday Mass. Consistent attendance is required as each session builds on the lessons of the previous week. *There are no make-up sessions.* Sessions begin in August 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 \$80 per youth.