

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

R.C.I.A. SPONSOR

PURPOSE: To journey with candidates in the RCIA program by sharing one's Catholic faith and being available to provide private counsel to any candidate requesting assistance.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- † Have a developed knowledge of the Catholic faith, including scripture, spirituality, prayer, rituals and teachings of the Catholic Church.
- † Keep abreast of Church teachings
- † Attend as many RCIA classes as possible and participate in discussions
- † Be open to speaking with the candidates regarding their faith development and knowledge of Church teaching
- † Act as a personal sponsor on behalf of the parish at the various rituals of the catechumenate process

GIFTS - QUALIFICATIONS - SKILLS NEEDED:

- † Be a believing, committed and practicing Catholic
- † Be capable of communicating clearly one's personal faith

AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED:

- † Approximately one hour each week when the RCIA is in session
- † Approximately 10-12 hours during the year to participate in various liturgical functions

WHEN THE MINISTRY IS PERFORMED:

- † About 24 weekly sessions are held on Wednesday evenings from 8 - 9pm from October through May
- † About 8 special liturgies/prayer services are held during the year at various times and at various places.

LENGTH OF COMMITMENT: Is open-ended, but when you are assigned to a candidate it is expected that you will remain with them until they receive their sacraments.

TRAINING PROVIDED:

- † Diocesan or parish level workshops
- † Reading material provided by the Director of Religious Education
- † One-on-one conversations with the RCIA Coordinator, Director of Religious Education and priests

RESPONSIBLE TO: RCIA Coordinator, Director of Religious Education and Pastor

SUPPORT PROVIDED: Days of Recollection, Prayer Services, Parish Pastoral Staff

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OUR CANDIDATES

