

Catholic Christian Initiation

How long is the process?

Once you have been sufficiently prepared through catechesis, prayer and worship, and an introduction to Catholic life, values, and mission, you will be asked to make a profession of faith with your Catholic parish community. You will be asked to express your acceptance of Catholic teaching and to make a clear intention to live as a Catholic for the rest of your life. In this same ceremony, you will be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation and receive Holy Communion at the table of the Eucharist. If you are not yet baptized, you will receive Baptism, Confirmation and Communion at the Easter Vigil following your preparation.



How do I find out more?

After praying about your interest in Catholicism, the best thing to do is to call Mary Queen's Formation Coordinator, Cara Johnson. She can offer you more information and invite you to arrange for a visit to outline the next step on your journey of faith. She can be reached at (859) 278-7432 ext. 1487 and cjohnson@cdlex.org.

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Many people reach a point where they find themselves asking questions about life's meaning, world issues, and their own direction. Some individuals have been inactive members of a Christian denomination and are now seeking a richer spiritual life. Some may never have been baptized and know little of Christianity. Whatever your background, your own life experience is welcomed and valued.

What has been your spiritual path?

You come with your own life experiences, your own particular story – your concerns, your hurts, your struggles, your hopes and dreams. You may have had a strong relationship with God for a long time, or you may be seeking such a relationship. Whatever path has led you to this time of searching or interest in renewing your vocation as a baptized Christian, the Catholic Church stands committed to building on the faith and experience you bring.

What would be required of me?

The Church does not want to place unnecessary obstacles or burdens in your path to becoming Catholic. But the Church wants you to deepen your faith and offer you a thorough understanding and appreciation for Catholic beliefs and practice. The catechesis and formation in preparation for your being received into the Catholic Church will depend on your background and what you might need to live a full and active Catholic life.

What is involved?

Learning about the Catholic faith involves more than acquiring knowledge and information. Becoming Catholic involves entering into a relationship with a community of faith. The opportunity to learn and develop your faith is offered on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:30am.

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Your faith journey provides you with an opportunity to grow in a deeper relationship with God. Reflecting on ways you experience God, hearing one another's experiences, and praying together and alone provides space for your relationship with God to deepen.

The fuller your exposure to Catholicism, the more fruitful will be your experience of Catholic life. Becoming Catholic involves experiencing the faith as a gift from both God and the whole community. In this community you will find women and men whose faith will influence your faith. You will value their company as they accompany you in the prayer and service and the life and mission of the Church.

A sponsor will be selected who can accompany you on this journey of faith to the Catholic Church. Your sponsor, in addition to offering support, encouragement, and good witness along the way, will also stand with you when you make your solemn profession of faith and are confirmed.