

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children

RCIA



What is RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or Children (RCIA), is correctly, a series of rites which mark a Candidate's preparation on their journey to join the Catholic Church, with the final rite being celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Colloquially, we use RCIA to describe the process for learning, discussion and discernment of the Candidate's decision to join the Catholic Church. In this way, the RCIA journey is divided into four periods, with decision points along the way known as Rites.

While the RCIA sessions are scheduled from Fall to Spring, it is entirely the Candidate's decision when they will celebrate the Rites. The journey belongs to the candidate and there is no expectation that they will celebrate a Rite before they are ready.

Sacraments of Initiation, normally celebrated at Easter Vigil enables the Candidate full participation in all the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.

RCIA might be the beginning of the Candidate's life long journey with Christ or maybe it's a continuation of a journey they've already started. RCIA only the tip of the iceberg in learning about the Catholic faith.

Each Candidate will have a sponsor who will journey alongside you providing support and encouragement. They aren't expected to be an expert in the Catholic faith, but rather a friend to the Candidate who is in love with the Catholic Church and ready to explore and learn together. Sponsors for children will be their family designated person who is over the age of 18 years of age. This could be a parent, godparent, and grandparent. A sponsor for the adults it could be a friend or relative. If you don't have anyone who can journey with you the RCIA team will find someone from the parish community to walk with you in this faith journey. The sponsors will need to be attendance to the sessions and rites alongside the candidate.

If RCIA is something you would like to enrol in for the upcoming year (2024-2025) please feel out the attached registration form and either email it back to this email address or drop it off at the parish office.

For all candidates please fill out the following sections:

- Section 1 → Enrolment Information
- Section 2 → Allergies/Sensitivities
- Section 4 → Permission
- Section 7 → Religious History
- Section 9 → A little more about yourself

If this is for a child enrolment (between ages of 7 and 18) please fill out these additional sections:

- Section 3 → Contact Information
- Section 5 → Parent/Guardian Consent
- Section 6 → Parent /Guardian Live Streaming Release

If this is for an adult enrolment (over the age of 18) please fill out these additional sections:

- Section 8 → Current Martial Status



Registration Form – Resurrection Parish

1. Enrolment Information

Birth Name: (First, Middle and Last) _____

Preferred Name: _____

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Cell Number: _____

Evening / Weekend phone number: _____

Preferred E-mail Address: _____

Secondary E-mail Address: _____

Gender: Male Female

Age Range: 7 – 12 years 13- 16 years 16 – 25 years 25 years+

If you are 16 or under 16 years of age

Father's preferred name: _____

Father's Cell Number: _____

Mother's preferred name: _____

Mother's Cell Number: _____

2. Allergies / Sensitivities (food, scents)

* Please indicate severity of allergies. Snacks are provided at many RCIS sessions so it is helpful to know if the allergen can't be in the room, won't be taking the risk of having a snack you haven't prepared, need labels so I can avoid, etc.

3. Contact Information (Office use only)

Has your name been legally changed? Yes No

If you answer 'Yes', a copy of the legal documents will be required.

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year): _____

Place of Birth: [Include locality (Town, City, etc.), region (State, Province, Territory, etc.) and Country]

Father's birth name: _____

Father's preferred name: _____

Father's last name: _____

Mother's birth name: (including Maiden Name): _____

Mother's preferred name: _____

Mother's current last name: _____

Are you in School? Yes No

If you answer 'Yes', please provide the school's name: _____

4. Permissions

Do you give permission to be contacted by E-mail? Yes No

Do you give permission to share your E-mail address? Yes No

If you are over 18 years of age:

Signature: _____

If you are 18 years of age or under:

Father's Signature: _____

Mother's Signature: _____

Date: _____

5. Parent/Guardian Consent

* This section is **only** needed if the person being registered is 18 years of age or younger.

I give my permission for _____ (*name of child*) to attend RCIA for Children at Resurrection Parish and I take responsibility for him or her. I understand that she//he is to participate in the above stated activity.

6. Parent/Guardian Live Streaming Release

* This section is **only** needed if the person being registered is 18 years of age or younger.

- Yes my child's full legal name may be announced during masses which could be lived streamed.
- Yes you have my permission to show my child's face during live streaming.
- Yes you have my permission to take photos of my child.

Release: I understand that photos/video is the property of Resurrection Parish/Archdiocese of Regina and they may edit, alter, copy, publish or distribute this video for purposes of publicizing Resurrection Parish/Archdiocese of Regina or for any other lawful purpose.

I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the video. Resurrection Parish/Archdiocese of Regina has consent to use my likeness in this video in any and all of its promotions or publications, including website and social media, without payment or any other consideration. Resurrection Parish/Archdiocese of Regina will not trade, share or sell to any outside party and content will remain property of Resurrection Parish/Archdiocese of Regina.

I hereby certify that I am the parent/guardian of _____, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the above mentioned.

I understand the contents of this Parent/Guardian Consent form are held at Resurrection Parish in Regina Sask.

Print Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

7. Religious History

Are you baptized? Yes No I'm not sure

If you answer 'Yes', please provide the following information:

In which denomination were you baptized: _____

Date or approximate age when you were baptized: _____

Baptism Name: _____

Place of Baptism:

Name of Church: _____

Mailing address: _____

City/town: _____

Country: _____

Please provide a copy of your Baptism Certificate: Attached Will bring to first session

If you were baptized Catholic (Roman Catholic or Ukrainian Catholic), please check the sacraments you have already received:

First Confession

First Eucharist

Confirmation

8. Current Marital Status

I have never been married

I am engaged to be married

Your Fiancé(e)'s name: _____

Your Fiancé(e)'s current religious affiliation: _____

For you: First Marriage Married before

Fiancé(e)'s: First Marriage Married before

I am married

Your spouse's name: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Place of Marriage (include town/city/country/state/territory):

Your spouse's current religious affiliation: _____

For you: First Marriage Married before

Fiancé(e)'s First Marriage Married before

I am married but separated from my spouse

I am divorced and I have not remarried

I am a widow / widower and have not remarried

9. A little more about yourself

9.1 Mass time

When do you currently attend Mass?

Saturday 5:00 pm Never Always Occasionally Regularly
Sunday 9:00 am Never Always Occasionally Regularly
Sunday 11:00 am Never Always Occasionally Regularly
Preferred Mass 5:00 pm 9:00 am 11:00 am No Preference

I am able to attend Mass at times other than my preferred time. Yes No

9.2 Sponsor

* For anyone over the age of 14 years of age

A sponsor will journey with you throughout the RCIA year and is asked to continue to support the following year. Sponsors are typically members of Resurrection Parish but could be someone with who you wish to share your journey with. All sponsors will be asked to attend an orientation session to review either role in your journey and to confirm their commitment to you. They are also asked to attend all RCIA sessions/Rites/Celebrations. It is recommended that your spouse or close family are not asked to be your sponsor, but are welcome to attend the RCIA sessions with you. Every effort will be made to find a compatible sponsor.

Have you asked someone to be your sponsor?

No, I wish to have a sponsor found for me.
 Yes Name: _____ Parish: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Do you plan to have your spouse, close family member journeying with you?

No
 Yes Name: _____ Parish: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

9.3 A little more about yourself

Occupation: _____

Interests/Hobbies: _____

9.4 General Questions

What or who has led you to want to know about the Catholic Faith?

What has lead you to consider RCIA at this time?

To date, what contact have you had with the Catholic Church?