

## **RCIA at St Mark the Evangelist in Kenosha Wisconsin**

RCIA is an adult process (those who have graduated high school) directed towards those who want to become Catholic (Catechumens). In our program, we have also included returning Catholics, those who want to complete their initiation sacraments, and those who want to learn more about their Catholic faith. By rights, these latter groups should not be in RCIA, but are included because we lack other programs specific to them at this time.

The one thing that is sure, is that each adult is on a different journey, and comes from a different set of experiences (background), but are all on a series of roads that lead to one destination. Several times, these individual roads overlap with others all seeking the common goal of becoming a better practicing Catholic. Thus, some parts of our program may not be applicable to someone other than a Catechumen, but provide for a good review of the faith.

Obstacles to attending a weekly classroom structure include availability, job commitments, family duties, transportation, weather (especially snow and ice), and most recently the COVID-19 pandemic, with its requirements of social distancing. In light of the obstacles listed above, our RCIA program utilizes an online *free program* together with Zoom discussion classes, as well as occasional in-person meetings at St. Mark's following current health guidelines.

Our program is perfect for converts to Catholicism and can be used in a 24 week (6 month) study of the entire Catholic Faith. It provides a complete and faithful summary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church in an easy-to-read format. It also presents our faith in a personable and understandable way. Each weekly meeting will be from 60-90 minutes long.

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