

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Ministry Objectives

2016-17

1. RCIA will continue to support the parish goal of reaching out to inactive/less-active Catholics since our *Journey of Faith* guides participants to a fuller understanding of the Catholic faith and welcomes Catholics who have missed the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation after Baptism. Sharing faith experiences in the informal group setting and offering fellowship encourages less-active Catholics to participate more fully in the St. John community. Our RCIA alumni have been an excellent network for encouraging less-active Catholics to complete the Sacraments of Initiation through the RCIA program.
2. RCIA will build and expand relationships with St. Katharine Drexel Parish and encourage participants to provide service through St. John service initiatives. All RCIA members are requested to complete at least two service projects and are informed of opportunities such as Ministry Weekend, CityTeam Chester, Project Lent, SKD's Food and Clothing Cupboard, Anna's Place, and Good Works. This past year, our participants enthusiastically supported a number of parish and individual service initiatives, and joined ministries. We will have ministry leaders speak for 10 minutes prior to RCIA sessions on select Sundays to engage RCIA participants and raise awareness of ministries and service.
3. RCIA's young-adult participation has grown as they are inspired by their parents' or relatives' *Journey of Faith*. We will continue to welcome young adults as candidates and catechumens. The RCIA brochure, *Journey through RCIA*, is included in information given to new parish families and will inform young parishioners and their parents of our program.
4. We will provide additional resource materials to participants, which they may keep along with *Journey of Faith* materials and handouts.
5. We will use a Sunday session for any and all questions and answers and will visit the church for "Church Show and Tell," so RCIA participants have an understanding of the Celebration of the Mass and an appreciation for St. John Chrysostom Church and its history.
6. We will invite ministry leaders as guest speakers for appropriate regularly scheduled sessions.