R.C.I.A. Team

The key to ensuring a quality initiation process for inquirers, catechumens and candidates is a strong committed R.C.I.A. team. There are many different roles available to parish volunteers.

Inquiry Team

Inquiry Minister

The Inquiry Minister is expected to field questions from people seeking to know more about the Catholic faith and occasionally generate discussion with provided materials.

Hospitality Minister

The Hospitality Minister works with the Inquiry Minister to create an atmosphere of welcome for the Inquirers. Duties may include gathering refreshments, setting up a sacred space for Inquiry sessions, speaking informally with Inquirers, etc. Creativity is a plus!

Catechumenate Team

RCIA Coordinator

This is a challenging ministry that requires administrative abilities as well as an understanding of the whole RCIA process.

Breaking Open the Word Minister

This minister leads the sessions (30 minutes) for "Breaking Open the Word" when the catechumens and candidates have been dismissed from the Sunday liturgy after the Gospel. They continue the discussion of the Sunday scriptures and homily.

Adult Catechist

The adult catechist leads catechetical sessions occasionally by teaching a topic of the faith (e.g. sacraments, the Creed, etc.) according to the curriculum. Catechists do not have to attend to every session, but there needs to be a core team that is committed to attending weekly.

Retreat Leader

The Retreat Leaders assist the Coordinator to plan and lead the 4 half-day retreats each year. 1 before each of the major steps.

Prayer Planner/Leader

This is a desirable and helpful ministry which contributes by planning and occasionally leading prayer during the RCIA process. There are ample resources available.

Sponsor

Sponsors walk with catechumens and candidates during their journey in the R.C.I.A.. There are no formal presentations but a spiritual relationship committed to answering candidate's questions and supporting them in their doubts. There will be a special formation session for those who are sponsors.

As mentioned above, the key to a vibrant and powerful R.C.I.A. process is a committed and energetic R.C.I.A. Team. Our experience is that the team always gets more out of the experience than the energy that we put in.