

# The Catholic Journey

Are You Considering Becoming Catholic?  
Are You A Catholic Interested In Being Confirmed?  
Are You A Confirmed Catholic Who's Ready To  
Explore Your Faith Anew?

## Join Us For RCIA

(The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Each year men and women embark on an exploration of the Catholic faith. Some are deciding if they are called into the Catholic Church; others have been Catholic all their lives and are now interested in discovering what this really means. Together we witness to the fact that our search for God is a lifelong journey, a journey on which we make the most progress when we walk it with others and with intention.

### **When:**

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-9:00 PM  
Beginning September 13, 2011  
Continues Through Easter & Pentecost

### **What:**

Exploring The Catholic Faith

### **Who:**

Non-Catholics & Catholics Together

### **Signup:**

Fill out the form on the other side or  
contact Scott Moyer (415-674-0422 or  
scott@stdominics.org)

"I have often put my faith journey on hold, recognizing that I don't have time to really develop my faith in my busy schedule. Once I made a commitment to my faith journey and have put in some time to develop my faith, I realized that I don't have time to not give some to God. Whatever I offer to Him, He always repays a million times over. The faith journey I am on is quite possibly the most transforming and enhancing journey I have been a part of."

*Del  
2005-2006 RCIA Participant  
Baptized Easter 2006*

# Answers To Your Questions About RCIA

## What is RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, is a series of classes that present an adult exploration of the Catholic faith. RCIA is a chance for people to learn the basics of what it means to be Catholic, to ask their burning questions, and to seek ways to more fully open their lives to Jesus Christ. RCIA is primarily for adults considering becoming Catholic and for Catholics who were never Confirmed. RCIA prepares men and women to make a conscious choice whether or not they want receive the sacraments of initiation offered by the Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). At St. Dominic's, we offer opportunities for others join in this process. We do this in recognition that faith is a lifelong journey, and that many people who have been Catholic their entire lives are now ready to ask new questions as adults.

## What is the time commitment for RCIA?

The RCIA group meets every Tuesday evening from 7:00-9:00 PM from the second Tuesday in September to Easter. This is the primary time commitment, and there may be other commitments depending on what part of the process you're going through. We recognize that many people have work and family schedules that won't allow them to be at every meeting. That said, it's best if you can be at most meetings because each lesson builds on earlier lessons. If you have to miss an evening, we'll provide ways for you to catch up.

## What if I'm not sure I want to become Catholic or be Confirmed?

Not a problem! In fact, we're assuming that this is the case. Our RCIA is structured in a way that invites you to make small commitments until you're sure you want to proceed. The initial meetings are designed to answer some basic questions, and give you a feel for what the journey will be like. After the first few classes, we'll explore the core Christian message while beginning to answer your most burning questions. Around December, we invite you to begin to decide where you'd like this process to take you.

## If I'm already a Confirmed Catholic, is RCIA right for me?

Many of us stopped learning about our Catholic faith we received the Sacrament of Confirmation in our early teens. It's not uncommon for us to realize as adults that we want to know more about our faith, and to wrestling with some of the more difficult questions we have. RCIA is an opportunity for you to really explore your faith. It is also a chance to see your faith through the eyes of people exploring it for the first time. Together we'll help each other grow closer to Jesus Christ.

## Is RCIA appropriate for children too?

RCIA (adapted for older children) is provided, depending on individual circumstances, through the Family and Children's Faith Formation (FCFF) or Youth Ministry. Contact the Director of Religious Education, Michael Smith, at (415) 674-0446 or dre@stdominics.org.

## I still have questions. Who can I talk to?

Just contact Scott Moyer (415-674-0422 or scott@stdominics.org).



Please sign me up to attend the initial inquiry meetings of RCIA beginning in September:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm considering (check one):

- Being Baptized
- Becoming Catholic
- Being Confirmed
- Exploring my Catholic faith

I'm currently (check all that apply):

- Not Baptized
- Baptized
- Roman Catholic
- Faith Background: \_\_\_\_\_
- Practicing
- Not Practicing

(Turn this in to the Parish office or mail it to St. Dominic's Parish, Attn: Scott Moyer, 2390 Bush St., San Francisco, CA, 94115)