

# Parish RCIA

It is our greatest joy as well as our mission to continually welcome new members to our church.

RCIA is a spiritual formation journey in the Catholic faith. This ministry is for those interested in learning about and personally experiencing the Catholic faith tradition. *Individuals who are not baptized, those baptized in other Christian religions, and baptized Catholics who never received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation* are welcome to begin our ongoing RCIA inquiry sessions when they are ready.

For more information about RCIA, please email the parish office at [info@mtcarmesb.com](mailto:info@mtcarmesb.com) or double click on this page.



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## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RCIA

*Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.*

- Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel

### What is the RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a gradual process of conversion and initiation into the Catholic Christian community providing individuals the space to encounter God and respond to His invitation to a new way of life in the Catholic faith. Grounded in a respect for the personal faith journey of each individual, the RCIA provides an extended period of prayer, study, and fellowship in which each individual has the opportunity to grow in relationship with God and the parish community.

### Who is the RCIA for?

1. Persons who have never been baptized and wish to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist (Holy Communion) in the Catholic Church.
2. Persons who were baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation; by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

### How does the RCIA work?

In the RCIA individuals reflect and learn about what it means to be a part of the Catholic Christian community – who we are, what we believe, how we celebrate and pray, how we relate with one another and with God. Based on the gradual transformation of each individual, the RCIA accompanies and celebrates the journey to faith of each individual. The process begins with a period of inquiry for those who have felt called to consider the Catholic faith. Here you will find an open space to ask questions about what Catholics hold and believe while meeting others striving to live Gospel values. Know that initial inquiry does not necessarily commit you to initiation.

### Where can I find out more information?

If you would like to learn more about this spiritual formation journey, please contact the parish office at [info@mtcarmelsb.com](mailto:info@mtcarmelsb.com).