

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults –

Are you interested in

- a) becoming Catholic, or
- b) becoming a support person

Please complete the following application Form

NAME :

ADDRESS :

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PHONE NO. :

Application form may be left at Reception
After all Masses,

Or left at Parish Office during the week,

Or by phoning the Parish Office on 07 3285 6759.



Petrie Catholic Community

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CHRISTIAN

INITIATION OF ADULTS

(or **Becoming Catholic**)

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)** is designed for adults who consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts.

With God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will be received as full members of the Catholic Church.

This journey includes the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, as well as understanding the beliefs and practices of the Catholic lifestyle.

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The journey through the RCIA programme will be shared with others who have made a conscious decision to become members of this dynamic Catholic Community. The people sharing this same journey, while different in many ways, also have a lot in common.

The differences are in their names, their personal stories and their reasons for travelling on this journey. Each person will soon get to know the names of other people and their stories will gradually emerge, in precious bits and pieces, as the course continues. They will also develop warmth and trust in the people sharing their journey and form a strong bond of friendship with some.

There are other differences too, but mainly in that each one will have their own Sponsor and Companion.

The Sponsor is the one who knows the person and recommends that our community accept them, while the Companion will be the person who travels and guides the person through their faith journey.

The major factor that each person has in common is a search for God and for all that may be good, true and beautiful in their lives. Also there will be an awareness of God's presence in their lives; a loving, powerful presence that is inviting each person to go further, to come deeper in the search. There may well be other common factors too, such as spouse, family or friends who

are accompanying each person on their journey, or supporting them as they embark upon an exciting, fulfilling and rewarding experience.

HOW DOES OUR PROGRAM WORK?

The RCIA group is composed of Leaders, Companions and Candidates.

- 1) The RCIA group is made up of a team of leaders whose function is to instruct the Candidates and guide their Companions in the basic grounding of the Catholic faith.
- 2) Companions are members of the Parish Community, who freely volunteer to assist and encourage the Candidate on their journey to full membership.
- 3) Candidates can be either Baptised or non-Baptised persons who wish to live the full Christian life as members of the Catholic Church.

Leaders, Companions and Candidates meet together on a monthly basis for scripture study and instruction.

Companions meet with the Candidate on a weekly basis to provide personal support.

Once the Candidates complete the course and are ready they will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at a special ceremony - usually at Easter time - or at the weekly Mass.



Welcoming New People into our Parish Community is part of our Catholic tradition.

In Luke 5: 10-11 Jesus calls us all to be part of His mission to bring others closer to Him and the Father, so that means we are all part of the wider RCIA team in bringing others to God.

As members of the wider RCIA team what can we do :

We can PRAY for new candidates and for the support team.

We can talk to people who are family members, relatives, neighbours or anyone we know who may have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic.

We can also consider joining the support team by being a companion for a new member.

If you are interested in becoming a support person please contact the Parish Office by phoning 3285 6759, or complete the form on the back of this brochure, and/or leave your details at Reception after Mass.

