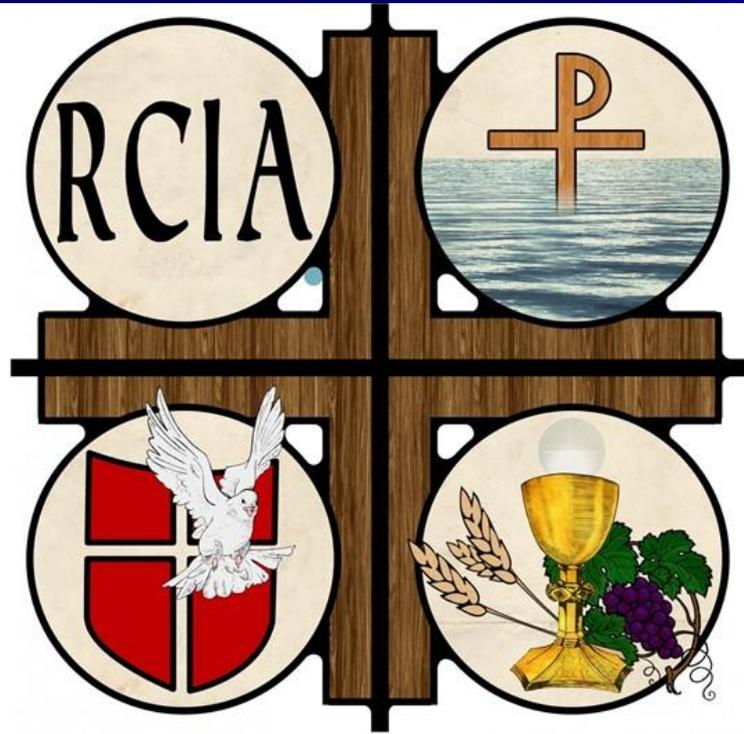


# Welcome to the RCIA



**Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults**

**Deacon Ed Prisby**

# Opening Scripture

## Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”<sup>[d]</sup>

# Opening Prayer



# What Does RCIA & RCIC Mean?

- RCIA is an acronym for:
  - *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*
- RCIC is an acronym for:
  - *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children*

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

## RCIA Team

- **Father Amar Nagothu, MSFS – Pastor**
- **Deacon Ed Prisby – RCIA Director**
- **Deacon Pat Goin**
- **Deacon Ray Stiles**
- **Ron Coleman**
- **Dave Garrett**
- **Matt Meyer**
- **Diane Davis**
- **Virginia Kell**

# Welcome to the RCIA

- ***“From the time of the apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and initiation in several stages. This journey can be covered rapidly or slowly, but certain essential elements will always have to be present: proclamation of the Word, acceptance of the Gospel entailing conversion, profession of faith, Baptism itself, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and admission to Eucharistic communion.” – CCC 1229***

***CCC = Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1229***

# Icebreaker Questions...

- **What is your name?**
- **What brought you here today?**
- **How were you introduced to the Catholic faith and the RCIA process?**

# Welcome to the RCIA



I was glad when  
they said...Let us go into  
the house of the Lord.

Psalm 122:1

# Who is in the RCIA?

## ■ Catechumen

- An unbaptized person who is preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.

## ■ Candidate

- A baptized Christian who is preparing to be received into the Catholic Church.

# Who is in the RCIA?



# RCIA Is a Process

Take Your Time

A photograph of a beach with the text "Take Your Time" overlaid in white cursive script. The beach is sandy with many footprints, and the ocean is visible in the background under a clear sky.

# Why do Catholics Initiate Others?



*Catholic  
Journey*

# What Happens in the RCIA?



# How Long Does the RCIA Last?



# What is Expected of You?

- **Attend Mass every Sunday. Either:**
  - 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass
  - 11:00 AM Sunday Masse
- **Class attendance and participation each week.**
- **Read the study material and be prepared for discussion and questions.**
- **Participate in the Rites as we progress through the RCIA process.**
- **Come with an open heart and mind.**

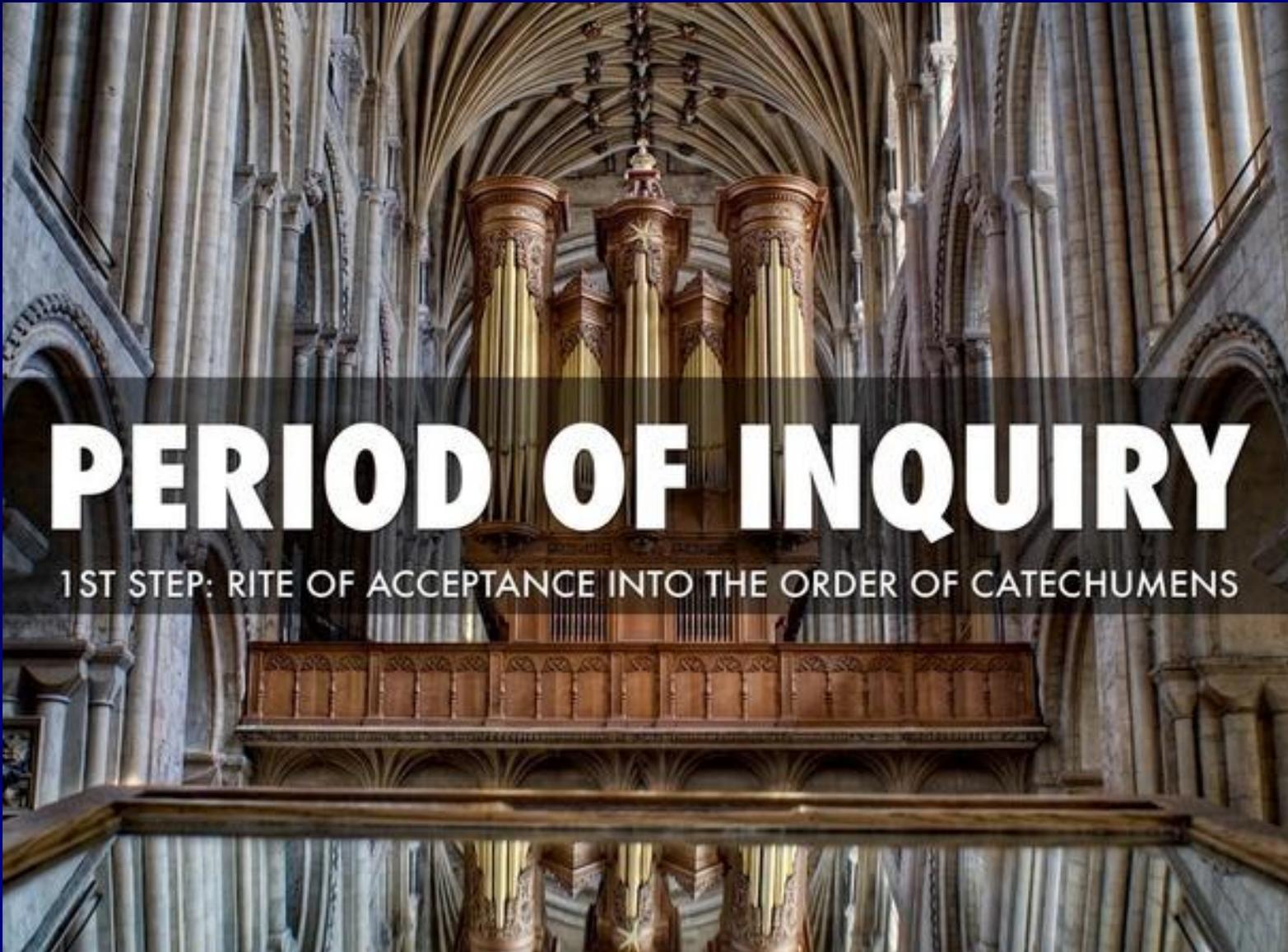
# Godparents / Sponsors

- The godparent / sponsor is the catechumen's or candidate's link to the parish. They can be a family member or friend.
- They must be a fully initiated and practicing Catholic.
- The sponsor helps the person to be part of the life of the parish community.
- The sponsor does not need to be an expert; he/she is a companion on the journey.
- Sponsor eligibility form will need to be completed and returned to Deacon Ed NLT Sunday, November 6, 2022.

# The Four Periods of the RCIA

- **Inquiry**
- **Catechumenate**
- **Purification and Enlightenment**
- **Mystagogy**

# Inquiry

The image shows the interior of a Gothic cathedral, looking down a long nave. The architecture features high, pointed arches and ribbed vaulting. In the center, a large, ornate organ with multiple tiers of pipes is visible. The organ is made of dark wood and has a prominent star on its front panel. The lighting is dramatic, with light streaming in from high windows, creating strong shadows and highlights on the stone surfaces.

## PERIOD OF INQUIRY

1ST STEP: RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF CATECHUMENS

# Catechumenate



# Purification & Enlightenment



# Mystagogy



# Resources & Study Material

- Bible – (NABRE)
- Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)
- RCIA Binders
  - “Journey of Faith” Study Guides
- Symbolon Video Series
- Additional resources will be given throughout the RCIA process

# Online Resources

Vatican - [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

Diocese of St. Augustine - [www.dosafl.com](http://www.dosafl.com)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church - [www.holyspiritchurchjax.org](http://www.holyspiritchurchjax.org)

EWTN – [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)

Catholic Answers - [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com)

Formed - [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

# **IMPORTANT MESSAGE BAPTISM CERTIFICATES**

- For those already baptized, we will need a copy of your baptismal certificate from the Church you were baptized.**
- Please contact the church where you were baptized to obtain a copy and provide to Deacon Ed NLT November 20, 2022.**
- If you have any problems obtaining a copy, please see Deacon Ed.**

# Questions

# Next Class

- **Sunday, September 11, 2022**
  - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM / FLC / Room 109
- **Please read through these *Journey of Faith* sections for our next class:**
  - Q1: Welcome to the RCIA
  - Q2: What is Faith?
- **All materials given to you are yours to keep.**
  - OK to write or highlight as needed.



**1 Minute Video**  
**CatholicsComeHome.org**

# Closing Prayer

