



Dear Friend of Epiphany of the Lord Parish,

Thank you for taking the time to view this packet. Whether you picked it up yourself, asked someone to get you the information, or someone gave it to you, we hope you find it useful. Even if you aren't interested in becoming Catholic at this time, the information will be helpful in learning more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian. Perhaps you want to better understand the faith of a Catholic friend or family member. Perhaps that friend or family member is encouraging you to join the Catholic Church. Perhaps you are already Catholic but haven't received all your Sacraments of Initiation. Whatever your situation, we are here to serve you.

The Catholic Church has a process called RCIA for individuals who wish to become Catholic. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the process through which unbaptized individuals ages 7 or older receive baptism and other sacraments. Additionally, it is the process through which individuals baptized in other faiths join the Catholic Church. There is no set timeline for how long this process takes because it involves several phases.

As pastor, Fr. Gilbert Mascarenhas is here to offer his help and support throughout this process. He asks you to take a moment to introduce yourself and your family after Mass so he can personally get to know you. Feel free to call and set up an appointment at the office if you desire to speak with him further about your faith journey. Be assured of the prayers of Fr. Gilbert, Fr. Tony, and the rest of the parish as you go through this experience.

As Director of Faith Formation, Kathy Fech assists those who desire further knowledge of the Catholic faith and/or desire to receive Baptism as well as other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation). She and the RCIA team assess what is needed for someone to be adequately formed before joining the Church. Then, she and the team guide interested individuals through the process to enter the Catholic Church.

If you wish to be contacted by someone from the parish with further information, please fill out the enclosed form and return it. The RCIA journey is one that is relaxed, spirit-filled, joyous, and fun- we guarantee it!!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Gilbert Mascarenhas, SAC, Pastor

Kathy Fech, Director of Faith Formation



RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Please fill out this information packet and return it to Epiphany of the Lord Parish via mail (729 White Street, Toledo, OH 43605), by dropping it at the parish office, or by placing it in the collection basket at Mass. Please address Attn: Kathy. You may also scan it and email (kfech@epiphanyofthelord.org) or fax it (419-698-2050- Attn: Kathy). Someone from the parish will be in touch shortly after receiving your information.

PERSONAL INFORMATION		
Name		
Address		
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone
Best times to call (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> weekday mornings <input type="checkbox"/> weekday evenings <input type="checkbox"/> weekends <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer texts <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer email		Email address
Date of birth / /	City/State/Country of birth	
SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION		
Have you ever been baptized? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNSURE		If 'YES', was baptism done in the Trinitarian formula (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and with water)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNSURE
Date of Baptism / /	Denomination	
Name of Church	Address of Church	
<i>If baptized Roman Catholic,</i>		
have you received First Reconciliation (Confession)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES Date _____/_____/_____ <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
have you received First Eucharist (Communion)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES Date _____/_____/_____ <input type="checkbox"/> NO		

MARITAL STATUS AND INFORMATION

Current marital status

Single (never been married) Engaged Married Widowed
 Divorced and single Divorced and engaged Divorced and remarried

If you are engaged, please answer the following questions:

Name of Fiancé: _____ Religion of Fiancé: _____

Will this be your first marriage? YES NO Will this be your fiancé's first marriage? YES NO

Do you plan to be married in the Catholic Church? YES NO

Anticipated wedding date _____/_____/_____

If you are married, please answer the following questions:

Name of Spouse _____ Religion of Spouse _____

Were you married by A Catholic priest or had your marriage validated in the Catholic Church?

A Minister A Justice of the Peace Other _____

Have either you or your spouse been previously married? YES NO

If you are engaged, married, or have ever been married and you or your spouse/fiancé have been divorced, please fill out the following:

I have been married _____ time(s) previous to my current marriage.

Have you applied for or been granted an annulment from the Catholic Church? YES NO

If 'YES', APPLIED- date _____/_____/_____

GRANTED- date _____/_____/_____

My spouse/fiancé has been married _____ time(s) previous to this marriage.

Has your spouse/fiancé applied for or been granted an annulment from the Catholic Church? YES NO

If 'YES', APPLIED- date _____/_____/_____

GRANTED- date _____/_____/_____

YOUR OBJECTIVE

Please take your time with this section. These questions are designed to help our RCLA Team best meet your needs.

Which statement(s) best characterize you at this time?

- I definitely want to become Catholic.
- I might want to become Catholic.
- I am looking right now; I'm not sure where I am being led.
- I do not want to become Catholic; I'm interested in learning about Jesus and the Church.
- A loved one has asked me to consider the Catholic faith.
- I was baptized Catholic but need Eucharist and Confirmation.
- I am baptized Catholic but need Confirmation.
- I am Catholic and am here to learn more (does not need Eucharist or Confirmation).
- OTHER _____

What has brought you to inquire about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church? What do you hope to gain from this experience?

What have been your religious experiences/exposure up to this point? i.e. attending church, bible study, none, don't know much about God, etc.

Describe any special needs or concerns you have at this point in time.