

# RCIA Inquiry Schedule

## *Summer 2018 Dates and Topics*

### **Inquiry Sessions**

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

*(unless otherwise noted)*

In the St. Jane Room

*(next to the parish office)*

#### Sunday, **April 29**

- ✓ 11:30 am, Parish Tour:  
(meet in the chapel off the gathering space)

#### Monday, **May 7**

- ✓ Creed and Christ:

#### Monday, **May 14**

- ✓ Prayer and a Personal Relationship:

#### Monday, **June 4**

- ✓ Sacraments and the Liturgy:

#### Sunday, **June 10**

- ✓ 1:00 pm, Picnic, Location: TBA

#### Monday, **June 18**

- ✓ Lived Discipleship and Morality:

#### Monday, **June 25**

- ✓ Lived Discipleship and Morality:

### **Rites**

Those who are ready to take the next step into the Period of the Catechumenate will be invited to celebrate the Rite of Acceptance (for a not yet baptized person) and the Rite of Welcoming (for an already baptized person) that is closest to the time readiness has been discerned.

#### *Rite of Acceptance and/or Welcoming*

Saturday, July 14 (tentative)

5:00 p.m. Mass

### **Retreats**

#### *Covenant*

Saturday, **May 19**

8:45 am to 3:00 pm

*(if you've already attended this retreat previously, you do not need to take it again)*

### **Sponsors**

Sponsors are someone who will journey with you on your journey on behalf of the Church. They are ideally members of St. Francis, but need to be fully initiated Catholics who practice their faith both by attending Mass and in the way he/she lives his/her life.

Sponsors attend sessions with you. You and your sponsor will meet once a month outside of scheduled sessions to catch up. They will also be there for the various rites you will celebrate. You do not need to find your own sponsor, but if you have someone you know who qualifies and you would like to serve as your sponsor he/she certainly is welcome to do so. If you'd like us to match you with a sponsor, please let us know and we will pair you up with someone. Typically, people only have one, but you could have two if you wanted.

## **Before Moving to the Next Step**

While each person's faith journey is different, we are working together to grow in faith to know, love, and serve the Lord as His disciples. There are some steps that we have each inquirer do before they move to the next step of the RCIA process called the Catechumenate:

- Attend all sessions or do make up study
- Have a sponsor
- Complete an Ignatian discernment process form
- Sponsor and you meet with Ricardo Valdez to review discernment form

RCIA is a process rather than a program. That means we make sure it fits you and where you are in your faith journey. You may move through this process quickly, but it may take you a while. There is no right way of doing it. Our goal is to help and walk with you on your journey to becoming a passionate disciple of the Lord.

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