

RCIA

**The Rite of Christian Initiation
of Adults**

The way that people interested in following the Catholic way of life learn about the Catholic faith and are welcomed into the Church.

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Martyrs

Martyrs are saints and other holy people who die for their faith.

Martyr means “witness”.

By being faithful even when faced with death, martyrs give witness to what they believe.

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Catechumenate

The period of preparation for those adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

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Apostle

One of 12 men chosen by Jesus to bring his teachings to others.

The names of the twelve apostles are these: Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

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