

R.C.I.A. TEAM

Would you like to serve on the St. Peter Church R.C.I.A. Team?

What does the St. Peter Church R.C.I.A. Team do?

On Sundays, R.C.I.A. team members...

- Sit with RCIA members during Mass. Introduce them to others. And help with questions that arise. (When do we kneel or sit? What page are we on?)
- For those RCIA members who already have family to sit with, we visit with them after Mass. (And introduce to others in the parish.)

On Thursdays, R.C.I.A. team members...

- Attend the weekly RCIA Meeting, once a month. (Our vision is to have several team members who will rotate weeks.)
- Visit with RCIA members. And when appropriate, team members share the story of their Catholic journeys.
- Provide (or help with set up) simple refreshments.
- Assist with opening and/or closing prayer.
- Share in discussion, usually related to weekly topic from the catechism.

What about special R.C.I.A. rites and the Easter Vigils?

- During special parish liturgies or events, team members sit with RCIA members. They visit, answer questions, and introduce the candidates to others.
- During the RCIA Rites (Rite of Welcome, Rite of Sending, Scrutinies---usually Sunday mornings), team members are present (as schedule permits).
- Team members are present for Holy Week liturgies, especially Easter Vigil, and assist as needed.

What are some other needs that R.C.I.A. team members fill?

- Share story of your faith journey for RCIA newsletter.
- Share titles of books (or other media) that you've used in your faith journey for RCIA resource list.
- Serve as sponsor if needed.
- Serve as catechist for weekly meeting (if comfortable).

Why join the St. Peter Church R.C.I.A. Team?

- It's inspiring! There is nothing more inspiring to your own faith than to see others growing deeper in their own.
- It's fun! You meet new people and welcome them to St. Peter.
- You'll learn more about your own faith. During the weekly sessions, you'll learn more about the teachings of the Church along with the candidates.
- You will be practicing stewardship. Serving on the R.C.I.A. Team is a way of being a good steward by giving a bit of your most precious resource—your time!
- You will experience Holy Week and Easter in a whole new light. Seeing the R.C.I.A. candidates and catechumens experience the Sacraments during the Easter Vigil is a wonderful treat---you'll fall in love with the liturgy all over again!
- It's what we are called to do! The documents of the Church (Lumen Gentium) says, "The initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptized....all the followers of Christ have the obligation of spreading the faith."

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."