

RITE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults is a programme design to receive an enquirer into the Catholic Church and to educate him or her about the teaching of the church. It is aimed to deepen the faith of the enquirer in Catholicism.

Here in St George's Roman Catholic Cathedral, the duration of the programme is one year. During this period, it is expected that the enquirer (catechumen) attend all the sessions of the programme.

The programme is divided into the following categories:

- a. First contact
- b. Catechumenate
 - i. Rite of Acceptance
 - ii. Rite of Election
 - iii. Purification
 - iv. Initiation and
- c. Deepening
 - a. **First contact:** This is an informal meeting with those responsible for the programme. During this contact, a catechumen community is formed. It is recommended that; friends, sponsors, witnesses and other Christians be part of this first informal meeting. During this meeting, the catechumen gets to know each other and what the programme is all about.
 - b. **Catechumenate:** This is the period when the enquirers are catechized. During this period, various rites are carried out: the rite of acceptance, rite of election, the purification and finally the sacraments of initiation.
 - c. **Deepening:** This is the period when the christian community leads the newly baptised deeper into the mystery of the faith during the time between Easter and Pentecost.

Are you considering becoming a catholic? Why not give it a thought to register today with the Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme of St George's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7HY.

For further information, you can call the Priest in charge of the RCIA programme on 02079285256. You can also reach the Priest in Charge of the programme with the following email address: info@southwark-rc-cathedral.org.uk or fax number: 02072022189.

YOU MAY FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT TO THE PARISH.

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ABOUT BEING A CATHOLIC

ENQUIRY FORM

FILL IN WITH CAPITAL LETTERS

Surname _____ First Names _____

Maiden Name _____

Address _____

_____ Post code _____

Phone numbers (Home) _____ (Work) _____

(Mobile if any) _____

Age _____ Marital Status _____

If Married, Address of the Place of Marriage _____

_____ Post code _____

Date of Marriage _____

Spouse's Name _____

Witnesses Names _____

Your Religion _____ Denomination (if Christian) _____

Have you ever been baptised? (If Christian) YES/NO _____

If Yes, Address of the Place of Baptism _____

_____ Post code _____

Date of Baptism _____

Minister of Baptism _____

What or who has led you to take an interest in learning about the catholic faith?

If you live outside the Cathedral parish, please give reason(s) why you wish to join the programme here. _____

Signature _____ Date _____