

ADULT EDUCATION/RCIA INFORMATION SHEET FUNCTIONS AND OPTIONS

-To assist Catholics in understanding the teachings of our Faith on an Adult level*. Due to the fact that most Catholics stopped their religious education at the 8th grade level, **it is critical that they pursue an adult understanding of their Faith** which is radically different from the limited and simple explanations they were given as a child. Many Catholics accept or reject certain aspects of Church teaching and/or do not take advantage of the powerful and invaluable practices of our Faith because they don't fully understand what they have before them and how it will absolutely change their life for the better.

-To assist those thinking about becoming Catholic and/or those helping those who never received Communion and/or Confirmation. Each year, over 150,000 adults are baptized into the Catholic Church in the United States. Twice that number (already baptized) receive Communion and/or Confirmation in the Catholic Church. **Our Sunday Adult Education/Formation program is designed specifically for those considering the choice to become Catholic, as well as those who were Baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation.[Formally called RCIA]** Fully review all of the information on this page(including the information specified for Catholic Adults as it pertains to you). Please note that those adults falling into this category need to take Option#1 below*

- Our Sunday Adult Ed Program (open to all) serves to:

Strengthen and Solidify Your Understanding of the Catholic Faith
Clears up Misinformation About The Catholic Faith
Answers Your Challenging Questions
Effectively Gives You the Tools to Handle Problems and Crisis and
Reduces Your Stress
Provides the Real Secret to Success and Happiness
Assists You In Turning Suffering Into Triumph
Helps You Forgive the Unforgivable
Addresses and Better Informs You on the Critical Issues of Our Time

Options Available:

- 1) ***Attend Complete Adult Education Formation Program*** Sundays 10 to 11:30AM
Oct thru June. Though Our Lady of Mercy opens this program to all adults for their growth and development, the *primary focus is given to those in need of Sacraments*. This Program is formally called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**.
- 2) **Obtain a schedule and attend Sunday Education classes of your choice**
- 3) Take advantage of **additional scheduled topics/guest speakers** as well as **Gospel study nights with our Parish Priests**. (Bi-monthly on Mondays 7:30-9pm)
- 4) **Contact the Coordinators With Questions/ Challenges** and we will provide you with information, resources, and counseling.
- 5) **Other Adult Education/Formation offerings at OLM Parish: Awakening Faith; Bible Study; All-Day Conferences; Men of St Joseph; and Women's Spirituality**

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