

RCIA SYLLABUS
2016-2017

FIRST STEP: ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF PRE-CATECHUMENATE

September 7th	Session #1 What is Catholicism? Part 1
September 14th	Session #2 What is Catholicism? Part 2
September 21st	Session #3 The Meaning of Humanity
September 28th	Session #4 The Mystery of God
October 5 th	Session #5 Introduction to Catholic Scripture
October 12th	Session #6 A Walk Through the Church
October 19 th	Session #7 Old Testament
October 26th	Session #8 A Walk Through the Mass
November 2nd	All Soul's Day (A Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) Mass in the Main Church (Optional)
November 9th	Session #9 New Testament
November 16 th	Session #10 The Liturgical Year & the Liturgy
November 23rd	No session-Thanksgiving
November 27 th	First Sunday of Advent
November 30th	Session #11 Jesus I

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December 4th Rite of Acceptance
Scripture Study Begins

PERIOD OF THE CATECHUMENATE

December 7th	Session #12 Jesus 2
December 11	Christmas Party
December 14 th	Christmas Break
December 21 st	Christmas Break
December 28th	Christmas Break
January 4th	Session #13 Holy Spirit
January 11 th	Session #14 Mystery of the Church
January 18th	Session #15 Church History 1
January 25th	Session #16 Church History 2
February 1 st	Session #17 Introduction to the Sacraments (A Sacraments & Sacramentals)
February 8 th	Session #18 Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
February 15th	Session #19 Sacraments of healing & Forgiveness: Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation (Penance)
February 22 th	Session #20 Sacraments of Vocation & Commitment: Marriage and Holy Orders

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March 1st No session
Ash Wednesday
Mass in Church at 6 p.m.

SECOND STEP: ELECTION OR ENROLLMENT OF NAMES
PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ELIGHTENMENT

March 5th First Sunday of Lent
Rite of Election 9 or 11 o'clock Mass
All RCIA Candidates/Catechumens & Sponsors

Rite of Election Bishop Choby
3 p.m. Location TBD.
All RCIA Candidates/Catechumens & Sponsors
Includes all Parishes in the Diocese of Nashville

March 8th Session #21
Mary and the Saints

Sunday, March 12th Penitential Rite

Dinner for Room in the Inn-SHS cafeteria 6 p.m.

March 15th Session #22
Prayer & Spiritual Life

Sunday, March 19th 1st Scrutiny

March 22nd Spring Break

Monday, March ? Parish Lenten Penance Service

Sunday, March 26th 2nd Scrutiny

March 29th Session #23
Christian Morality

April 5th Session #24
The Last Things – Heaven, Hell & Purgatory

Saturday, April 8th Candidate/Catechumens Retreat
Camp Marymount

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8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 9th

Palm Sunday

THIRD STEP: CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Wednesday, April 12th

Chrism Mass
Cathedral of the Incarnation

Thursday, April 13th

Holy Thursday
Mass 7 p.m. St. Henry Church

Friday, April 14th

Good Friday
3 p.m. Stations of the Cross, St. Henry Church
7 p.m. St. Henry Church

Saturday, April 15h

Easter Vigil Practice 10 a.m. in Church
All Sponsors & Team Members

Easter Vigil (All Candidates/Catechumens &
Sponsors)
7-7:30 p.m. St. Henry Church

PERIOD OF POST BAPTISMALCATECHESIS OR MYSTAGOGY

April 19th

Session #25
Pot Luck Dinner
Reflections on Holy Week

April 26th

Session #26
St. Henry Ministries Overview

TBD

RCIA Celebration Mass & Dinner

TBD

St. Mary Bookstore

TBD

Religious Life
Dominican Motherhouse

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