

**RCIA SYLLABUS**  
**2017-2018**

**FIRST STEP: ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF PRE-CATECHUMENATE**

September 6th	Session #1 What is Catholicism? Part 1  <i>Catholicism: Parts I &amp; II -- CCC 26-175</i>
September 13th	Session #2 What is Catholicism? Part 2
September 20th	Session #3 The Meaning of Humanity: The Great Questions
September 27th	Session #4 The Mystery of God  <i>The Mystery of God -- CCC 199-421</i>
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Session #5 Introduction to Catholic Scripture  <i>How Catholics Look at Scripture -- CCC 101-143</i>
October 11th	Fall Break
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Session #6 A Walk Through the Church
October 25th	Session #7 A Walk Through the Mass  <i>A Walk Through the Mass -- CCC 1345-1419</i>
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Saint's Day (A Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) Mass in the Main Church (Optional) No session this evening.
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Session #8 Jesus I
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Jesus in the Gospels – CCC 422-682

November 15<sup>th</sup>      Session #9  
Jesus 2

November 22<sup>nd</sup>                      No session-Thanksgiving

November 29<sup>th</sup>      Session #10  
The Liturgical Year & the Liturgy

Liturgical Year -- CCC 1163-1173

**PERIOD OF THE CATECHUMENATE**

December 3<sup>rd</sup>                      First Sunday of Advent  
Rite of Acceptance for all  
Candidates/Catechumens/Sponsors  
Scripture Study Begins after 9 a.m. Mass  
Christmas Party  
Fellowship Hall

December 6<sup>th</sup>      Session #11  
Old Testament

December 10<sup>th</sup>                      Scripture Study after 9 a.m. Mass and each Sunday at this  
time until Palm Sunday unless notified

December 13<sup>th</sup>      Session #12  
New Testament

December 20<sup>st</sup>      St. Mary's Bookstore Open House

December 27<sup>th</sup>                      Christmas Break (no session)

January 3<sup>rd</sup>      Session #13  
Holy Spirit

January 10<sup>th</sup>      Session #14  
Mystery of the Church

The Church: It's Meaning & Mission – CCC 748-948

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- January 17<sup>th</sup>                      Session#15  
Introduction to the Sacraments (Sacraments and Sacramentals)
- January 24<sup>th</sup>                      Session #16  
Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation. Eucharist
- Baptism – CCC 1210-1284  
Confirmation – CCC 1285-1321  
The Eucharist -- CCC 1322-1419
- January 31<sup>st</sup>                      Session #17  
Sacraments of Healing & Forgiveness: Anointing of the Sick and  
Reconciliation (Penance)
- Anointing of the Sick – CCC 1499-1535  
Penance – CCC 1422-1498
- February 7<sup>th</sup>                      Session #18  
Sacraments of Vocation & Commitment: Marriage and Holy  
Orders
- Holy Orders – CCC 1536-1600  
Marriage – CCC 1601-1666
- February 14<sup>th</sup>                      No session  
Ash Wednesday  
Mass in Church at 6 p.m.

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

- February 18<sup>th</sup>                      First Sunday of Lent  
Rite of Election 9 or 11 o'clock Mass  
All RCIA Candidates/Catechumens & Sponsors
- Rite of Election  
3 p.m. Location At the Catholic Center  
All RCIA Candidates/Catechumens & Sponsors  
Includes all Parishes in the Diocese of Nashville
- February 20<sup>th</sup>                      Penance Service  
Main Church 7 p.m.
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February 21st            Session #19  
Church History 1

Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>            Penitential Rite (For Candidates & Their Sponsors)

February 28th            Session #20  
Church History 2

Sunday, March 4            1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny (For Catechumens, Their Sponsors and  
Godparents)

March 7th            Session #21  
Mary and the Saints

Mary & the Saints – CCC946-975

Sunday, March 11            2nd Scrutiny (For Catechumens, Their Sponsors  
and Godparents)

March 14<sup>th</sup>            Spring Break (no session)

Sunday, March 11            3rd Scrutiny (For Catechumens, Their Sponsors and  
Godparents)

March 21<sup>st</sup>            Session #22  
Prayer & Spiritual Life

Prayer & the Spiritual Life – CCC 2558-2865

Saturday, March 24th            Candidate/Catechumens Retreat  
Fellowship Hall  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 25th            Palm Sunday

**THIRD STEP: CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

Wednesday, March 28th            Chrism Mass  
Cathedral of the Incarnation

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Thursday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Thursday Mass 7 p.m. St. Henry Church
Friday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross, St. Henry Church 7 p.m. St. Henry Church
Saturday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Vigil Practice 10 a.m. in Church All sponsors, Candidates/Catechumens, & Confirmation  Easter Vigil (All Candidates/Catechumens & Sponsors) 7-7:30 p.m. St. Henry Church

**PERIOD OF POST BAPTISMALCATECHESIS OR MYSTAGOGY**

April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Session #23 Pot Luck Dinner Guest and New Catholic Reflections on Holy Week
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Session #24 Dominican Motherhouse: Religious Life
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Session #25 The Last Things – Heaven, Hell & Purgatory  The Last Things: Heaven, Hell & Purgatory – CCC 988-1060
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Session #26 Christian Morality  Christian Morality – CCC 976-987 and CCC1691-2051
TBD	RCIA Celebration Mass & Dinner
TBD	Room in the Inn Feeding the Homeless SH School Cafeteria 6 p.m.

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