

# RCIA

The R.C.I.A Journey begins on  
Sunday, September 11, 2011  
10:15 a.m. in the Rectory

## The RCIA Journey at St. John Neumann Church

### What is the RCIA Journey?

RCIA is short for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the process for un-baptized adults and children of other Christian Churches to become members of the Catholic Church. The process includes prayer, reflection, and learning. RCIA Sessions at St. John Neumann are held Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Rooms 1 thru 4 located in the Social Hall.

To search, to belong, to mature, to be nourished, to continue growing, to love and to be loved: these and others are fundamental stirrings of the human heart. Our lives are lived in a manner of seeking satisfaction of these very deep hungers throughout the journey of life. RCIA is the experience of discovering that one's journey is caught up in the mystery of God's loving plan for all people. For adults who sense a desire to become members of the Catholic Church, RCIA is the prayerful manner in which the journey to Catholic Christianity unfolds.

### Have you ever asked yourself the following questions?

- How is the Catholic Christian faith different from other Christian religions?
- Will being a member of the Catholic Church make a difference in my life?
- Will being a Catholic help me develop and strengthen my relationship with God?
- Will my participation in the Mass and the sacraments really enhance the fullness of life for me that is promised in the Scriptures and help me in my pilgrimage to Heaven?

If you have asked yourself any of these questions, the RCIA process will help you answer them. Life is a journey on which a person is constantly learning, growing, and changing. The process is a step in that journey and lays the groundwork, through information and experiences, in helping you decide if you want to be a member of the Catholic faith. The RCIA will provide you the opportunity to learn, ask questions, pray, and experience what is meant by being a Catholic Christian and entering into a relationship with God and the Catholic community.

### Who can be a part of the RCIA Journey?

Someone who has never been baptized.

Someone who has been baptized in another faith tradition, but wishes to join the Catholic faith.

A person who has been baptized a Catholic, but not fully catechized, that is, not having received their First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### How do I find out more about the RCIA Journey?

St John Neumann Parish is always ready to welcome those who wish to become part of our faith community and makes a special effort to reach out to anyone interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic. There is never any pressure or obligation to actually become a Catholic. We enthusiastically welcome you to join us on our spiritual journey. If you have an interest or know of someone who may be interested in the Church, please call Sue Toole at 569-8531. The RCIA journey will begin on Sunday, September 11, 2011. To help us prepare for your journey, please fill-out and detach the information form below and return it to the Parish Office by September 2, 2011.

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## I THINK I MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE RCIA!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be at the September 11th session.

I won't be at the September 11th session.



Please fill-out, detach, and **return** information by **September 2nd** to:  
St. John Neumann Church + Sue Toole + 601 E. Delp Rd. + Lancaster, PA + 17601