



Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church

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**Are You Interested to Learn More About God, Jesus and Catholic Faith?
Come find out in what direction you should go in life.**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Jesus said, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me."* ~ John 14:6

◆ A Faith Formation Mission

God continues to call people into the Church founded by His Son, Jesus Christ, on the rock of St. Peter. Adults who wish to explore what it means to be a Catholic, and if they so choose, to enter the Church, participate in a program called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). You take part in classes about Catholic Faith. RCIA is a program for those who are unbaptized, those baptized in a non-Catholic faith community, and those baptized Catholics who have not made their First Communion and/or Confirmation. It is a journey of faith and a loving process for the catechumens and candidates' conversion to Jesus Christ.

◆ Background

Our RCIA program started in 1995, offering Cantonese, Mandarin, and English Classes to participants with unique cultural background. The program lasts for one year and it commences in September till June. It emphasizes on the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, faith learning and Bible studies. All of them are significant in the conversion process.

◆ Stages of Catechumenate and their related topics

1. Period of Pre-catechumenate

The Meaning of Life, the Existence of God, the Transmission of Divine Revelation, the Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, the Creation and the Fall of Man, the Promise of Salvation, Knowing about Jesus Christ, the Ministry of Jesus Christ, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ, the Holy Trinity, and the Mystery of the Church.

2. Period of Catechumenate

- Rite of Acceptance

The Creeds, Mary - Mother of Christ and the Church, the Liturgical Calendar, the Liturgy, the Holy Sacraments and Grace, the Seven Sacraments, the Ten Commandments, the Five Precepts of the Church.

3. Period of Enlightenment

- Rite of Election

- Scrutinies

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Meaning of Lent, Faith and Conversion, Stations of the Cross, the Meaning of Suffering

4. Period of Mystagogy

The Christian Social Justice, Ethics and Morality, the Mission of Evangelization, the Prayer in the Christian Life and the Kingdom of Heaven.

ENGLISH RCIA	CLASS START DATE	TIME
2024 - 2025	Thursday SEP 12, 2024	7:00pm – 8:30pm

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