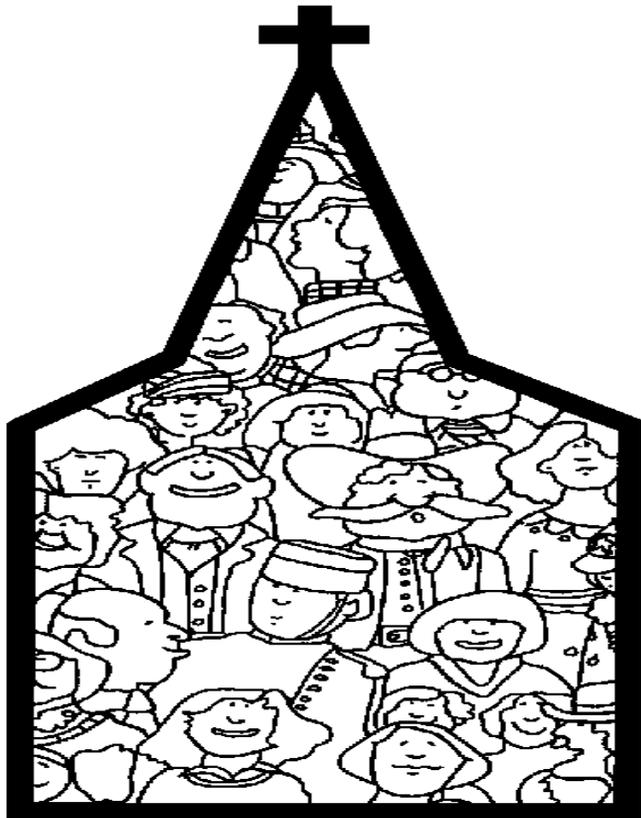


People were bringing even infants to Him that He might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they ordered them not to do it.

But Jesus called them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14



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What is the Christian Initiation adapted for Children?

It is a **process** of faith formation.

It is a **spiritual journey** that leads to full membership in the **Roman Catholic Church**.

RCIA adapted for children is the way for the community to **pass on their faith** to those seeking to learn about God, Jesus, and his Church.

Who is it for?

Children who:

- ✓ were not baptized as infants
- ✓ have attained the use of reason
- ✓ are of catechetical age (**7 years or older**)
- ✓ seek initiation at the direction of parents or guardians, or on their own with parental permission
- ✓ are capable of receiving and nurturing a personal faith
- ✓ **or** -- are baptized as infants as Roman Catholics who did not receive further instruction
- ✓ **or** -- are baptized as members of another Christian community who did not receive further instruction

What does the process involve?

The parents and families serve as primary teachers of prayer and guidance. They play a vital role in the faith formation and development of the child.

Parent(s) and/or Sponsor are to accompany the child or children throughout this journey.

St. Mary's supports the children in prayer and by participating with them at **Special Liturgies** incorporated into our **Sunday Celebrations**.

RCIA adapted for Children respects the readiness of the child. It offers gradual formation, accommodated to the liturgical year, and supported by Celebrations of the Word. The process of teaching (catechesis) is adapted to the child's level of understanding.

It is a modification of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

When does the group meet?

Weekly meetings are usually held on **Wed 5pm to 6pm**, starting in late September. We also have online or "google meet" sessions.

Regular attendance at **Sunday Mass and other Special Celebrations** are also part of the process and the commitment.

Who can tell me more?

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