

*From the time of the apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and an initiation in several stages... This journey can be covered rapidly or slowly, but certain essential elements will always have to be present: proclamation of the Word, acceptance of the Gospel entailing conversion, profession of faith, Baptism itself, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and sharing in the Eucharist communion.*

Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1229

This journey is called Christian initiation and it is one to which all of us are called. It is a journey toward a person— Jesus Christ; risen from the dead. It is He who wants to give us the gift of faith— the guarantee that we are sons and daughters of the living God who conquers fear and death in all the ways it manifests itself in our lives.

To help us begin or continue this journey the Church in recent decades has restored and revised the catechumenate and its stages (rites). It is simply this journey of which we speak that is open to all those who desire to meet Christ in His Church.

This brochure contains information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in our parish. You are always most welcome at any time to inquire about the process. We hope, too that you will share this information with anyone you know who may be interested in life as a Catholic Christian.

The team of the  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel



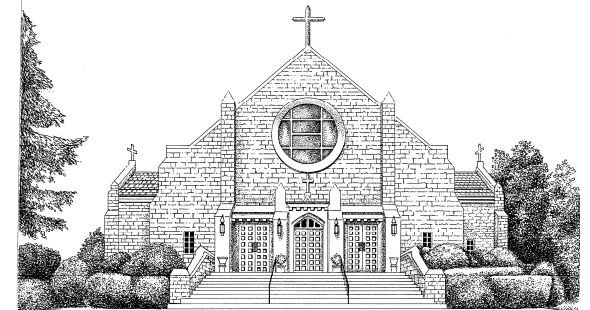
“I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.”  
(John 15: 11)

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## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL RIDGEWOOD, NJ



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

A JOURNEY OF  
FAITH AND CONVERSION TO  
JESUS CHRIST

## WHAT IS THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS?

The way the Church helps others to the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Christian Initiation is a spiritual journey to discover Jesus Christ in God's plan for us. The journey is marked by rites that celebrate what has been reflected upon and received. Thus they are liturgical landmarks, steps in a process of coming to a greater knowledge of Christ and His Church.

### WHO ARE WELCOME?

- Those who feel this is the time to begin a journey toward Baptism.
- Those baptized Christians who wish to explore entering into full communion in the Catholic faith.
- Those baptized Catholic who wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation of Confirmation and first Eucharist.

### WHEN AND WHERE ?

The journey is always a beginning! If you have felt the first stirrings of interest in discovering what it means to know who Jesus is and what it means to be a Christian, please call us! All inquiries are held in full confidence.



THE RCIA MEETS ON  
**SUNDAY MORNINGS AT  
11:00AM  
IN THE MEETING ROOM OF  
THE PARISH CENTER**

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**“Do not be afraid!”  
(Pope John Paul II )**

There are no commitments; no projections of the journey; no “pressure”.

### INSTEAD THERE IS ONLY:

- The love of God for you, just as you are right now.
- The love of the Church in acceptance of you, wherever you are in life's journey.
- The love of the people of Our Lady of Mount Carmel for you to experience the joy and the freedom that can result from following Jesus Christ.

