

2022-2023 RCIA Program

Want to become **Catholic**?

Are you Catholic but missing **Sacraments**?

Then **RCIA** is for **YOU!**

Where do you begin?

You begin from where you are now! The RCIA process has several distinct stages, which you can learn more about below. The time to sign up is **NOW!** Please consider joining us on this important journey in your life.

Registration is EASY!

Simply visit our website:

spphoboken.com/rcia

and fill out the online registration form.

To learn more about the process, please contact: **Michael Duffy, Director of RCIA** at **swcoffee@gmail.com**

RCIA STAGE 1

INQUIRY/JUST LOOKING

In the inquiry stage, you're just finding out about Jesus, Christianity, and the Catholic Church. Your main task here is to explore and develop your faith enough so you can make an informed initial decision about entering the Catholic Church.

RCIA STAGE 2

LEARNING ABOUT THE FAITH

In the catechumenate, your faith has begun to develop. Now you need to learn and grow more. You focus on catechesis in this stage: learning about the faith, how to live as a Christian, and developing your interior life. Your job now is to come into closer contact with the Living God and learn more about the Catholic Faith.

RCIA STAGE 3

GETTING READY FOR REBIRTH!

This period of purification and enlightenment is the final stage before receiving the Easter Sacraments of Initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. (Those already validly Baptized in another Christian church aren't Baptized again.) This stage of intense reflection calls you to deeper conversion in preparation for your renewal at Easter. This is what the season of Lent is for, but it has a special intensity for you this year as you're entering the Church and receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.

RCIA STAGE 4

REFLECTING ON THE MYSTERIES OF THE MASS

This stage of mystagogy during Easter is for continued reflection on the Sacraments you have received at Easter, especially the Eucharist. Specific catechesis on the Mass, the Sacraments, and especially the Eucharist are the focus of this stage. The Mass and the Eucharist are the source and summit of the Christian life in the Catholic Church, and this period is designed to help you understand, appreciate, and live more deeply this center of Catholicism.