

Parish Based RCIA Inservices

1) **RCIA 101**, an overview of the four stages and each of the rites. Everything you wanted to know about the RCIA in language you can understand. Unique vocabulary will be defined, the richness of the rites will be explained, and practical issues faced by those implementing the RCIA in parishes will be considered. Shows how Christian Initiation is a process of faith formation which responds to the various contexts people come from while presenting the richness of our Catholic faith. This two hour inservice is vital for new or nearly new RCIA Directors and is a valuable overview for team members.

2) Moving Toward A Year Round Catechumenate

We continue to hear that “year round” is the preferred approach to the RCIA. How would one do that in a small parish? How is it possible with a small or no RCIA team? This two hour workshop explores concrete approaches to this pastoral challenge.

3) Recruiting, Forming, Nurturing RCIA Sponsors

This workshop is for RCIA directors who wish to put on their own sponsor training sessions or it can be used to actually train RCIA sponsors. Explores traits one seeks in an RCIA sponsor, tips for recruitment, a spirituality of hospitality, and an overview of the characteristics unique to each of the four stages of the catechumenate and how the sponsor’s role changes as catechumens and candidates move through the process.

4) RCIA Team Formation

More and more RCIA Directors are noticing the complexity of an effective RCIA process. Recruiting and forming an RCIA team has become a necessity. This workshop will cover what it means to be a team, the various ministries/roles of a RCIA team, approaches to recruiting team members, factors for having effective team meetings, and resources for team members.

Any of these sessions can be offered for a parish, a cluster of parishes or for a region. Call Pete Ries at 517-342-2486, (pries@dioceseoflansing.org) to discuss bringing RCIA training to your parish.