



# WELCOME

## RCIA Class of 2019

***Becoming Catholic is a faith journey. All journeys or adventures take time. Together we will be enriched by prayer, study, reflection and discipleship.***

There are FOUR distinct segments of preparation in this process. They are:

1. *The Precatechumenate or Inquiry* which is approximately 6-8 weeks. The hope is to build community, answer questions and discover the Good News of Jesus.
2. *The Catechumenate* is a formal study of the Doctrine of faith. One can expect to learn the Church's teaching and continue to learn to imitate Christ through words and deeds.
3. *Enlightenment & Illumination* coincides with the Season of Lent. Those committed to be a Catholic Christian take time to spirituality prepare themselves for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation.
4. *Mystagogy* celebrates with the new members (neophytes) the full meaning of following Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life. They are now fully incorporated into the Body of Christ and together we give worship and praise at Sunday Mass. Central is a reflection on the Resurrection.

St. Paul follows a school calendar in mentoring adults in Becoming Catholic. There are 30 weekly sessions on Tuesdays and 15- 18 Sunday Masses that we attend as a group. Attendance is obviously very important to the overall goal of being a knowledgeable and engaged Catholic.