

Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children

This is a minimum **two-year** spiritual journey of formation in which children become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. The journey follows the four stages of Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) in a manner adapted for the understanding and maturity level of children ages 7 or older. Children who qualify for participating in the journey are those who:

- Have not been baptized OR;
- Have received the Roman Catholic Sacrament of Baptism as infants but have never regularly participated in a Catholic faith formation program OR;
- Were validly baptized, but into a non-Catholic Christian faith community.

Requirements:

1. Children must be enrolled consecutively for at least two years of Roman Catholic Faith Formation at their grade level.
2. Children must participate in additional classes and retreats the year that they are to receive the Sacraments.
3. Before the reception of Sacraments, children should exhibit a conversion that is personal and somewhat developed, in proportion to their age, that has been assisted by their participation in Faith Formation as well as the example of their sponsor/Godparent and the influence of their parents.
4. At least one parent/guardian will enroll in and attend the 8 week parent formation class, *Building a Firm Foundation*, offered in the fall of each year.