

“ Becoming Catholic for me was like fitting all the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle together... Coming from a Jewish family I had experienced Shabbat with the traditional blessings over bread and wine at Friday night dinners. After learning about the Eucharist,



I had a ‘light bulb moment’ when I realised that I had been connected to the experience of the Eucharist the whole of my life, without even realising it. I had finally come full circle. ”
Naomi

“ RCIA made me feel like I was growing more and more in my faith especially when Easter neared. The culmination of my spiritual journey home came to a climax at the Easter Vigil when I received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. I was born in Saint Mary’s Hospital in California and reborn Catholic in Saint Mary’s Cathedral in Sydney. This was all God’s plan, since the beginning of my spiritual journey over a decade ago. He led me to Sydney for a reason and I owe all my blessings to Him. ”

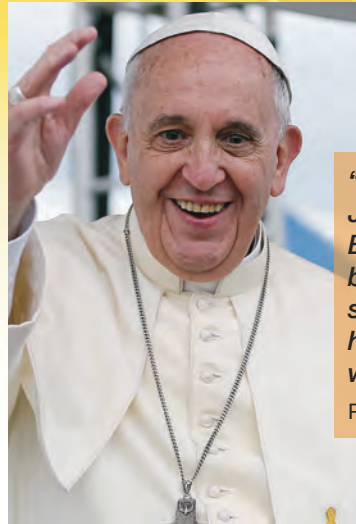


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“Let God’s Spirit guide you in your choice.”

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop,
Australia’s First Saint



“Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small steps towards him. He awaits you with open arms.”

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THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?



We welcome you

There are many different paths that lead people to consider the Catholic faith.

Life events, family and friends, joys and sorrows can all draw a person to respond to God in faith.

Each year adults of all ages from different walks of life decide to become members of the Catholic Church.

People are also welcome to find out more while still feeling undecided. It's important to know that there is no obligation, cost or pressure for a person to become a Catholic.

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, the Church offers assistance and support for people considering the Catholic faith through the Catechumenate Office. The staff at the Catechumenate Office are ready to help each enquirer with the first steps in finding out more about the Catholic faith and becoming a Catholic.

What happens if I want to become Catholic?

In most cases, enquirers are introduced to their local Catholic parish where they can be offered fellowship and support for their journey towards discipleship of Jesus Christ and membership of His Church.

Over a period of time the enquirer is introduced to the beliefs of the Catholic faith and is helped to understand how Catholics live their faith.

This usually occurs during a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, commonly abbreviated as RCIA. This process is also known as the Catechumenate.

The Journey of Faith

Jesus Christ calls each of us to enter into a personal relationship with him. Our Lord Jesus Christ offers us his friendship, compassion and forgiveness. In drawing closer to Christ, many people experience a sense of great joy and inner peace as they discover God's infinite love for them. The Holy Spirit brings us enlightenment as he strengthens and consoles us.

Jesus says:

“Come to Me, all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you rest.”

(Gospel of Matthew 11:28)

Still not sure but want to find out more?

If you would like to find out more, please contact the staff at the Catechumenate Office, who are ready to offer their assistance.

The Catechumenate Office is located in the Sydney CBD, so please feel free to arrange a time to meet with one of our staff if you would like to talk with someone personally regarding your enquiries. All enquiries are confidential and you can also contact us via telephone, mail or e-mail.



The RCIA is a grace-filled journey towards becoming a Catholic.