

## **What is the Catechumenate and RCIA?**

The Catechumenate is a process of Christian formation offered to those who seek to become members of the Catholic Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) refers to the liturgical rites belonging to the Catechumenate, and includes an adaptation for children (RCIC).

The Catechumenate, also known simply as RCIA, is offered to those who have never been baptised, as well as to those who have been baptised.

The unbaptised who are suitably prepared are joyfully received into the Catholic Church by the reception of the three Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The baptised who are suitably prepared are welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church by the reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist

In this parish, meetings are held weekly for a period of about nine months. Catechumens who are suitably prepared are welcomed into the church at the celebration of the Easter Vigil each year.

If you are interested in knowing more about this programme, please speak to one of the priests or contact the parish office on 92768500.