



Church of St. Mary of the Lake Volunteer Ministry Description Spring 2005

Position Title: RCIA SPONSOR

Responsible to: RCIA Team and St. Mary's Parish

Purpose of Position:

- To accompany someone who is interested in the Catholic Church and is on the journey of preparing to become a Catholic.
- To pray for and provide spiritual support and encouragement to the person.
- To be a companion and walk with them through the process of discernment.

Responsibilities:

- Attend RCIA sessions as much as possible.
- Keep up regular contact with the inquirer as they go through the process.
- Be available for questions. You don't have to answer – just be a listening ear and pass on the questions to the team/staff.
- Share your experience of being and living as a Catholic.

Qualifications:

- Fully initiated: Baptized, Confirmed, receive Eucharist.
- Regular practicing Catholic – Sunday Mass, prayer, love for the Church and Sacraments, living a Catholic Christian lifestyle.

Time Requirement:

- About 1 ½ to 2 hour weekly sessions.
- Able to participate in any or all of the series of the following RCIA Periods:
Inquiry (ongoing, especially during the Summer and early Fall),
Catechumenate (can be ongoing but usually during late Fall to early Spring),
Purification & Enlightenment (=Lent).
There are several sessions in the period called Mystagogy (just following Easter).
We usually finish a "class" in April or May depending on when Easter falls.
- Time between sessions is variable.
- Some extra time for Rites and celebrations.

Location:

- Most often sessions are held in the St. Joseph's Room or Notre Dame Chapel at Church.
- Occasionally events are other places, such as the Cathedral or Parish Life Center; and the closing party is sometimes in a member's home.