



Catechetical Tools for RCIA

[RCIA Team Training Video Resource](#) TeamRICA, 2011. Each video is between 9 to 24 minutes, perfect as a discussion-starter or topic in your team training sessions. Have your team members watch them before a training session, or show them as part of your team meetings. Video topics include: Sponsors; Discernment; The importance of names in the rites of the RCIA; Using the parish for faith formation; Evangelization and an ongoing initiation process; Baptized candidates; RCIA adapted for children. Please contact the Library to get the website and password to gain access to the 7 video bundle that can be viewed on-line.

[Forming RCIA Sponsors](#) (VHS, 30 min.) St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2002. Clear explanations of the RCIA process, with suggestions for being a companion and witness on the RCIA journey with someone who is joining the Catholic Church.

[Forming Intentional Disciples: Path to Know and Follow Jesus](#) (Book) Weddell, Sherry A., Our Sunday Visitor, 2012. A book designed to help Church leaders, parish staff and all Catholics transform parish life from within. Drawing upon her fifteen years of experience with the Catherine of Siena Institute, Sherry Weddell leads readers through steps that will help Catholics enter more deeply into a relationship with God and the river of apostolic creativity, charisms, and vocation that flow from that relationship for the sake of the Church and the world. Learn about the five thresholds of postmodern conversion, how to open a conversation about faith and belief, how to ask thought-provoking questions and establish an atmosphere of trust, when to tell the Great Story of Jesus, how to help someone respond to God's call to intentional discipleship, and much more.

[On Fire with Faith: Forming Adult Disciples](#) (VHS, 40 min.) St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2002. Designed to help parish leaders, adult faith formation teams, and parish education commissions re-focus their efforts at lifelong faith formation. On Fire With Faith will help you implement the bishops' plan. Its four segments, with an introduction by Bishop Donald Wuerl of the Bishops' Committee on Education, are designed to motivate parish leaders to nurture and build the faith of all members of the parish community.

[Catholicism: Adult Formation Program](#) (DVD, 5 videodiscs) Barron, Fr. Robert, Word of Fire, 2011. Fr. Robert Barron created this groundbreaking program as a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why, so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. Not a video lecture, Church history or scripture study, this engaging and interesting formational program uses the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church.

[RCIA Catechist's Manual and Leader's Manual](#) (Book) Association for Catechumenal Ministry, 2005. Includes RCIA process overview chart to help train RCIA teams. Discusses the liturgical, catechetical, and pastoral aspect of Christian initiation. Contains appendixes for participants, sponsors, teams, advertising, bulletins, liturgies and retreats. Full set of team training handouts and catechist training handouts.

Adult Faith Formation Resources

[Choosing to be Catholic: For the First Time, or Once Again](#) (Book) O'Malley, William J., Thomas More Pub., 2001. For those who are seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and for those who may have become disenchanted with the Church or sometimes even with God over the years.

[The Catechist's Toolbox: How to Thrive as a Religious Education Teacher: Skills, Tips, and Practical Advice you can Use Today](#) (Book) Paprocki, Joe, Loyola Press, 2007. The Catechists Toolbox provides first-time catechists with invaluable on-the-job training that will help them feel at home in their new role and will ultimately allow them to thrive as a religion teacher.

[A Well-Built Faith: A Catholic's Guide to Knowing and Sharing what We Believe](#) (Book) Paprocki, Joe, Loyola Press, 2008. Designed to help parish leaders such as pastors, adult faith-formation sessions structured around A Well-Built Faith. The guide provides a total of twenty sessions-one for each of the eighteen chapters, as well as the introduction and conclusion-to help participants know their faith more fully and feel comfortable sharing their faith with others.

[Practice Makes Catholic: Moving from a Learned Faith to a Lived Faith](#) (Book) Paprocki, Joe, Loyola Press, 2011. Paprocki addresses the all-important "why" of many Catholic practices by articulating five key characteristics that form our Catholic identity: a sense of sacramentality, a commitment to community, a respect for the dignity of human life and commitment to justice, a reverence for Tradition, and a disposition to faith and hope rather than despair. Under each of these categories, he explores and explains multiple Catholic practices, then describes how following each one can make a profound difference in our faith and in our lives.

[Foundations in Faith](#) (Book) RCL Benzinger, 1999. Foundations in Faith resources help you blend instruction and formation in faith throughout all stages and periods of the catechumenate.

[United States Catholic Catechism for Adults](#) (Book) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2006. Each chapter in the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults includes stories, doctrine, reflections, quotations, discussion questions, and prayers to lead the reader to a deepening faith. The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults is an excellent resource for preparation of catechumens in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and for ongoing catechesis of adults.

[Study Guide for the U.S. Adult Catholic Catechism](#) (Book) Sullivan Ph.D., Jem, Our Sunday Visitor, 2006. Here is an inviting way to access the doctrinal and spiritual riches of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, building your knowledge and your faith. Each chapter is designed to be used as a study session and includes: prayers, suggested Scripture reading, a summary of the catechetical theme, its application in today's culture, citations of relevant passages from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Compendium of the Catholic Church, questions for reflection, and suggestions for further reading.

[The Impact of the RCIA: Stories Reflections Challenges](#) (Book) Galipeau, Jerry, World Library Publications, 2008. This fascinating book presents a series of essays by individuals who have been involved in Christian initiation over the past 20 years. Insights are offered from various perspectives (rural, urban, African-American, Hispanic, historical, musical, catechetical, etc.).

[Come to the Water: The Adult Journey to Baptism](#) (DVD, 58 min.) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005. A fascinating group of adults come together to seek baptism into the Catholic Church at St. James Cathedral in Seattle, Washington. This DVD follows both catechumens and candidates in the year-round RCIA process of adult education and initiation into the Catholic community, culminating with their baptism at the Easter Vigil.

[What Catholics Believe about RCIA](#) (DVD, 30 min.) Dara Publishing. This overview of RCIA within the Catholic Church invites viewers to come along on this fast paced interactive program. The program gives a step-by-step guide on the process of entering the Catholic church as an adult. Basic introductory questions are presented in an interesting multiple choice, true or false, or yes-and-no format to actively involve and inform the viewer. Gives concise, down to earth, explanations of the journey of faith and conversion experienced during the RCIA process.

[Echoes of Faith](#) (DVD, 4 video discs) RCL Benzinger, 2009. Video resource for the formation and enrichment of catechists in parishes and schools aimed at providing the foundations of the Catholic doctrine and tradition, and introducing catechists to the principles and practice of sound catechesis. Volume 1: I Believe, We Believe, Volume 2: Liturgy and Sacraments, Volume 3: Catholic Morality, Volume 4: Prayer and Spirituality, Volume 5: Introduction to the Scriptures

[Feeding Hungry Hearts: Celebrating the Eucharist](#) (DVD, 45 min.) Liguori Publications, 2011. Father Joe Kempf invites each of us to look at this sacrament of the Eucharist--and how, together when we celebrate as a community of faith at Mass, we are receiving this phenomenal gift of the meal called Eucharist. For any Catholic wanting to deepen their appreciation of the Eucharist and understanding of the Mass, or for study groups, personal reflection, new Catholics or RCIA participants, youth groups, young, middle-aged, or senior adults, this DVD walks us through the celebration of the Mass--and explains why we do what we do.

[We are Sent: Eucharist and our Living Amen](#) (DVD, 18 min.) Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, 2005. An engaging video exploring how the celebration of Eucharist calls people of all ages into communion with Jesus Christ while it also prepares them to be sent out in mission to live justly in the world. Ideal for use in small groups, youth or adult faith formation, intergenerational learning, RCIA, and liturgical education this practical tool offers: Clear and concise explanations of the liturgy of the Eucharist in five movements: gathering, listening to God's Word, offering the gifts, blessing and breaking bread then sharing the meal, and sending us forth; Everyday people sharing their own stories of Eucharist and mission; A versatile format and Conversation Guide that helps people connect the Mass to daily living.

[Becoming Catholic: An Adult's Faith Journey](#) (VHS, 33 min.) St. Anthony Messenger Press, 1995. Faith is a journey with no 'map' to follow. But there are landmarks and fellow travelers along the way. Information and reflection about becoming Catholic are presented against the backdrop of RCIA. Divided into 4 segments: story, testimony, teaching, music.

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