

## WHAT ARE THE MEETINGS LIKE?

The meetings are informal and include the articles of the Creed, Sacraments, Ten Commandments, discussions on the Scriptures, opportunities to share one's faith experiences, prayers and songs. With Jesus, we grow together as a faith family.

## WHEN/WHERE ARE THE MEETINGS?

- The meetings are on Wednesday evening from 7:00 – 8:00pm. in one of the meeting rooms at St. Theresa's Church. Our priests, seminarians, Sister Cornelia and volunteers will teach on Wednesday evenings until the last day for CIC.
- Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2012 at St. Theresa's Church at the 10:30 am Mass.
- Starting January 22, 2012 after the sermon or homily during the 10:30 am Mass, the children will go to one of the meeting rooms for teaching on the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding.

Dates for the Rite of Election, First, Second and Third Scrutinies are printed in the Sunday Bulletin and the CIC calendar.

## REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT

Please do not miss any classes.

**Details of the meeting dates are given at the Orientation Night on Wednesday – September 28, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the MacDonald Room.**

## WHO DO I CONTACT?

For more information, please phone: Sr. Cornelia Ramirez, RVM at 780-463-8646, ext. 2224.



*Thank you, Lord Jesus, for showing me the way. You took me by the hand and walked with me through the journey.*

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## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

ADAPTED FOR

## CHILDREN

**(Preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist)**



*Let the children come to Me.  
(Mk. 10:14)*

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## WHO IS IT FOR?

Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for Children is intended for children who have **not** been baptized, as infants, have attained the age of reason, and are of catechetical age 7 to 14 years old. They seek Christian Initiation either at the direction of their parents or guardians or, with parental permission, on their own initiative. Such children are capable of receiving and nurturing a personal faith and recognizing an obligation in conscience, but they cannot yet be treated as adults because at this stage of their lives, they are still dependent on their parents or guardians. They are also still strongly influenced by their companions and their social surroundings. (#242, Part II, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for Canada, 1987)

## WHAT DOES CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN REQUIRE?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of adapted for Children requires both a conversion that is personal and somewhat developed, in proportion to their age, and the assistance of the education they need. The process of initiation must be adapted both to the spiritual progress, that is, to the children's growth in faith and to the catechetical instruction they receive.

As with adults, their initiation is marked by several steps: the liturgical rite of acceptance into the order of catechumens, penitential rites or scrutinies, and the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. (#243, Part II, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for Canada, 1987)

## WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS?

The children's progress in the formation they receive depends on the help and example of their companions and on the influence of their parents. (#244, Part II, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for Canada, 1987)

## WHAT SACRAMENTS DO THE CHILDREN RECEIVE?

The unbaptized will receive the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. (#281, Part II, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for Canada, 1987)

Children validly baptized in another ecclesial community may complete their initiation in the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation after making their Profession of Faith.

Baptized children who are completing their initiation in the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation will be prepared for the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation and First Communion.



## WHAT'S NEXT?

The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation are followed by the period of post baptismal catechesis or mystagogy. This is a time for the community and those who have received the Sacraments together to grow in deepening their understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ and to make it part of their lives through meditation on the Gospel, sharing in the Eucharist, and doing works of charity. (#244, Part II, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for Canada, 1987)

Spiritual formation is a lifelong process.

## ***PARENTS ARE THE PRIMARY EDUCATORS OF THEIR CHILDREN.***

The impact of parents is among the human factors that influence the catechetical process. (National Catechetical Directory #25)

The Celebration of Baptism is the first step in the making of a Christian. Over the years as you journey in faith together, you and your child will deepen your faith and understanding of the mystery celebrated in Baptism

The journey together is the best preparation for the completion of your child's initiation into the Christian community in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.