

# *St. Patrick's Basilica RCIA Program 2017-2018*

## **STAGE I: PRE-CATECHUMENATE**

- October**
- 3: Introductory Meeting  
Explanation of RCIA Process  
■ Testimonial
- 10: Introduction to the Holy Bible
- 17: God the Father and Divine Revelation
- 24: God the Son, Jesus the Word
- 31: God the Holy Spirit
- November**
- 7: Conversion: God's Invitation to Follow Him
- 14: Prayer: Conversing with God
- 21: The Creeds: Nicene and Apostles'
- 25: ***Advent Retreat***  
■ ***Liturgical year;***  
■ ***The celebration of Mass explained;***  
■ ***Meditation.***
- 28: Basilica Visit (Coyle)
- December**
- 5: Evening Prayer and Christmas Social
- No Classes on December 12, 19, 26th and January 2nd**
- January**
- 9: Introduction to Sacraments and Sacramentals
- 14: ***Rites of Welcome and Acceptance (11:00 a.m. Basilica)***  
**Presence of sponsors required**

## **STAGE II: CATECHUMENATE**

- January**
- 16: Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
- 23: Sacrament of Eucharist
- 30: Sacrament of Reconciliation and of the Sick
- February**
- 6: Sacrament of Marriage

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- February 10: ***Lenten Retreat and Preparation for Rite of Election***  
■ ***Explanation of Lenten Season;***  
■ ***Meditation;***  
■ ***Stations of the Cross***
- 13: Ashes for Candidates and Catechumens (Chapel)  
■ ***Four last things***

## **STAGE III: PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT**

- February 18: ***First Sunday in Lent – for catechumens only***  
***(Presence of sponsors required)***  
■ ***Rite of Sending (11:00 a.m. Basilica)***  
■ ***Rite of Election (2:30 p.m. Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral, 1085 Rue de la Cathédrale – beside Queen Elizabeth Hotel)***
- 20: Sacrament of Holy Orders
- 27: Ten Commandments
- March 6: Church History
- 13: Blessed Virgin Mary, the Saints, and Devotions
- 20: Explanation of Holy Week
- 25: ***Palm Sunday (Basilica)***
- 27: ***No Class***
- 28: ***Chrism Mass (7:30 p.m. - Mary Queen of the World Cathedral)\****
- 29: ***Holy Thursday: Institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood (8:00 p.m. Basilica)***
- 30: ***Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion (3:00 p.m. Basilica)***
- 31: ***Holy Saturday (Basilica)***  
■ ***10:00 a.m. Rehearsal. Enter by the door at back of basilica from the priest's parking lot. Presence of sponsors required.***
- Easter Vigil (Basilica)***  
■ ***8:00 p.m. Celebration of the Sacraments. (Please arrive at 7:15 p.m.). Presence of sponsors required.***  
■ ***Reception for newly initiated and guests to follow Easter Vigil Mass in Congress Hall***
- April 1: ***Easter Sunday (Basilica)***

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## **STAGE IV: MYSTAGOGIA**

<b>April</b>	3:	Sharing on Easter The Mission of the Laity
<b>May</b>	TBD	<b><i>Mass of the Neophytes – for the newly baptized only Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral, 1085 Rue de la Cathédrale – beside Queen Elizabeth Hotel</i></b>

### **NOTES:**

- Sessions take place every Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. in St. Brigid's Room located on the second floor of Congress Hall, 454 René-Lévesque Blvd. West.
- Sessions include teaching on a particular subject, discussion, social time, and prayer.
- Events in italics are in addition to the regular Tuesday sessions.
- Events marked with an asterisk (\*) are optional yet recommended.
- Participants are expected to take part in the life of the worshipping community by weekly attendance at Sunday Mass.
- For those who have been previously baptized, please submit a copy of your baptismal certificate by the end of October. Those who have not been baptized are asked to submit a birth certificate by the same date. Sponsors *may* also be required to produce proof of baptism and confirmation.