

St. Patrick's Basilica RCIA Program 2023-2024

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: Basilica Visit
- 14: Prayer: Conversing with God
- 21: Blessed Virgin Mary, Devotions and the Saints
- 25: ***Advent Retreat :Liturgical year;***
 - ***The celebration of Mass;***
 - ***Meditation.***

December

- 28: Conversion: God's Invitation to Follow Him
- 5: Evening Prayer and Christmas Social

No Classes on December 12th, 19th, and 26th and January 2nd

STAGE II: CATECHUMENATE

January

- 9: Introduction to Sacraments and Sacramentals
- 16: Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
- 21: ***Rites of Welcome and Acceptance (11:00 a.m. Basilica)***
Presence of sponsors required
- 23: Sacrament of the Eucharist

JAN.30TH and FEB. 6th: Winter Break

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FEBRUARY

- 13: Ashes for Candidates and Catechumens
Teaching on Four Last things
- 17: *Lenten Retreat and Preparation for Rite of Election*
Explanation of Lenten Season;
■ *Meditation;*
■ *Stations of the Cross;*
■ *Explanation of the Rite of Election*
- 18: *First Sunday in Lent*
Rite of Election: 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

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STAGE III: PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT
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20: Sacrament of Reconciliation and of the Sick

27: Sacrament of Holy Orders

March

5: Sacrament of Marriage

12: The Creeds: Nicene and Apostles

19: Holy Week explanation

24: *Palm Sunday (Basilica)*

27: *Chrism Mass (7:30 p.m. - Mary Queen of the World Cathedral)**

28 : *Holy Thursday: Institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood (8:00 p.m. Basilica)*

29: *Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion (3:00 p.m. Basilica)*

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- 30: ***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.***
- 31: ***Easter Sunday***

STAGE IV: MYSTAGOGIA

April

- 2: **Sharing on Easter
The Mission of the Laity**

- ***Mass of the Neophytes (newly baptized)***
- ***Mystagogical catechesis followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m. Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral, 1085 Rue de la Cathédrale***

NOTES:

- Sessions take place every Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. in Congress Hall located on the second floor of Congress Hall, 454 René-Lévesque Blvd. West.
- Session 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.