An Intensive Training Workshop for RCIA Ministers

The Catechumen’s Journey:
An Overview of the Initiation Process

Conducted in a retreat-like manner, this institute will offer participants an experiential understanding of the RCIA as they walk through its periods and rites. Together they will participate in catechesis, ritual celebration, and apostolic witness adapted from the vision of the RCIA.

**DAY ONE**
Monday, 9:00am – 5:30pm
Sessions include: An Introduction to the Ritual Text; The Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate; The Rite of Acceptance; The Period of the Catechumenate; Discernment in the Initiation Process; The Role of Liturgical Catechesis; Baptized Candidates: Formation and Rites

**OPTIONAL EVENING SESSION**
Monday, 7:30 – 8:30pm
Participants are invited to gather after dinner for a Question-and-Answer session with the presenters and an opportunity to share best practices with each other.

**DAY TWO**
Tuesday, 9:00am – 5:00pm
Sessions include: The Rite of Election; Discernment and Conversion; The Period of the Purification and Enlightenment; The Sacraments of Initiation; The Period of Mystagogy

The sanctifying power of this night which dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.

- The Roman Missal

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