

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



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Archdiocese of Malta

take the journey of initiation into the Christian life

If you are not baptised...

The RCIA is an itinerary in 7 steps:

- 1 The **pre-catechumenate**: A period to meet, befriend and ask questions to a spiritual companion who will continue to journey with you as your **godparent**
- 2 The **Rite of Acceptance** as you become a **Catechumen**
- 3 The **Catechumenate** as a period of learning accompanied by **catechists** in a small group
- 4 The **Rite of Election** on the first Sunday of Lent, that starts the intense period of **purification and enlightenment**. You will be **presented** to the Church by your catechists and godparent, and will now be known as an **Elect**
- 5 Throughout Lent, you will participate in the **three scrutinies** and other rites for your final preparation before **the Archbishop** confers the sacraments of initiation
- 6 On the **Easter Vigil**, you will finally receive the **sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist**
- 7 A period of **mystagogy** during the **Easter Season**, where you find your home in a parish community to continue walking together into the **Christian life**

If you are a Christian but not yet a Catholic...

You follow a similar path to catechumens, but that will be adapted to your particular formation needs

You will prepare to receive the sacrament of **Confirmation** and participate in the **Eucharist** as a **full member of the Catholic Church**

If you were baptised as a Catholic...

Your formation will be adapted to prepare you to full initiation by receiving the sacrament of **Confirmation**

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