# Journey of Faith

# Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception welcomes individuals or families who are interested in joining our Catholic faith community.

#### **Year-Round Catechesis**

Those who have already been baptized into another Christian community will prepare for reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. The Rite of Reception will include Confirmation and First Communion. You may be received at any Sunday throughout the year after completing formation..

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### **SEEKING BAPTISM**

Those who have not been baptized will prepare for baptism through the RCIA, process which includes the periods of Precatechumenate, Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment, and Mystagogy. Baptism takes place at the Easter Vigil.

#### WHAT IS RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is modeled on the initiation ritual of the early Christian church. It is an experience of personal formation and spiritual growth which incorporates prayer, study, reflection, and discernment in a combination of public rituals and community preparations. It is the way unbaptized persons become Catholic.

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Breaking Open the Word takes place each week during Sunday Mass. During these sessions, you will discuss God's Word in the Sunday scripture readings and your personal journey of faith.

## **HOW DO I START THE PROCESS?**

Whether you are baptized or unbaptized, the first step in this process is to fill out the RCIA Registration Form on our website, then I'll follow up with you to explain the rest of the process. <a href="www.golddome.org">www.golddome.org</a>.

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