

New Member Information

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Already Catholic?

Please fill out this form and send it back to us. You can send it to us via email, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to our address.

[New Church Member Form \(pdf document\)](#)

Mail to:

St. Philip Catholic Church
3500 Saint Philips Road South
Mount Vernon, IN 47620

If you have any questions, feel free to call the parish office at (812) 985-2275.

Not Catholic? **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

The RCIA is the way the Catholic Church welcomes new members. It is not a class or a program but is a formation process whereby Inquirers are introduced to the Faith of Catholics. Inasmuch as this RCIA is an inquiry experience, there is no obligation on the part of anyone to "join the church." A person's coming to faith is a gradual process which grows slowly by thoughtful reflection and the guidance of God's spirit.

The RCIA process is a series of carefully planned stages marked by liturgical rites in the presence of the whole community. It takes the distinctive history and spiritual needs of each individual person into account, differentiating between the baptized and the non-baptized; between the catechized and the non-catechized. The RCIA also welcomes those mature, practicing Christians from other faith traditions and journeys with them on an individual basis.

If you or someone you know has expressed an interest in the Catholic faith; if you or someone you know has questions concerning the Catholic Church; if you are someone you know has expressed a desire to join the Church and become an active member of this faith community, call the parish office at (812) 985-2275.

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