

*St. Peter's Parish
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RCIT GUIDE
2017-2018



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Checklist

- _____ RCIT Registration Form
- _____ Baptismal Certificate, First Communion Certificate
- _____ Attend Sunday Liturgy (attend regularly and participate with special attention and reflection on the homily)
- _____ Sacramental Class (regular attendance with no more than 3 absences)
- _____ Attend Youth Group Meetings (5 per semester)
- _____ Attend a 1 day retreat and 1 weekend retreat
- _____ Participate in a Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (requires Sunday practices)
- _____ Write a letter to Father Kalita reflecting on preparation and service project as well as your saint name and your sponsor.
- _____ Attend practice for Easter Vigil with sponsor
- _____ Attend Day of Reflection in the Diving Mercy Room with sponsor
- _____ Attend Easter Vigil; be in the chapel at 7:30 pm.

Inclement Weather Policy:

If Montgomery County Schools are closed or have early dismissal due to inclement weather, all classes and activities will be canceled for that evening.

RCIT Calendar –2017-2018

Updated: 9/5/17

September	February		
27	Opening Session with Parents and Teens		
October	7	Class	
4	Class	11	9 am- Right of Sending
11	Class – baptismal certificates due	14	Attend Mass for Ash Wednesday
18	Class	18	3pm – Rite of Election
25	Class	21	Class
November	28	Class	
1	Class	March	
8	Class	7	Class– Letter to Father Kalita due
15	Class	11 (Sun)	Living Stations Practice
18 (Sat)	10 am - Tour of the Church	14	Class
29	Class	18 (Sun)	Living Stations Practice
December	21	Class	
6	Class	24 (Sat)	Easter Vigil Practice with Sponsor: 12 noon in the Church (arrive by 11:50 a.m.) Followed by retreat until 5pm
8-10 (Fri-Sun)	Fall Retreat	25 (Sun)	Living Stations Practice
13	Class	28 (Wed)	Living Stations Practice
January	29 (Thurs)	8 pm - Holy Thursday Services	
4 (Thurs)	Preparation for Rite of Catechumen/Candidate	30 (Fri)	12 n - Living Stations 12 noon in Church 8pm - Good Friday Service
7 (Sun)	9 am – Rite of Acceptance/Welcome	31 (Sat)	Easter Vigil with Sponsor 7:30 pm- Report to the Chapel 11:00 pm - Reception
10	Class - sponsor certificate	April	
17	Class	4	Class
24	Class	11	Class
31	Class	18	Class

RCIT Program
2017-2018

Classes Start: September 27, 2016; 6:45-8:15 pm
Youth Center

Supplies Needed: The following supplies should be brought to every class:

- Pen or pencil
- Notebook
- Text book: YOUCAT (supplied)
- Folder (supplied)

Service Commitment: 10 hours are to be completed to a person in need.

Youth Group: Each candidate must participate in 5 youth group sessions per semester for a total of **10 sessions**. These sessions help to supplement the teaching and to build community.

Letter to Father Kalita

Write a 1-2 page typed letter to Father Kalita. Reflect on the following points before writing the letter.

- ✚ What does it mean to be initiated into the Church? Why do you want to be initiated?
- ✚ Where is my faith right now?
- ✚ What saint have I picked and why?
- ✚ Who is my sponsor and why have I picked him or her?
- ✚ How did my service project affect my faith?

Address the letter to:

Father Kalita
Pastor
2900 Sandy Spring Rd.
Olney, MD 20832

Reminders:

- ✚ Always capitalize "God"
- ✚ Spell check your letter
- ✚ Have a parent read it

Dear Father Kalita,

Sincerely,

Sponsors:

It is important to choose a sponsor early so that they can take part in the preparation and guidance of the student. By having a sponsor nearby, the sponsor can be more present to your child's confirmation journey through participation in the adult meetings and by being more accessible to your child. Please note, however, that having a more local sponsor is not a requirement.

The rules and guidelines the Archdiocese of Washington has laid out for sponsor selection are as follows:

- I. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed, and who is currently receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist;
- II. Be at least sixteen years of age
- III. Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking, and have the intention of undertaking the ministry of sponsor;
- IV. Not be a parent of the candidate to be confirmed; and
- V. Be in good standing under Canon Law, and not in an irregular marriage.

All sponsors will need to provide a sponsor certificate from his or her home parish. The certificate (see enclosed) will need to be given to the Youth Minister. If you have any questions concerning sponsor selection please speak to the Youth Minister.

Here is the process:

- ☆ Give the following "Certificate of Sponsorship" to your sponsor.
- ☆ Your sponsor takes the paper to his/her parish to have it filled out.
- ☆ The sponsor sends the paper back to you.
- ☆ You bring it to your teacher.

Certificate of Sponsorship

I recognize that sponsors have a special ministry in the sacrament of Baptism/Confirmation. Along with the parents, sponsors present the candidate to the Church. It is also their responsibility to assist the candidate to lead a life in harmony with Baptism and Confirmation, and to fulfill the obligations flowing from it.

I recognize that in order to serve as a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation, a person must:

1. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed, and who is currently receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist;
2. Be at least sixteen years of age (an exception may be made by the parish priest for just cause);
3. Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking, and have the intention of undertaking the ministry of sponsor;
4. Not be a parent of the candidate to be confirmed; and
5. Be in good standing under Canon Law, and not in an irregular marriage.

I hereby testify that I fulfill these requirements to serve in the ministry of sponsor.

Signature

Print Name

Candidate being sponsored (print)

I hereby testify that _____ residing at _____ is a registered member of this parish, and has affirmed that he/she fulfills all the requirements to serve in the ministry of sponsor in the sacrament of Confirmation.

Signature of Parish Priest *Date*

Name of Parish

Address

City, State



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RESOURCES

Internet Sites

Listed below are a few web sites that may guide you in your understanding of today's church. Some will also direct you toward other resources you may be interested in purchasing for yourself and your family. Please take advantage of what the internet has to offer!

www.catholic.forum.com

www.newadvent.org

- Link to Catholic texts, teachings, etc. (Excellent site)

www.nccbuscc.org

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

www.catholic.com

- Filled with texts and resources for personal purchase

www.catholicism.about.com

- Up-to-date Catholic teachings and events

www.catholic.net

www.vatican.va

www.catholic.org

www.christusrex.org

- Catholic Social Justice teachings and more

www.catholic.org/saints

www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm

Books

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Holy Bible

Vocabulary

As your child becomes familiar with these terms, it is also important that you understand the words used in their Catholic education. Below is a list of words that he or she may hear and use frequently:

Absolution - the prayer of forgiveness for sins prayed by the priest in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Anointing of the Sick – the sacrament of comfort and strength, or forgiveness and healing.

Baptism - the sacrament in which we are freed from original sin, given a share in God's life, and welcomed as members of the Church.

Beatitudes – the basic principles of life in God's kingdom.

Bishop – a successor of the apostles who leads a diocese.

Body of Christ – The Eucharist (consecrated host we receive at Mass); the Church, the community of those who are united with Christ and with one another in Christ.

Canonization – the formal process by which the Church declares that a person has lived an outstanding Christian life and is worthy of being honored and imitated.

Catechumen – an unbaptized person who is being initiated into the Church.

Catholic Church – the most common name for the worldwide community of Christians who follow the Pope and bishops.

Chrism – a perfumed oil blessed by the bishop and used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.

Christ – the Anointed One, the Messiah

Communion – another name for the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ; the sign and source of our reconciliation and union with God and one another.

Communion of Saints – all members of the Church, living and dead, who are united in their common faith in Jesus.

Conscience – the inner power that helps you tell right from wrong.

Confirmation – a sacrament of initiation in which we are sealed and strengthened with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Covenant – a sacred, loving agreement or mutual relationship.

Diocese – a Catholic community made up of many parishes.

Discipleship – people who chose to accept Jesus' message and follow in His ways. By doing this we are building the kingdom of God and share in Christ's mission of his joys and sufferings.

Eucharist – A sacrament of initiation that celebrates the real presence of Jesus in the assembled community, in the proclamation of the word, in the consecration of the bread and wine, and in sharing Holy Communion.

Evangelists – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Faith – the virtue by which we put our trust in God and believe all that God has revealed to us.

Fruits of the Spirit – qualities, or virtues, in our lives that show we are living by the gifts of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Gifts of the Spirit – the power given by the Holy Spirit at Baptism and strengthened at Confirmation to help us live as Christians: wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe.

Grace – a share in God's own life.

Gospels – the accounts of Jesus' life and teachings found in the New Testament of the Bible.

Heaven – another name for the timeless or eternal kingdom of God; the state of perfect happiness with God.

Holy Orders – the sacrament of service in which men are ordained to serve the Church by preaching, celebrating the sacraments, and building a more just community.

Homily – a talk about the readings at Mass given by the priest.

Incarnation – the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ; word meaning “taking on of flesh.”

Indelible Mark – incorporated into Christ by Baptism, the person baptized is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his/her belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1272)

Inspiration – God’s guidance of the writers of the Bible so that their words were really God’s word.

Liturgy – the Church’s official public worship.

Marriage – the sacrament that celebrates the promise of lifelong love between a man and a woman.

Messiah – a Hebrew word that means “the anointed (or chosen) one,” the savior who was promised by God.

Mission – a God-given task or duty in life.

Mystery – an article of faith that believers hold to be true without full understanding.

Nicene Creed – a formal summary of basic Catholic beliefs.

Paraclete – a scriptural term for the Holy Spirit.

Parousia – from the Greek word for “presence” or “arrival”; the end of the world as it is known; the second coming of Christ.

Pentecost – the day the Church began when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles.

Prophets – the wise women and men of the Hebrew Scriptures who spoke for God and reminded people of the covenant.

Reconciliation – a sacrament that celebrates in a special way the love and forgiveness of God, brings us healing and peace, and reconciles us with God and with the Christian community.

Revelation – God’s communication of himself, by which he makes known the mystery of his divine plan of salvation, which is fully realized in Jesus Christ.

Rite of Christian Initiation – the process of religious education and liturgical celebration through which one is prepared for full sacramental life in the Church.

Sacrament – Outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace.

Sacraments of Healing – Anointing of the sick, Reconciliation.

Sacraments of Initiation – visible signs of invisible grace that enable one to become a full member of the Body of Christ; Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Sanctifying Grace – a participation in the very life of God that brings us into an intimate and permanent relationship with the blessed Trinity; we first receive this divine gift at baptism.

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit – wisdom, understanding, knowledge, right judgment, courage, reverence, wonder and awe.

Sin – the deliberate choice to turn away from God’s love, expressed in wrong action or failure to act in the right way.

Sponsor – a baptized, confirmed Catholic who models Christian living for the Confirmation candidate and presents the candidate to the bishop.

Symbol – something that stands for or suggests something else.

Theology – word that means the study of God.

Tradition – the beliefs passed along from generation to generation by the Church.

Trinity – the mystery of three Divine persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – in one God.

Witness – one who tells or shows what he or she has seen or heard.

Worship – the act of showing reverence and honor to God.