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Abstract

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a long-term process--usually nine months, but sometimes up to two years--in which men and women become members of the Roman Catholic Church. Often they are converting from other faiths or denominational backgrounds, but this is not always the case. R.C.I.A. culminates in the Sacrament of Baptism or Reception into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil Mass, but this is not the end. It is only the beginning of new life within the Catholic Christian community. The purpose of this group is to train non-professional individuals to become effective group leaders of R.C.I.A. programs in their own parishes.

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