

# All in the Family: RCIA in the Region/Cluster



**Initiate Web Series, April 2021**





# Agenda

- Opening prayer
- The RCIA and community
- The vision of Beacons of Light
- Sharing experience in our parishes:
  - Brad Macke, St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish
  - Curtis Kneblik, Northwest Dayton Catholic Communities
- Breakout conversations and debrief
- Next steps, announcements



## The Vision: RCIA and the Community



“The initiation of catechumens is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful. By joining the catechumens in reflecting on the value of the paschal mystery and by renewing their own conversion, the faithful provide an example that will help the catechumens to obey the Holy Spirit more generously.”

(RCIA 4)



## The Vision: RCIA and the Community



“The period of postbaptismal catechesis is of great significance for both the neophytes and the rest of the faithful. Through it the neophytes, with the help of their godparents, should experience a full and joyful welcome into the community and enter into closer ties with the other faithful. The faithful, in turn, should derive from it a renewal of inspiration and of outlook.”

(RCIA 246)



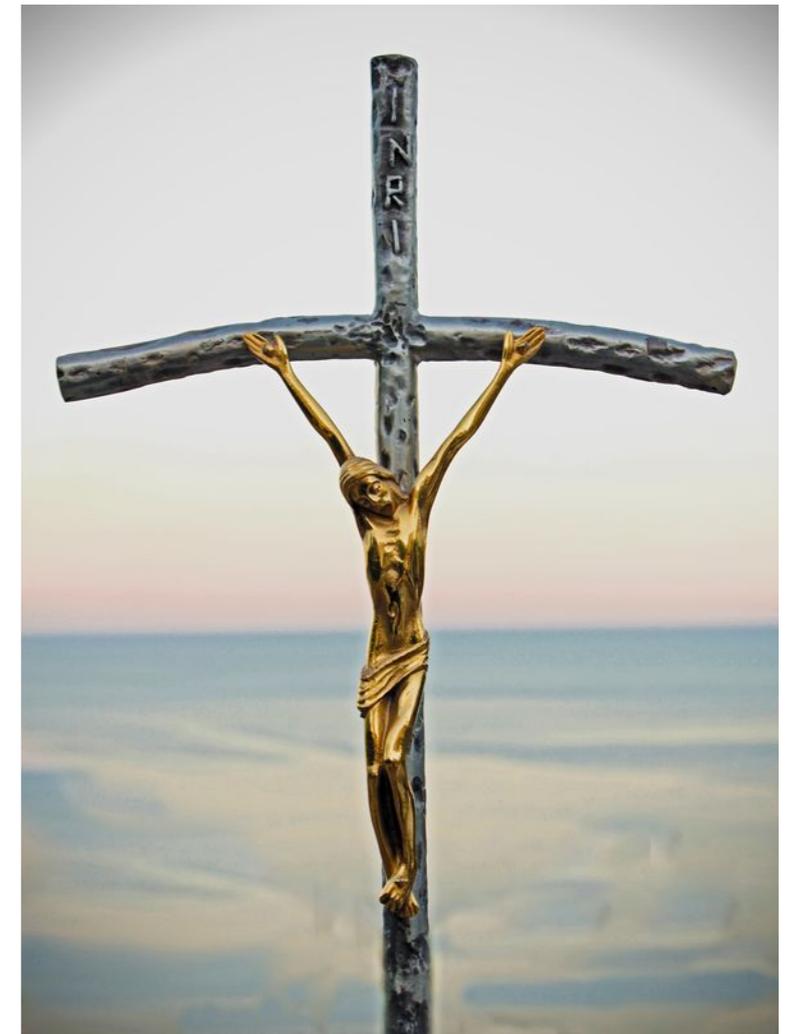
## Inspiring one another to discipleship

- Parishioners **see** in participants examples of people who are falling **in love with Christ**
- Catechumens and candidates **model openness** to encountering Christ and a life of conversion
- Throughout the entire year, participants and parishioners become more **responsive to the Holy Spirit**
- The rhythm of the liturgical year, with its immersion in the **paschal mystery**, becomes **the rhythm of life** within the parish and in the lives of people



# Inspiring one another to discipleship

- All grow in the way they **value the community** of faith and want to become more fully part of it.
- As they experience the enthusiasm and fervor of catechumens and candidates, parishioners more readily **hear the call to discipleship** and ongoing conversion
- As a result, the parish and its people become more likely to share their faith with others, to **evangelize**. (GDC 91, NDC 35D, 48A)





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# Experience from our parishes

- Brad Macke, St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish
- Curtis Kneblik, Northwest Dayton Catholic Communities
  
- What is it like to guide RCIA in a region or with another parish?
- How do you approach this?
- What is most effective?
- What is a challenge or struggle?
  
- In your experience, how does the community help to form seekers?
- How do catechumens and candidates inspire the community?



# Your experience

## **Breakout discussion:**

At your parish/in your region:

*How does the community form catechumens and candidates?*

*How does the RCIA invite and inspire the community to embrace ongoing conversion and discipleship?*

*How might this be different in a Family of Parishes?*

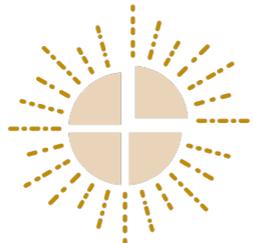




# Announcements



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