

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN INITIATION IN THE DIOCESE OF TYLER



The Diocesan Christian Initiation Team is composed of parish leaders dedicating their time and talent to a project initiated by Bishop Alvaro Corrada, S.J. in November, 2001. The purpose of the Team is to provide direction, guidance, supervision, training, and resources for the initiation of adults and children into the living parish community through the Sacraments.

One means to implement this project is the Christian Initiation (RCIA) process which catechizes and evangelizes individuals into the Catholic parish community. Integration into the life of the parish is an essential component of this process, one that often needs more emphasis.

The Diocesan Christian Initiation Team will evaluate how parishes in the Diocese of Tyler are currently implementing the Christian Initiation (RCIA) process, will introduce models for enhancing this process, and will provide support and resources to assist in successfully integrating all individuals into the life of the parish by living the Paschal Mystery.

The Resource Manual for Christian Initiation explains the components of Christian Initiation and will suggest a model to utilize this process in re-evangelizing parish life. Questions or assistance may be directed to members of the Diocesan Team:

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Mission Statement: “*The Diocesan Christian Initiation Team is a resource that promotes enrichment of the RCIA in each community. This diocesan team assists parish teams both to integrate new members into the full sacramental life of the Church and to nurture their sense of being a part of the life of the Christian community.*”

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. *Acts. 2:42*