

RCIA at St. Francis Xavier Church

If you decide you want to become a Catholic, here is what we will expect of you:

1. Attendance at assigned meetings 75% of the time. This means no more than 12 absences up through and including the Easter Vigil.

Please do not miss more than two consecutive meetings, and, of course, you must be present at either the Easter Vigil, Pentecost Vigil or the special Confirmation Mass when the bishop presides.

2. Anyone who needs canonical procedures to resolve previous marriages must have met with Fr. Moriarty and submitted all documents and forms to him before September.

3. The Easter Vigil is the designated Mass for receiving the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist - unless you have already validly received some of those sacraments. Those candidates who will receive only Confirmation will receive that sacrament either when the bishop presides at a special Confirmation Mass or at the Pentecost Vigil at the Cathedral of the Madeleine.

4. Sponsors, once assigned, will need to commit to attendance at the following:

- a. The Rite of Acceptance in September;
- b. The Rite of Election at the Cathedral (2nd Sunday after Ash Weds.);
- c. The Vigil rehearsal (for catechumens) the morning of the Easter Vigil;
- d. The Easter Vigil (for catechumens);
- e. Any other meetings when possible.

NOTE: A **catechumen** (one seeking all three sacraments of initiation) may have two **godparents**; a **candidate** may have only one **sponsor**, whom it is strongly recommended be one of the **godparents**.