



Diocese of Covington

Dear Pastors of the Diocese of Covington,

We are happy to present to you this Diocese of Covington RCIA Policies and Guidelines Manual for use in your parish RCIA ministry. Our goal is to guide your work and give a clear vision of the process of conversion to the Catholic Faith.

A few years ago at the Cathedral, during the celebration of the Rite of Election, Bishop Foys noticed the absence of a large number of parishes from the celebration. This absence was a cause of concern for Bishop Foys who questioned whether this absence was due to 1) ineffective evangelization at the parish level; or 2) the need for practical help with the implementation of the RCIA process at the parish level; or 3) a combination of both. Because of his concern, in August 2011, Bishop Foys formed the Diocese of Covington RCIA Advisory Committee, which is comprised of clergy, religious, and lay men and women of the Diocese who have experience in RCIA ministry in our parishes. The Bishop charged this committee with the creation of a set of guidelines to assist you and your RCIA leaders with evangelization and the implementation of the RCIA process.

The Diocese of Covington RCIA Policies and Guidelines Manual is the result of three years of work by this committee. From the collective wisdom of many from around the diocese, we are pleased to offer this valuable resource to assist you in the implementation of the RCIA process in your parish. It is important to note that the committee had no interest in reinventing the wheel. The Church's instructions and rites are clearly spelled out. The purpose of this manual is to help you put them into practice in your parish.

We pray you will receive this manual as a practical gift which will ease your efforts in bringing people to Christ in His Church to the glory of God!

In Christ,

Diocese of Covington RCIA Advisory Committee