



Diocese of Covington

Dear RCIA Director/Coordinator/DRE,

Since Bishop Foys became Bishop of the Diocese of Covington, he has been assessing the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) within the Diocese. He believes that the RCIA, as decreed by the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council and approved by the National Conference of Bishops, is of “vital concern to God’s people, the Church, which hands on and nourishes the faith received from the apostles” (RCIA General Introduction, no. 7). Therefore in the fall of 2011, Bishop Foys directed Isaak Isaak, Director of Department of Catechesis and Formation, to form a Diocesan RCIA Advisory Committee. This Advisory Committee’s purpose was to develop an RCIA manual to assist our pastors, who are our parishes’ chief evangelizers and shepherds of the faith, in implementing the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. You, as an RCIA leader, have the important task of implementing the RCIA with your pastor’s guidance and direction, as well as educating the members of your parish community in their role as evangelizers. Bishop Foys expects that this manual will assist your pastor and you in more effectively implementing the RCIA.

While the RCIA contains required elements, it nevertheless has room for adaptations to fit the needs of different parishes and situations. In light of this reality, Bishop Foys has promulgated this RCIA Policies and Guidelines Manual for the Diocese of Covington. It points to the required elements (designated in red) as well as those that can be adapted to best implement the RCIA in all of our parishes, so richly diverse in size, resources, number of inquirers, and many other ways. This manual emphasizes the Pastoral, Catechetical, and Liturgical Aspects of the RCIA process and is organized according to the RCIA ritual book. It includes resource suggestions and Appendices with sample forms to assist you.

The Diocese of Covington RCIA Advisory Committee is available to you as an ongoing resource in implementing the RCIA process in your parish. We are grateful for all you do in your parish with the RCIA. We are grateful to have the opportunity to serve you in this process. May God bless you in this holy work.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Diocese of Covington RCIA Advisory Committee