

RCIA Syllabus

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A. Why be a Catholic? (6 lessons -- Evangelization)

1	0	Welcome & Self-introduction:	What is RCIA?	Stages of RCIA(what to expect), Dates and Topics of future sessions and Rites, Four Pillars of the Church/Introduce RCIA team & local Community/Role of sponsors.
2	1	Our Search for Meaning in Life and our Capacity for God	Why RCIA?	Desire for God, and Ways of Knowing God
3	2	God comes to meet Man	How do I know God?	Revelation of God, Transmission of Revelation, Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition (apostolic), Magisterium, Petrine ministry
4	3	Sacred Scripture - The Bible	What is and why the Bible?	Know the parts of the Bible & how to pray with the Scriptures. Recommended edition: NRSVCE/NJB
5	4	Bible Timeline I	How does God unfold His plan in the Bible?	Knowing the story of God's plan through the Bible Timeline/Key figures & events, Bible Geography, Key Bible themes.
6	5	Bible Timeline II	How does God unfold His plan through His Covenants in the Bible?	Meaning of Covenants, The seven covenants in the Bible. Fulfilment of God's promises in Jesus and the establishment of the Church and ultimate fulfilment in Heaven.
7	6	Prayer (Public/Private)	Why, what, how & when of prayer?	Man's response to the God who reveals Himself

B. How to Become G Live as A Catholic? (Creed/Sacraments/Our Life in Christ) (8 lessons- Precatechumate G 12 Lessons- Catechumate)

8	7	Introduction to the Creed	What is the basis of Christian belief?	History of the Creed, Overview of the Creed, Who is God? Blessed Trinity
9	8	God the Father Almighty	Who is God the Father?	Creator (Visible & Invisible world); Mystery of Divine Providence.
10	G	God the Son - 1) who is Jesus?	Who is Jesus?	His purpose, life & message; the Lord's prayer (intro).
11	10	God the Son - 2) Jesus Our Saviour.	What is the Paschal Mystery?	Jesus' passion, death, resurrection, and ascension.
12	11	God the Holy Spirit	Who is the Holy Spirit?	Nature of the Spirit, purpose & works.
13	12	Nature & Purpose of the Catholic Church	Why Catholic Church?	The four Marks of the Church, Church timeline, Malaysian Church info.
14	13	Mary & the Saints	Why are Mary & the Saints important in the Catholic Church?	Dogma. Mary the Mother of God, role models & channels of grace. Life of Saints - role models. Saints for various aspects in life. Communion of Saints. Stages of Sainthood.
15	14	The Four last things	What are and why the Four last things?	Death, Judgment, Hell & Heaven.
16	15	Liturgical Year & Calendar, Advent & Christmas	What is Liturgy? Why are Liturgical Year & Calendar, Advent/Christmas important?	Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Important Feasts.
17	16	The Mass explained	What is the Mass all about?	The Mass as a sacrament, meaning of different parts of the Mass

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18		Briefing for Rite of Acceptance	What is man's response to God's revelation?	Faith, Conversion, Church as Community, Explanation of Rite of Acceptance.
		RITE OF ACCEPTANCE		
19	17	The Intro to Sacraments & Sacramentals	What are Sacraments & Sacramentals?	7 Sacraments : Order & meaning. Sacramentals
20	18	Spiritual preparation for Christmas	What is Christmas according to the Catholic Church Teaching?	The theological virtues of Faith, Hope & Love. Christmas season, nativity of Jesus, 3 wise men - manifestation of the the promised Messiah revealed in the baby Jesus

Christmas & New Year holiday

21	19	Sacraments of Initiation: 1) Baptism 2) Confirmation	What are Baptism and Confirmation?	Baptism - initiation into the Catholic Christian Faith and Confirmation strengthens a Christian's relationship with God and deepens their communion with the Catholic Church
22	20	Sacraments of Initiation: 3) Eucharist	What is the Eucharist?	Source & Summit of Catholic Life. Renewal of everlasting covenant. Sacrificial dimension
23	21	Sac. of Healing I: Reconciliation	What is the Sac. of Reconciliation?	Conscience, wounds of sin and the Rite
24	22	Sac. of Healing II: Anointing of the Sick	What is Anointing of the Sick about?	Purpose of Suffering; Healing (Emotional, Physical, & Spiritual) and Rite.
25	23	Sac. of Service I : Marriage	What is Marriage in the Catholic Church?	The solemnity of Marriage in the Catholic Church.
26	24	Sac. of Service II: Holy Orders	What is Holy Orders in the Catholic Church?	Meaning & three degrees of the Sacrament, Roles, hierarchy, servanthood.
27	25	Introduction to Christian Morality	What is Christian Morality?	Cardinal virtues, human dignity, love, freedom, responsibility.
28	26	Overview of Ten Commandments	What are the Ten Commandments?	Overview of 10 Commandments, Current moral issues: Gender, injustice & human rights, Christian justice morality & conscience. Q&A

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C. <u>How to Deepen Your Life as A Catholic?</u> (5 lessons -- Purification G Enlightenment)				
29	27	The Season of Lent	What is the Season of Lent?	Meaning of Lent Culminating to Easter (Deepening Christ way of life), WoC (Traditional Catholic Devotion). In the context of prayer and purification.
30		Rite of Sending; Rite of Election Briefing		
		RITE OF ELECTION (*fixed: 1st Sunday of Lent)		
31	28	Briefing on Rites of Scrutiny 1-3 (Prepn)	How to prepare for the Period of Purification and Enlightenment?	History, meaning & purposes of the rites of the scrutiny esp the laying of hands presentation of Creed & Our Father, significance of the three readings (Year A) in relation to the Sacraments of Initiation.
		Rite of the First Scrutiny		
32	2G	Prodigal son retreat	How to experience the Father's love, mercy and forgiveness for us?	The retreat is based on the Parable of the Prodigal Son, it is a journey leading participants to recognize the ways they've been far from God and to enter into a place of rest, forgiveness, and transformation in His presence.
		Rite of the Second Scrutiny		
33	30	Our Father: Part 1 - Petitions 1-3	What does the "Our Father teach us?	Praying for the reign of God.
		Rite of the Third Scrutiny		
34	31	Our Father: Part 2 - Petitions 4-7	Why is the "Our Father" the blue print of all prayers	Daily bread, forgiveness, overcoming temptations, deliverance from evil.
35		Preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation		
36		Day of Recollection		
		RITE OF INITIATION (*fixed: Easter Vigil)		
D. <u>How To Become An Evangelizing Catholic?</u> (6 lessons -- Mystagogy)				
37	32	Personal Transformation and Evangelization	How does the baptized integrate the mysteries of the faith in their life?	Ongoing personal transformation & Evangelisation.
38	33	Communion in the Church, Fellowship	How to be in Communion in the Church especially through Fellowship?	Communion with God & one another. Being a family in Christ
39	34	Church and Human Community	What is the role of the Church and the Human Community?	Preferential option for the poor, integral human development, common good, politics, creation justice (Laudato Si'), universal brotherhood (Fratelli Tutti)
40	35	Dignity & vocation of the lay faithful	What is my dignity & vocation as the lay faithful?	Call to church ministries, invite Ministry Reps to share about their ministries
41	36	Ecumensim and Interreligious Dialogue	How do I understand and apply ecumensim and Interreligious Dialogue?	Different denominations of Christian churches, Call to Ecumenism, and People of other Faiths
42	37	Retreat – Living a Spiritual life with the Holy Spirit	How to Live a Spiritual life with the Holy Spirit?	Discernment of Spirits, the battle between the flesh & the Spirit, yielding to the gifts of the Spirit, Charisms & Vocations. Goal setting for ongoing growth.
		RITE OF COMMISSIONING on Pentecost (Presentation of Baptism Cert)		