

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

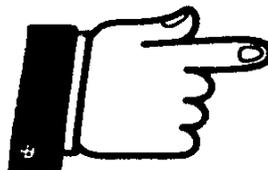


Throughout the Christian Initiation process of conversion those who sought entrance into the Catholic Church last year had the opportunity to share prayer, rituals and faith experiences. They reached out to others through service, reflected on and discussed Scriptures, and learned about the doctrines of the Church, the lives of the saints and our mission as Catholic Christians as followers of Jesus Christ.

It is through the Christian Initiation process that we as parishioners are not only given the opportunity to invite adults and children of catechetical age (age 7 or older) to journey with us in faith but also to participate in the liturgical rites of initiation that usually happen at our Sunday liturgies.

RCIA begins on Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. for adults and children, Wednesday, September 18 for youth and Friday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m. for adults. If you know of someone who might be interested in the Catholic Church and would like the opportunity to grow in his or her relationship with God, please encourage him or her to call Pattie Scherer at 821-2122.

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MY OPINION COUNTS!

What: Gallup SE-25 Spiritual Engagement Survey

When: Beginning Friday, September 13
Ending Monday, October 14th

How can we best accomplish what God has in mind for us? How can we best use the gifts and talents of the people who are part of this parish? These are important questions, and the Pastoral Council and staff has been wrestling with them for quite some time at St. Francis. To this end, we will be conducting the Gallup SE-25 survey, a census of all adult members of our parish.

The survey, done by phone or by using the Web only takes a few minutes. It will be administered by the Gallup Organization, an independent research company known for its understanding of people and their opinions. Although most of us know them for their polling work, they have been listening to people and studying successful religious organizations for more than 30 years.

Your opinions will be completely confidential; Gallup will not reveal any individual responses to anyone. After the Pastoral Council has received the results back from Gallup, we will use them to help form our new Pastoral Strategic Plan.

Special thanks to the anonymous parishioner for underwriting the cost of doing this work with Gallup.

Watch your mail for complete instructions on how to do this survey. The success of this effort hinges on the completion of the survey by everyone who is at least 18 years of age.

EVERY VOICE IS NEEDED.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE!!!