



FDLC ANNOUNCES INITIATION WORKSHOPS



In 1972, the Church promulgated the Latin typical edition of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. Its English translation debuted in 1974. Its release followed the mandate of the Council Fathers who declared that “The catechumenate for adults, divided into several stages, is to be restored and put into use at the discretion of the local Ordinary. By this means, the time of the catechumenate, which is intended as a period of well-suited instruction, may be sanctified by several rites to be celebrated at successive intervals of time” (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 64).

Originally crafted to serve the needs of mission territories, the Spirit-filled vision of the rite took hold worldwide. Perhaps few could have imagined its impact on evangelization efforts, on parish life, and on the lives of countless inquirers, catechumens, and candidates. The Church, in turn, has been enriched by all who have journeyed with us.

Parish RCIA team members --including priests, deacons, catechists, liturgists, music ministers, sponsors, and volunteers -- have enthusiastically sought guidance on how to implement the RCIA well and to celebrate its liturgies with authenticity and grace.

For nearly thirty years, the North American Forum on the Catechumenate provided formation on the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. (For a short video tribute to Forum’s history and accomplishments, please visit <https://fdlc.org/content/grants-preserve-legacy-north-american-forum>.) Likewise, Bishops, diocesan leaders, and academics have provided formation on various aspects of the RCIA. Members of the **Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC)**, who daily serve their Bishops in diocesan offices of worship or on diocesan liturgical commissions, have routinely led these efforts. Indeed, the FDLC is honored to be the caretaker of funds, deeded by the Forum, to underwrite the costs of ongoing diocesan formation opportunities.

With equal passion, the FDLC is now pleased to present a series of fourteen “virtual workshops.” These are designed to provide high quality formation in an accessible and affordable format. They will cover a wide range of topics – from general overviews to detailed legalities. Each will be ninety minutes long. They will examine the various periods and steps of the catechumenate process, recapturing the vision of the RCIA and offering best practices for liturgical celebrations. They are aimed at various levels of experience, but will be fruitful for the seasoned veteran as well as the new parish volunteer. We hope that you, your parish staffs, and especially your RCIA team members will take advantage of all of these online seminars.

We are indebted to the members of our **Christian Initiation Task Force** who have been meeting for nearly two years. This group of over forty dedicated members have been planning the scope and content of each of these fourteen workshops. Many will serve as presenters. Spanish-language versions of these topics are also in the works. *Versiones en Español de estos temas está también en las obras.*

The FDLC is very grateful to **Liturgy Training Publications** of the Archdiocese of Chicago. They have been a welcome partner and will assist with the registration process and the technology of hosting these virtual workshops.

Together, may we continue to serve all those who seek to know Christ and his Church. ■ RT



Virtual Workshop Series for RCIA Ministers

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, in collaboration with Liturgy Training Publications, is pleased to present a series of *Virtual Workshops™* which explore the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* – its vision, rich theology, pastoral directives, and authentic celebration.

Designed for both the experienced minister and the novice RCIA team member, all workshops are developed by FDLC members and presented by the leaders in the field of Christian initiation. In addition, each workshop includes handouts and discussion questions for follow-up sessions within your diocese and parish.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE FIRST FOUR WORKSHOPS

Individual Sessions are \$15 per Registered Computer



REGISTER HERE	TOPIC, DATE, AND TIMES	PRESENTER
LINK \$15	^{#1} Recapturing the Richness of the RCIA May 2, 2017 1:00pm ET & 7:30pm ET	Ms. Peggy Lovrien
LINK \$15	^{#2} The Initiating Parish May 16, 2017 1:00pm ET & 7:30pm ET	Mrs. Lesa Truxaw
LINK \$15	^{#3} Discernment in the RCIA Process June 6, 2017 1:00pm ET & 7:30pm ET	Sr. Donna Steffen, SC
LINK \$15	^{#4} Concerning the Baptized June 20, 2017 1:00pm ET & 7:30pm ET	Ms. Clare Colella
LINK \$40	Register for Sessions #1-4	

REGISTRATION FOR THE REMAINING WORKSHOPS OPENS MAY 2017

Period of Evangelization or Precatechumenate
August 8, 2017 Mr. Jay Free! Landry

The Rite of Acceptance and the Rite of Welcoming
August 22, 2017 Mr. Andrew Casad

The Period of the Catechumenate
September 6, 2017 Dr. Diana Dudoit-Raiche

RCIA as adapted for Children of Catechetical Age
September 14, 2017 Sr. Sandra DeMasi

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion
September 19, 2017 Mr. D. Todd Williamson

The Period of Purification and Enlightenment
October 11, 2017 Mr. Timothy Johnston

The Rites of Initiation and the Rite of Reception
October 24, 2017 Mrs. Rita A. Thron

The Period of Mystagogia
November 7, 2017 Mrs. Karen Kane

The National Statutes on the Catechumenate
November 14, 2017 Mrs. Rita A. Thron

Preaching for the Rites
December 5, 2017 Rev. Jan Michael Joncas

Workshop attendees can participate in these Virtual Workshops™ from the offices, homes, or gathered together at the parish center.

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