

2020 Theme The RCIA Adapted for Children

Children of varying ages and a wide range of faith development come to us seeking Christian initiation. How do we minister to these children and their families? What is the best way to offer each child appropriate catechesis and formation in Christian life? How do we receive children who have been baptized in other Christian traditions into the full communion of the Catholic Church? Join us at the **2020 National Gathering on Christian Initiation™** to find the answers to these and many other questions and to discover parish-tested practices for dealing with diverse pastoral situations.

Goals of the Gathering

- Participants will deepen their understanding of the Church's vision of the baptismal catechumenate as outlined in Part II.1 of the RCIA ritual text (RCIA adapted for children of catechetical age).
- Participants will examine the role of the parish community, the family, companions, and sponsors in order to discern best practices for forming and engaging each group throughout the initiation process.
- Participants will explore various models of implementing an RCIA process adapted for children and will develop an initial implementation plan.
- Participants will learn models for effective catechesis and formation of children in the initiation process.



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July 2–3, 2020
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A Conference for Catechumenal Ministers
and Pastoral Leaders

About the National Gathering on Christian Initiation™

The National Gathering on Christian Initiation™ invites parish leaders, initiation ministers, and regional or diocesan trainers to come together to explore the theoretical and practical aspects of initiation ministry. In addition to interactive and engaging sessions led by the NGCI team members, participants will learn from each other and share best practices through group discussion and hands-on training sessions.

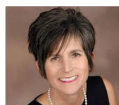
NGCI offers two tracks. **Parish and Diocesan Leaders** and **Initiation Catechists**, offered in English and Spanish, will gain practical skills, discuss common challenges, and share best practices to enrich their work. An optional pre-gathering forum will be available on July 1, 2020 and will explore “Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Insights for RCIA Adapted for Children.” This forum is free for participants but has a limited number of seats—register today!

The 2020 gathering will take place at the Loyola University Chicago Lake Shore Campus, located in the Rogers Park neighborhood, seven miles north of downtown and within steps of public transportation.

Highlights

- Pre-gathering workshop/forum open to all
- Fellowship with initiation ministers from around the country
- Interactive multimedia presentations, complimentary resources, and expert training
- Opportunities for prayerful reflection on the liturgies of the RCIA

The 2020 NGCI Team



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SR. SANDY DEMASI, SSJ, serves as director of liturgy and worship at Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, NJ. Her doctor of ministry degree is from the Catholic University of America and her treatise was titled *The Faith and Formation of Adults Who Bring Children for Baptism: A Plan of Liturgy and Catechesis*.



MICHAEL RUZICKI, author of *Guide for Training Initiation Ministers: An Introduction to the RCIA*, (LTP, 2018) is the training and events manager at Liturgy Training Publications. He served as a parish pastoral associate and diocesan coordinator of adult and sacramental formation in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He is a former team member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.



REV. JAMES BURKART assists with the Christian initiation process of children and adults at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Spring, Texas, where he serves as the pastor. The chair of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, he does presentations in English and Spanish at classes, workshops, and missions. Fr. Burkart will be presenting in both the English and Spanish Tracks.

Spanish Track Team



LIA SALINAS is the director for Hispanic Ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.



FELICIANO TAPIA is a liturgical training consultant, serving Hispanic ministry, for Liturgy Training Publications.

Full bios can be found at www.NGCI.org.

Schedule

July 1, 2020	
3:00pm–5:00pm	Optional Pre-Gathering Forum (Limited Registrations) Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Insights for RCIA Adapted for Children
7:00pm–9:00pm	Opening Reception Optional. Tickets are \$35. Includes an open bar.
July 2, 2020	
8:00am–8:50am	Registration
9:00am–9:30am	Welcome, Morning Prayer, Introductions
9:30am–10:15am	General Session <i>Where are we now? Evaluating the US Landscape and Assessing the Needs of Your Community</i>
10:15am–10:30am	Break
10:30am–11:30am	General Session <i>Christian Initiation of Children: A Vision for Catechetical Ministry</i>
11:30am–12:15pm	General Session <i>Forming Parents as Primary Catechists</i>
12:15pm–1:15pm	Lunch Included in registration
1:15pm–2:30pm	Breakout Parish and Diocesan Leaders <i>Models of Implementation</i> Initiation Catechists <i>The Role of the Catechist (part 1): Providing Suitable Catechesis</i>
2:30pm–3:00pm	Coffee Break
3:00pm–4:15pm	Breakout Parish and Diocesan Leaders <i>Structuring a Parish Approach or "Program"</i> Initiation Catechists <i>The Role of the Catechist (part 2): Incorporating the Christian Way of Life, Suitable Liturgical Rites, and Apostolic Witness</i>
4:15pm–4:30pm	Break
4:30pm–5:15pm	General Session <i>Your Role in the Liturgical Rites of the RCIA</i>
5:30pm–6:00pm	Ritual Celebration
6:00pm	End of Day Dinner and evening on your own

July 3, 2020	
8:00am–8:50am	Q+A Panel with NGCI Team
9:00am–9:30am	Morning Prayer and Announcements
9:30am–10:30am	General Session <i>Involving Companions and Sponsors in the Initiation Process</i>
10:30am–11:00am	Coffee Break
11:00am–12:30pm	Training Exercise <i>Planning for Whole Family Catechesis</i>
12:30pm–1:30pm	Lunch Included in registration
1:30pm–3:00pm	General Session <i>Initiation of Children in Multicultural Communities</i>
3:00pm–3:30pm	Closing and Prayer



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Includes lunch for July 2nd & 3rd.

\$250 Individual Registration, by May 8, 2020
Includes lunch for July 2nd & 3rd.

\$25 savings Group Registration, for four or more participants
Please contact Liturgy Training Publications directly.

Free Optional Pre-Gathering Forum **\$35 Opening Reception**
Optional

Please Indicate: Parish and Diocesan Leaders Initiation Catechists
 Catechists (Spanish Track)

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