

**St. John Bosco Catholic Church**  
**2017-2018 RCIA Class Syllabus**  
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Welcome to this series of classes on “The Catholic Faith” offered by St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Woodstock, VA. Both baptized and un-baptized non-Catholics are most welcome to attend these classes, without any obligation to join/convert to the Catholic Faith. Adult Catholics who would like to renew their understanding of the faith are also invited to attend. These classes are part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program within the Catholic Church.

The RCIA is an adult education course offered to those outside the Church who would like to learn more about the faith and possibly come into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. For the un-baptized, all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist) will be received at the Easter Vigil Mass. For those already baptized into Christ in another Christian denomination, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be done, a Profession of Faith will be made, and they will receive Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at another Mass.

Such an important decision - whether to embrace or not to embrace the Catholic Faith - can only be maturely made by someone who has a true knowledge of that Faith. Thus, it is vitally important that every Truth-seeker take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Faith from our pastor, Father Michael Dobbins, and other qualified instructors under his supervision.

Unless otherwise indicated on the attached syllabus, the classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Saint Francis Room at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Woodstock, VA. The primary instructor for this class is Deacon Steve Clifford. He will be assisted by Mrs. Anne Clifford and Sister Laura Nieves.

**Texts:** - Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)  
- Catholicism for Dummies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (CD)

**References:** - United States Catholic Catechism for Adults  
- Outlines of the Catholic Faith  
- Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version – Catholic Edition  
- Compendium – Catechism of the Catholic Church

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