RCIA
*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*
and
CONFIRMATION
*Spirit of Faith*

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Your Calling, Our Commitment
At Duquesne, we support an ecumenical atmosphere that is inclusive of all faith traditions. To that end, we recognize that many students may have questions about their faith and may wish to explore becoming Catholic. If you are one of those students, we invite you to explore that process with Spiritan Campus Ministry.

RCIA and CONFIRMATION—The Process
If you have not been baptized, the Christian initiation process prepares you to become a Catholic Christian by celebrating the sacraments of Christian initiation, which are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist or Holy Communion.

If you have been baptized in another Christian tradition, the initiation process prepares you to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church by celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist or Holy Communion.

RCIA and CONFIRMATION—The Journey’s Time Commitment
Becoming Catholic is a life-long commitment. The process of RCIA and CONFIRMATION begins in September. If you continue, RCIA and CONFIRMATION meets once a week during the fall and spring semesters. The sacraments take place during the Easter season, at which time the formation process is completed.

The RCIA is also for the Catholic who needs to be confirmed. The RCIA process is a time to discern, study and prepare to take the final initiation step.

Making the Decision
Decisions about one’s faith journey must not be made lightly. The initiation process within the Roman Catholic Church—the RCIA—allows for a period of time and discernment.

We believe that our coming together weekly is a sacred time and space. We rejoice with both those who complete the process with the Sacraments of Initiation and those who choose a different path. We believe, like St. Paul, “that the one who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)