

Apprentices in Faith

What is *Apprentices in Faith*?

Apprentices in Faith is a unique, new online resource for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), based on the Church's time-honored model of apprenticeship. It provides RCIA teams and participants with sound liturgical, scriptural, and doctrinal resources to use throughout the RCIA process. It will include resources for all participants in the RCIA process.

Who are the expert authors?

Two noted members of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate, Gael Gensler, OSF, and Rev. Steven Lanza of the Archdiocese of Chicago are the authors of *Apprentices in Faith*. Both Sister Gael and Fr. Steve were members of the writing team for RCL Benziger's widely-used *Foundations in Faith* resources and are well-respected for their insights and knowledge of the implementation of the RCIA.

How is *Apprentices in Faith* organized?

Apprentices in Faith is organized according to the periods and stages of the RCIA. You can access and download as much as you need whenever you need it, including background information, session materials, and additional resources. Each session download includes both catechist and participant materials. Resources include:

- Introductory articles
- Inquiry Sessions
- Catechumenate Sessions
- Doctrinal Sessions
- Purification and Enlightenment Sessions (with emphasis on the six Sundays of Year A)
- Mystagogy Sessions
- Liturgical, Discernment, and Key Teachings of the Catholic Church Resources

How are the sessions formatted?

All sessions follow a four-step method: *Welcome, Engage, Teach and Apply, Pray*. This highly successful methodology is easy to follow and assists leaders and participants as they grow, learn, and put their faith into practice as true apprentices in faith.

When will the Introductory articles, Inquiry sessions, and the first group of Catechumenate sessions be available online?

You'll always have time for advance planning. Materials will be uploaded quarterly beginning July 1, 2009. Purification and Enlightenment sessions will be included in the January upload, and Mystagogy sessions by March 1, since Easter is early in 2010. The first upload in July will include the following:

- Introductory articles
- Eight Inquiry/Precatechumenate sessions
- Thirteen Catechumenate sessions beginning with the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 2, 2009
- The three Resources for liturgy, discernment, and key Church teachings that were listed above.

Will RCIA team members and participants have easy access to additional background information? Yes. Each Catechumenate session, along with Sunday Scripture references, has correlations to additional background in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, and the *Compendium: Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

My parish has an ongoing RCIA process. Can we begin our subscription at any time of year?

Yes. You can subscribe at any time of the year. You will always have the option of starting your subscription immediately or waiting for the next quarterly upload to begin, depending on your parish RCIA schedule. During the initial three years of the project, resources will be posted quarterly until three yearly cycles of *Apprentices in Faith* sessions have been posted. Thereafter, teams and participants will be able to access content in June of each year for the following twelve months. All previously loaded material will be archived on the Web site and remain available to you.

What additional online features and resources are planned for *Apprentices in Faith*?

Because it is an online resource, additional information, helpful articles, prayers, suggestions and tips will be added and updated regularly. The possibility of children's resources and Spanish-speaking resources are being researched now.

How do I buy *Apprentices in Faith*?

All *Apprentices in Faith* materials are offered to parishes in an online subscription for download. The cost of the subscription is based on a one-year usage agreement between the parish and **RCL Benziger** and can be renewed yearly. The annual subscription price will be \$299.95. However, there is a **special introductory price of \$199.95** for a limited time. Upon submission of your order through our Online Store, you will receive a password that will give you twelve-month access to the entire Web site.

How can I get more information about *Apprentices in Faith*?

Contact your local RCL Benziger sales representative or call **RCL Benziger customer service at 1-877-275-4725**. You can also visit our preview site at ApprenticesInFaith.com.