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## ***WHO BELONGS IN THE CATECHUMENATE (RCIA)?***

- *UNBAPTIZED CHILDREN AGES SEVEN THROUGH 12 AND UNBAPTIZED TEENAGERS AGES 13 THROUGH 17.* These children are to be enrolled in the catechumenate process and are to be fully initiated at the Easter Vigil receiving all three sacraments of Christian initiation from a priest.
- *UNBAPTIZED ADULTS AGES 18+.* These adults are to be enrolled in the catechumenate process and are to be fully initiated at the Easter Vigil receiving all three sacraments of Christian initiation from a priest.
- *BAPTIZED CATHOLIC TEENAGERS AND ADULTS WHO SEEK PREPARATION FOR THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION.* These Catholic teenagers and adults may participate in the catechumenate process and may receive their confirmation and first holy communion during the Easter season from a priest.
- *BAPTIZED PROTESTANT TEENAGERS AND ADULTS WHO SEEK TO BECOME CATHOLIC.* These Protestant teenagers and adults may participate in the catechumenate process and are to make their profession of faith and receive their confirmation and first holy communion anytime of the year from a priest.

## ***WHO DOES NOT BELONG IN THE CATECHUMENATE (RCIA)?***

- *BAPTIZED CATHOLIC CHILDREN AGES SEVEN THROUGH 12 WHO SEEK PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.* They are to prepare through a sacramental program offered by a Catholic school or parish religious education program.
- *BAPTIZED CATHOLIC TEENAGERS AND ADULTS WHO ALREADY RECEIVED THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND ARE NOW SEEKING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.* They are to prepare through a sacramental program offered by a parish or the archdiocese. They are to be confirmed by a bishop.