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Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children is the Church's way of bringing into full membership, children 7 years and older, who have not been baptized.

This is a journey of building relationships with Jesus and the Church. The purpose is to know, understand and love Jesus and the Church.

Goal:

The goal of this journey is for children with their parents to become followers of Jesus. They become: disciples who find great joy and peace in their relationship with Jesus; people who attend Mass each week; people who live their faith by sharing it with others; people who act as Jesus does.

How the Goal is achieved:

The journey takes place within St. Mary's community where the children learn about their faith and the sacraments while their parents join them in their spiritual growth. The process is gradual, led by the Lectionary (Gospel Readings) and unfolds through the liturgical year through:

- *Bible stories*
- *Building friendships*
- *Celebrating liturgy*
- *helping others*

Process:

- The process focuses on Jesus.
- The RCIC process provides opportunities for children to hear the Word of God and to begin to apply the Word to their daily relationships.
- The process allows children to discover the love of Jesus and to respond to His love by loving God and their neighbor.

Expectations:

The children and their parents in the RCIC program will participate in the Thursday evening weekly sessions from 7- 8 pm, and one of the week-end Masses.

Please contact Ken Hagel, Coordinator of Sacraments of Initiation at 403) 932-2944, ext 222; or email: khagel@stmaryscochrane.ca for further information.