



Please welcome our newest members of St. Bartholomew's Church. These three Candidates below completed the Sacrament of Initiation through Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, April 4th, 2015. Along with them, five youths were initiated into the faith through Baptism. Thank you for extending a warm welcome to them and please continue to pray for those who are in RCIA and preparing to receive Sacraments next year.

Amanda Fischer - Confirmed at the Easter Vigil



"My experience in RCIA has been transformative. Not only am I more knowledgeable about my faith, but I have grown spiritually. My relationship with God has definitely changed since beginning RCIA. I now pray, talk to God, think about Him and his plan for me throughout my entire day. Also, my prayer life is flourishing. I enjoy reading scripture and looking to scripture for guidance. I also enjoy praying to God and the Blessed Mother Mary on a daily basis. My prayer life has proved very powerful as I have seen God take incredible (even unexplainable) action in my life.

Deborah Diaz - Confirmed at the Easter Vigil



"The RCIA has presented a lot of information and ideas that I knew nothing about. Practicing fasting in lent, for the first time, this year, has shown me how difficult some things are. I've realized that saying you're 'Catholic' doesn't make you 'Catholic'; you actually have to practice it as well. I am open to what RCIA and the Catholic teachings present and am incorporating them into my every day life."

Katherine Chinn - Confirmed at the Easter Vigil



"When I began the RCIA program I knew of God but, I did not *know God*. Through RCIA and learning about God's love, I am developing a closer relationship to Him and with my faith. For me, my RCIA experience has been my first step toward a life with God. It is helping me build a foundation for my faith and has created a stronger bond to God."

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