

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport
HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

THE WAY

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS 2017-2018

'The Way' was among the earliest names for followers of the Risen Christ. 'The Way' appears as a scriptural reference to the earliest Christian communities in the Acts of the Apostles. In addition, both before and after his conversion, tradition holds that Saint Paul referred to the disciples of Christ as part of 'The Way.' More than two thousand years later, Catholic Christians are still part of the Way of Jesus Christ. But a life of discipleship is not a hobby or pastime. It is a way of life that lays claim to our whole heart, mind, and strength. As disciples, our lives should be focused on and inspired by our faith in Christ, who is our merciful redeemer, friend, and brother. And as disciples, we are called to reach out to those who need our help in growing closer to Christ and the Church.

If you are an adult (age 18 and over) and have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), then please consider joining us for 'The Way', an adult faith formation program which will meet on Sunday mornings after our 8:15am Mass beginning this fall. 'The Way' (typically called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a seven-month program that prepares adults to be received into the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. As part of this same program, we will prepare adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation (to be received at either the Easter Vigil or at a regional archdiocesan celebration).

Our group will meet bi-weekly for fellowship, formation, and faith sharing. As a community of disciples, we will learn together about the basic beliefs, teachings, and traditions of the Catholic Church; and we will explore the methods of prayer and spirituality that have brought centuries of believers closer to Christ and to the Church. In addition, we will talk openly and honestly about the challenges of living an authentic life of faith, hope, and love in the modern world. If you would like to become part of a unique fellowship in preparation for the sacraments of God's Church, then please return this completed registration form to the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, 74 Pleasant Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgonline.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

Please contact me about: RCIA Adult Confirmation Both

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