

Reflection

STATE CONFERENCE 2019

Image: Sacred Garden, Monastery Glen Osmond

Plans are well under way for our state conference to be held from **October 11th – 13th at the Monastery at Glen Osmond.**

The Office for Worship website has up to date details about the programme, speakers, theme of the conference and registration details, along with early bird rates. For further information, please contact Alison Appleby on 08 8210 8287 or worship@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au. As stated, the theme for this year's conference is: *'It takes a community to nurture a disciple.'*

Why you might consider coming along to the Conference:

- This is the first conference for a couple of years now and some RCIA contact people in parishes have been looking for some support;
- We are living through challenging times as Church, and this is an ideal opportunity for us to come together and be led through a reflection on what it means to be a disciple of the Lord within the Catholic community at this time;
- Interest in the conference has been hopeful of good things to come; we have a chance together to re-imagine how we can live more faithfully as disciples of Jesus, considering again the gospel pathways that are integral to the renewal of our Church here in South Australia;
- There will be opportunities for those new to supporting the work of the RCIA in their parishes to learn about the RCIA process from Fr. Elio Capra who teaches, studies and writes extensively about the RCIA;
- There will be a highly significant session on a scriptural perspective on discipleship, presented by Sr. Bernadette Kiley;

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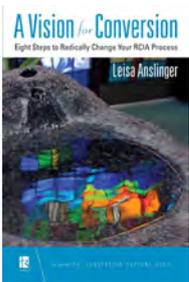
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- For those who have been involved for many years in the ministry of supporting RCIA candidates, this will be an opportunity to share your experience and good practice, and also to contribute to the discussion about how the whole community can become animated to welcome, support and encourage new members;
- The conference will signal a new time in the life of our dioceses where hopefully we can build up the network of RCIA contacts and supporters, and plan for the future;
- This time will also provide you with an opportunity to name areas of learning and discussion that would be helpful into the future; you might want to consider regional groups for a course on various aspects of the RCIA, further scriptural reflections, pastoral issues and how to deal with them;
- There will be an introduction to the work of the Marriage Tribunal with the Director, Sue Rivett, with follow-up opportunities after the conference.

Kathy Horan
RCIA Coordinator

Resources that fit well with the theme of the Conference



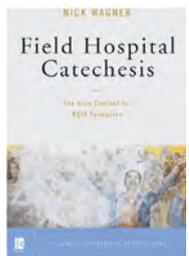
A Vision for Conversion
By Leisa Anslinger
Available from Pauline Books and Media
(<http://www.paulinebooks.com.au>)

Whether you're an RCIA veteran or just getting started, this book will be your companion and guide as you plan for the change your parish needs to initiate seekers into Christ.



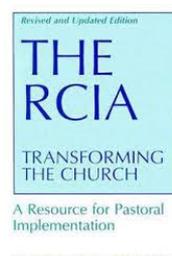
Your Parish Is The Curriculum
By Diana Macalintal
Available from Pauline Books and Media
(<http://www.paulinebooks.com.au>)

Diana Macalintal offers a practical and engaging vision for parishes as communities of discipleship that accompany people at all stages of their faith journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.



Field Hospital Catechesis
By Nick Wagner
Available from Book Depository
(<https://www.bookdepository.com>)

If, as Pope Francis says, the church is a field hospital, then what does it mean to care for the wounded and heal the wounds? What would we do first?



The RCIA: Transforming the Church
Thomas H. Morris
Available from Book Depository
(<https://www.bookdepository.com>)

This revised and updated version of The RCIA: Transforming the Church is the standard primer for implementing and perfecting the rites of initiation for adult believers in the Catholic church.

Adult Confirmation - Saturday 9 November 2019

On Saturday, November 9th, Adult Confirmation will be celebrated in St. Francis Xavier Cathedral at the 6.00 p.m. Mass.

There will be a preparation session for those intending to be confirmed, and this will be held on Saturday, 26th October, from 1.00 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall, and will include a rehearsal for Confirmation.

Feel free to include this information in a parish bulletin.

If you have any potential candidates for Adult Confirmation or would like further information, contact the Office for Worship on 8210 8287.

It takes a **Community**
to nurture a **Disciple**

Come and See
**Earlybird pricing
extended to 30 September**

RCIA STATE CONFERENCE 2019

11 - 13 October

The Monastery, Glen Osmond

**Guest Speakers: Fr Philip Marshall,
Fr Elio Capra SDB, Sr Bernadette Kiley OP**

Accommodation packages available

For more info go to www.ofw-adelaide.org.au

Presented by the Adelaide Catholic Archdiocese's Office for Worship

Suggested RCIA Timeline

STAGE ONE

Period of Evangelization and Pre-Catechumenate:

This is an initial period of time set aside to enable priests, catechists and other laypeople to explore and provide some explanations of the Gospel message. Fr. Elio Capra describes this time as an opportunity to invite and to form people to become disciples of Jesus. Through a careful reading, proclamation and reflection on the Gospels, potential candidates are invited to 'come and see' what the Catholic community is all about. This is a call to a personal relationship with Jesus and with a community of disciples; it is also a call to conversion, turning away from evil and being drawn into God's love.

During this time, candidates have an opportunity to share their life stories and to listen to the stories of members of the community. They are also introduced more deeply to God's story in Jesus Christ and to how this is lived out within the community of the Church, understood as a community of disciples of Jesus.

(Note: This period usually commences around late August/early September; however, there may be local variations on this.)



STAGE TWO

Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens

This takes place after a period of Evangelization and is the first public acknowledgement of those seeking to become members of the Church. They declare their intention to the Church and the Church accepts them as people who intend to become faithful members of the Church. This acceptance signals an initial conversion and the first stirrings of repentance, a beginning to the practice of prayer, a sense of Church and some experience of a sense of the company and experience of members of the Christian community.

The Rite of Acceptance consists of a reception of the candidates, the celebration of the Word of God, and the dismissal of the candidates. It is highly desirable that the Christian community, or at least a significant representation of the community be present to welcome, offer support and hospitality to those beginning on this journey of conversion. After the Rite of Acceptance, the names of candidates are recorded in the register of catechumens, along with the names of sponsors and the minister and the date and place of celebration.

(Note: This rite usually takes place around the first Sunday of Advent.)

Election or enrolment of names:

This is the liturgical rite, usually celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent, by which the Church formally ratifies the catechumens' readiness for the sacraments of initiation and the catechumens, now the elect, express the will to receive these sacraments.

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STAGE THREE

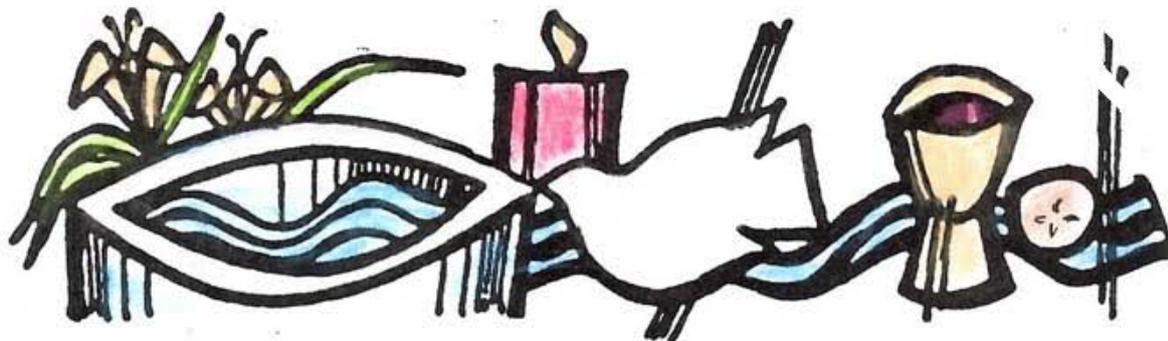
Purification and Enlightenment

This is a significant time of preparation during the six week season of Lent. It is a time of reflection, intensely centred on conversion, marked by celebration of the scrutinies and presentations and of the preparation rites on Holy Saturday.

1st Sunday of Lent:	Rite of Election
2nd Sunday of Lent:	Presentation of the Creed – Explanation of the Creed
3rd Sunday of Lent:	1st Scrutiny: Explanation of the scrutinies
4th Sunday of Lent:	2nd Scrutiny: Conversion experience
5th Sunday of Lent:	3rd Scrutiny: Sharing of experience and open discussions
Passion Sunday:	Explanation of Holy Week liturgies
Holy Thursday:	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday:	Celebration of the Passion
Retreat	(Holy Saturday)
Easter Vigil	Sacraments of Initiation
Easter Sunday	

Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation:

This is the liturgical rite, usually integrated into the Easter Vigil, by which the elect are initiated through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.



STAGE FOUR

Period of Post-Baptismal Catechesis or Mystagogy

This is the time, usually the Easter season, following the celebration of initiation, during which the newly initiated experience being fully part of the Christian community by means of catechesis and participation with all the faithful in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration.

2nd Sunday of Easter
3rd Sunday of Easter
4th Sunday of Easter
5th Sunday of Easter
6th Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
Pentecost Sunday

During this time, there will be a Mass for Neophytes, or new Catholics, usually celebrated in the Cathedral.

Fr. Philip Marshall will open the Conference on Friday 11th and will address the group on the Gospel Pathways.

During the conference, we will explore a Scriptural perspective on what it means to be a disciple, in the context of the Catholic community with Sr. Bernadette Kiley O.P .

There will be sessions on each stage of the RCIA process, led by Rev Dr. Elio Capra SDB, who has an extensive background in study and experience in working in the area of the RCIA.

And Sue Rivett will provide us with an brief introduction to the intricacies of Canon Law.

Main Presenters



Rev. Dr Elio Capra SDB is a lecturer at Catholic Theological College and is a member of the Department of Systematic Theology and the Department of Pastoral and General Studies. He lectures in Liturgy and Sacramental Theology. He is a priest of the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB).

He has taught units in sacramental theology at Australian Catholic University, as well as teaching accreditation courses for teachers at ACU. He is constantly engaged as a resource person in liturgical and sacramental theology for Catholic Education Offices and dioceses around Australia. He is the chair of the Australian Catechumenate Network and is the chair of the Melbourne RCIA Forum.

His main academic interests are the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults, and resources for the period of Mystagogy in the RCIA.

Bernadette Kiley OP is a Dominican Sister and is currently Congregation Leader of the Holy Cross Dominicans, Adelaide. She has previously worked as an educator and school leader at secondary school and university levels.



Her doctoral work was in the Gospel of Mark. She maintains a keen interest in biblical studies and enjoys opportunities to engage with adult faith formation groups.

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**RCIA
CONFERENCE
ADELAIDE 2019**

*11 to 13 October
The Monastery, Glen Osmond*

Presented by the
Office for Worship

This year's state conference will focus on **Becoming Catholic**, via the **RCIA** process. Held at The Monastery at Glen Osmond, the conference will provide participants with a good grounding in the RCIA process, with many opportunities to engage with others from a range of different parishes who have been long-time supporters of the RCIA. For those new to the process, or wanting an opportunity to deepen their own understanding of what it means to be Catholic, this Conference will provide participants with a way forward.

The invitation is to **'Come and see'** what it means to become Catholic.

The reality we wish to explore is that it takes a whole community to nurture disciples, to welcome and support newcomers, and to engage with our parishes.

For whom is this conference intended?

- RCIA contacts and coordinators in parishes; parish priests
- Pastoral Associates and Deacons
- Catechists, APRIMs and RECs:

Currently we have more children of catechetical age seeking Baptism, we have expressions of interest from students in our Catholic High schools who may express an interest in Becoming Catholic. Often parents take the opportunity when their children are preparing to celebrate the sacraments to find out more for themselves, often resulting in their wanting also to become Catholic.

- Youth group leaders

For all enquiries about the conference, please contact the Office for Worship or visit our website www.ofw-adelaide.org.au where you will find details about registration. Accommodation packages are available and Earlybird pricing applies until mid September.

P R O G R A M

Friday 11 October 5.30pm - 6.30pm Welcome & Registration

Session 1: 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Gospel Pathways Fr Philip Marshall

Saturday 12 October Session 2: 9.00am - 10.30am Discipleship

Sr Bernadette Kiley OP

Morning Tea: 10.30am - 10.50am

Session 3: 10.50am - 12.30pm
Is it an RCIA team or an RCIA parish? Fr Elio Capra SDB
Who has the responsibility of preparing and forming the catechumens and candidates?

Buffet Luncheon: 12.30pm - 1.30pm

* Program may be subject to change

Session 4: 1.30pm - 3.30pm **How do the RCIA rites shape the catechumens and the whole parish?**

Fr Elio Capra SDB

How do the major Rites (Rites of Acceptance, Election, Sacraments of Initiation) shape the catechumens and the parish community.

How do the minor Rites (Blessings and Minor Exorcisms and anointings) shape the catechumens and the parish community.

Afternoon Tea 3.30pm - 3.50pm

Session 5: 3.50pm - 5.00pm **Is it content or life experience? Is it program or process?**

Fr Elio Capra SDB

What is the final outcome we are aiming for? What strategies do we need to get there?

Free Time 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Conference Dinner: 6.00pm - 9.00pm
2 Course Meal
BYO Alcohol

Sunday 13 October Mass: 9.00am - 9.45am

Session 6: 9.45am - 10.30am **How do we solve the problem of Mystagogia?**

Fr Elio Capra SDB

Is the Easter Vigil a conclusion or a new beginning? Does the Church need more disciples or more missionary disciples?

Morning Tea: 10.30am - 11.00am

Session 7: 11.00am - 11.30am
Canon Law Ms Sue Rivett JCL
The intricacies of Canon Law and how to get support when needed.

Farewell: 11.30am - 12.00pm

To book go to: www.ofw-adelaide.org.au

C O S T S

Bookings can be made by going to the Office for Worship website www.ofw-adelaide.org.au. Earlybird pricing is available until 15 September 2019 with registrations closing Monday 30 September 2019. Attendees can purchase FULL registration packages with or without accommodation. Or, if preferred, individual day tickets are available. Pricing is outlined below:

FULL - Own Room

Full 3 day registration with 2 nights accommodation in own room at the Monastery. All meals provided (incl. Sat Conference Dinner & continental breakfast)

\$445.00 pp (Earlybird)
\$475.00 pp (Full price)

FULL - Shared Room

Full 3 day registration with 2 nights accommodation in shared room at the Monastery. All meals provided (incl. Sat Conference Dinner & continental breakfast)

\$435.00 pp (Earlybird)
\$465.00 pp (Full price)

FULL - No Accommodation

Full 3 day registration (attendee will find own accommodation. All meals provided (incl. Sat evening Conference Dinner)

\$285.00 pp (Earlybird)
\$315.00 pp (Full price)

Friday Only

Registration for Friday's sessions only. \$25.00 pp (incl. Cocktail style Dinner)

Saturday Only

Registration for ALL Saturday sessions (lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided). Does not include Conference Dinner - tickets must be purchased separately. \$165.00 pp

Sunday Only

Registration for Sunday's sessions only. \$70.00 pp Morning tea provided.

Conference Dinner

Saturday evening dinner (2 course meal) \$55.00 pp

