**RCIA – Some Suggested Ministries and Tasks**

**Parishioners, Ministries and Parish Groups (RCIA #9)**

* Share their stories of faith, community life and ministry
* Invite candidates and catechumens to experience something of their ministry / group
* Tell of the place of their faith in their stories
* Give their ongoing encouragement to the catechumens and candidates
* Support and own the RCIA process
* Participate in the celebration of the rites
* Surround the catechumens and candidates with their prayers and support through welcome and hospitality
* Pray and support the neophytes as they assume their role within the parish.

***Hospitality People (RCIA #9)***

They are members of the parish who:

* Know the parish and parishioners well
* Are familiar with the history and development of the parish
* Have a welcoming and inclusive attitude
* Enjoy being with, introducing and socialising with people

*What they do?*

* Encourage everyone to feel welcome
* Responsible for simple suppers and gatherings after the various Rites and celebrations
* Happy to meet enquirers and catechumens and introduce them to other parishioners.
* Arranging through the sponsors for the catechumens to, once per month, meet with various parish groups / ministries.

*Time Commitment*

* Varies depending on which activities the are already undertaking in this area. Once per month would be most likely.

**Liturgical Ministers (RCIA #9)**

These are people who:

* Know and love the rituals and prayer forms of the Church
* Actively participate in liturgy, especially the mass

*What they do*

* Assist in the preparation of significant and regular liturgies throughout the year
* Choose appropriate music and prayers for use in a variety of liturgical celebrations.

**People who Share the Word (Dismissal Team)**

Are members of the parish who:

* Have a familiarity with and love of the scriptures
* Live out the gospel in their daily life
* Enjoy sharing stories and understanding of scripture

*What they do*

* Help catechumens explore the Word each Sunday after the liturgy of the Word

*Time Commitment*

* Facilitating a half hour discussion on the Sunday gospel once every month or two.

***Sponsors (RCIA #10 & 11)***

They are members of the parish who:

* Are active participants in the mission and sacraments of the Church
* Are prepared to befriend and support a catechumen or candidate
* Are people who are attentive to stories, good listeners, intuitive and supportive.

*What they do?*

* Accompany the catechumens and candidates on their faith journeys
* Introduce them to the life of the parish
* Listen to difficulties and give support.

*Time Commitment*

* These people, apart from the overall coordinator, would have the highest time commitment. They are asked to come to the fortnightly catechesis sessions and be available to introduce the candidate or catechumen to people in the parish.

**Catechists (RCIA #16)**

Are members of the parish who

* Know and love the Word of God
* Actively live out their faith and open to learning themselves
* Have knowledge and love of the Church
* Have an understanding of adult learning

*What they do?*

They are willing to:

* Prepare and present catechesis and teaching based on the Scriptures and the life of the Church
* Help catechumens and candidates develop a love of the Word and desire to live it out.
* Prayer and share personal experience with the catechumens and candidates.

*Time Commitment*

* Asked to commit to facilitating and presenting on their topic area once or twice per year. They would only attend meetings at which they were presenting.