



**St. Mary**  
of the  
**Assumption**  
Catholic Church  
"Founded 1824"

***Congratulations to all of those who participated in the  
RCIA Rite of Acceptance/Rite of Welcoming  
on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at our 11:30a.m. Mass!***

**Catechumens - Seeking Baptism:** *Joel-Osteen Daheu, Daniel Hall, Carmen Narain, Ruby Sesker, Richard Ward IV, and Edwige Laure Yontang*

**Candidates - Baptized in other faiths seeking full communion with the Catholic Church:** *Bishop Daheu, Tierra Jones, Maximilianne Manuel, William White, Stephen Witkowski*

**Candidates - Baptized Catholics seeking Confirmation (completion of the sacraments of initiation):** *Gloria Hall, Abraham Herrera, Lucero Herrera, and Michael Schwenk*

**Greek Orthodox – Candidates for the Latin Rite:** *Amy Getehun, Daniel Zena and Sara Zena*

**Coming Home - Revitalizing their Faith:** *Cecilia Chapman and Shirada Harrison*

### **What happened at the Rite?**

- ✓ The initial inquiry period for our parish's inquirers ended and on Sunday they moved into the second stage called "the Catechumenate."
- ✓ The unbaptized inquirers (now Catechumens) received the **Rite of Acceptance**, and baptized inquirers (now Candidates) received the **Rite of Welcoming**.
- ✓ On Sunday, they publicly declared their intention to continue their journey towards becoming Catholics (and fully initiated Catholics).
- ✓ Our Greek Orthodox Candidates for Latin Rite and Coming Home Catholics were given a blessing.
- ✓ We encourage all parishioners and school families to pray for them, as they continue in the initiation process over the coming months. We invite you to take an active role in welcoming them and to reaching out to them as fellow members of the Body of Christ.
- ✓ Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 15 for the Easter Vigil when all our Catechumens and Candidates will receive their sacraments.

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