



The Diocesan RCIA Commission

January 4, 2017

To: All Priests
From: The Diocesan RCIA Commission
Re: 2015-2016 RCIA Survey Tabulation
Cc: Deacons, RCIA Coordinators, PCPLs

Dear Monsignor/Father,

Peace!

I am happy to share with you the final tabulation of the RCIA survey for the year 2015-2016. Again, it should be noted that missions have the option to combine their number with their administering parishes.

This past year, the Holy Spirit brought in 999 members into the Body of Christ as fully initiated Catholics. Of this number, 312 were catechumens, 321 came from various Protestant traditions and 366 were adult uncatechized Catholics who received Confirmation and Eucharist for the first time [RCIA #400]. The previous year's *initiati* totaled 1,095 and the year before that was 1,058. The current total reflects a decrease of 96 people from last year's.

While the *Diocesan Commission on the RCIA* rejoices at this large number, we continue to remind ourselves that our task is not number driven but inspired by simple fidelity to the work in the Lord's vineyard. We do not wish to measure the Lord's work with human numbers.

We are also thrilled to inform you that during that period, approximately 386 persons served as staff/presenters in the initiation ministry and 1,086 individuals supported the *initiati* as godparents/sponsors. This means that more than 2,471 individuals actively co-journeyed through the RCIA last year (*a decrease of 217*).

Thank you once again for enthusiastically supporting the new Catholics, presenters, sponsors, coordinators, and the RCIA Commission members with your constant encouragement.

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