

RCIA Witness Talk for Evangelization Weekend:

Witness talks should be 5 minutes or less and should give a personal account of your experience with RCIA. These are meant to give others an idea of how the RCIA is positive, faith-filled, life-changing experience that is worth inquiring about and entering into. Below is a basic outline to help you prepare your talk. You may write out the entire thing and “read” it (please practice making eye contact so you can make a connection with the people) or create an outline of what you want to say and “ad lib” based on the outline. Please have some notes with you so your talk is organized and you stay within the allotted time.

- Introduce yourself
 - Name
 - Your “role” in the RCIA (e.g. baptized or received & how recently, or sponsor or RCIA team member)
- Tell a bit of your “story”
 - What led you to the RCIA (what made you want to inquire about joining the Church or how you were “called” to become a sponsor or team member)
- Tell how the RCIA and the Sacraments of Initiation have impacted you
 - How did they help you grow in your relationship to God & others?
 - How did the RCIA journey and the Sacraments change your life?
- Provide words of encouragement
 - Encourage anyone who is considering inquiring about the Church to take that first step!
 - Encourage anyone who is considering inviting a friend or family member to extend that invitation.

If possible, include anything that would make a person feel more “at ease” in taking the step. Share how friendly and helpful the RCIA team is, how you got to know the priests and how easy they are to talk to, how you built relationships with the others in the group, how you grew in your relationship with Jesus or with a friend, spouse, parent, or whoever walked the journey with you.