



Archdiocese of Perth



Resources
to assist
Parishes
in
supporting
young people
interested to
‘Come and See’
what Jesus,
and the
Christian faith
might bring to
their lives.

The need for a Come and See Resource

Young people are constantly pondering the big questions of life; why do I exist? what is life really about? Many are also curious about the existence of a God, the person of Jesus and the faith they see in others. Helping these young people find and unwrap the gifts of spirituality and faith within them requires a process of discovery, a journey into the unknown. Along the way the young people meet biblical characters, explore new perspectives, gain valuable insights about God, Jesus and the Christian faith. The journey will shed new light on historical events and the wisdom of the Church. Most importantly, the openness to share and evidence of lived faith of those accompanying the young people, will inspire them to become lifelong missionary disciples.

Resources successfully used by parish catechists to prepare children and adults for the Sacraments of Initiation can be a useful starting point. However, most are not suited to the interactive style of learning teenagers require. The ***Come and See*** resource are specifically designed aiming to nurture faith and a true sense of belonging to the church founded by Jesus Christ. The ones designed for use with older teenagers are also suitable for use with adults.

A Nation-Wide Initiative

Diocese across Australia have developed resources to welcome and prepare young people for the Christian life. In doing so, each has taken account of the particular circumstances and catechetical practices within their diocese.

The '***Come and See***' materials developed in Perth build on and complement those produced in Queensland, NSW and Victoria. The combined efforts have created a comprehensive range of materials for use with three different age groups. The length of the meeting increases progressively, catering for the developmental needs of each. All encourage interaction and sharing.

- **Young Adolescents** 9-12 years (1 hour)
- **Young Teens** 12-15 years (1.5 hours)
- **Older Teens** 15-18 years (2 hours)

Resources are available for each age group during the four stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation process.

Brisbane - Resources include Catechist notes with links to music, video and suggestions for follow up work. A workbook is available for Young Adolescents.

Perth - Resources include Catechist notes with plenty of additional background materials, some handouts and activity sheets for the young people.

A set of powerpoints is also available for the Inquiry Steps for Older Teens.

Stage 1 - Inquiry - Come and See (leading to the Rite of Acceptance & Welcome)

Young Adolescents:

- 3 Crossroads Sessions (Brisbane) / 5 Come and See Steps (Perth)

Young Teens:

- 3 Crossroads Sessions (Brisbane) / 5 Come and See Steps (Perth)

Older Teens:

- 6 Come and See Steps (Perth)

Stage 2 - Catechumenate - Growing in Faith (leading to the Rite of Election)

Young Adolescents:

- 8 Crossroads Sessions (Brisbane) / 1 Growing in Faith Step (Perth)

Young Teens:

- 10 Crossroads Sessions (Brisbane) / 1 Growing in Faith Step (Perth)

Older Teens:

- 10 Growing in Faith Steps (Perth)

Stage 3 - Purification - Prayer and Discernment (leading to Initiation)

Young Adolescents:

- 6 Crossroads Sessions (Brisbane) 1 Prayer & Discernment Step (Perth)

Young Teens:

- 6 Crossroads Sessions (Brisbane) 1 Prayer & Discernment Step (Perth)

Older Teens:

- 7 Prayer and Discernment Steps (Perth)

Stage 4 - Mystagogia - Living the Faith (leading to the Missioning Ceremony)

Young Adolescents:

- 2 Crossroads Sessions (Brisbane)
- 6 Living the Faith Steps (Perth)

Young Teens:

- 2 Crossroads Sessions (Brisbane)
- 6 Living the Faith Steps (Perth)

Older Teens:

- 6 Living the Faith Steps (Perth)

Main sources used to create the Perth rClyp materials

- **Come and See rClyp** Resources created through the Office of Christian Initiation to complement the Crossroads materials and provide a complete set of materials for use with young adults. They incorporate elements from the sources listed below. Additional referencing is included in the text. **Come and See** sample materials can be accessed online via the OCI website initiation.perthcatholic.org.au A full set of the resources is available on a flash drive from the OCI, for WA parishes, schools and agencies, \$15, and for others at \$25, while stocks last.
- **Crossroads** Resources for young people in the 9-12 & 13-16 age group. *Archdiocese of Brisbane available to download free via:*
<http://crossroadsrcia.org/> the activity booklet for the 9-12's can be purchased from <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop-online/faith-education/new-crossroads-rcia-activity-book/>
- **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** *St Paul's Publications N.S.W.* 2004 www.stpauls.com.au
- **The Christian Initiation of the Young** *Editor Fr Elio Capra SDB*
Published by the Office of Worship, Archdiocese of Melbourne, 2000
- **Chosen – This is your Catholic Faith** *Ascension Press, USA, 2014*
Resource can be viewed or borrowed from the Perth Office of Christian Initiation or purchased through local Christian Bookshops, \$300.
- **Call and Response** Catholic Enquiry Centre & St Paul's Publications, 2011 www.catholicenquiry.com An introduction to the Catholic Faith.
- **Walk With Me** *Diocese of Sale, Melbourne available for Purchase, \$51.60 from* <https://resources.sale.catholic.org.au> or contact Perth Office of Christian Initiation to view samples of the resources.

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