

Enter the Journey

OCIA Interest Form

*Want to learn more about
the Catholic Faith?*

*Want to learn about faith
in a new way?*

Please fill out the information below
and return it to the parish office
or you may email it to Deacon Dave
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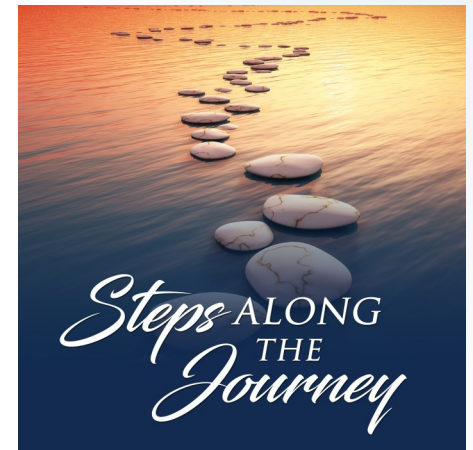
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The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



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- * Have you experienced a yearning to be part of something larger than yourself?
- * Have you been looking for a deeper experience of spiritual truth?
- * Do you want to know more about God?
- * Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith?
- * Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass but do not know how to become Catholic?

Then OCIA is the place for you!

What is OCIA?

The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members into its midst and/or completes the process of Christian initiation. During the process of initiation, a person grows in knowledge of the teachings of the Catholic Church, explores the meaning of the Scriptures for daily life, develops friendships with members of the parish community, learns to pray and worship in the Catholic tradition and discovers the joy of serving others.

OCIA is also for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or learning about faith in a new way.

The OCIA Process

The process of becoming Catholic consists of a gradual process of spiritual and intellectual growth that occurs over a series of five (5) periods.

Inquiry

This period allows you to ask questions and make inquiries about the Catholic faith before making any kind of commitment.

Catechumenate

This period signifies your commitment to begin your journey of becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church by studying Sacred Scripture and Church Doctrine.

Purification and Enlightenment

This period is signified by greater spiritual reflection as you prepare for reception into the church at Easter. This period occurs during Lent and includes reflecting on a series of Gospel-based meditations.

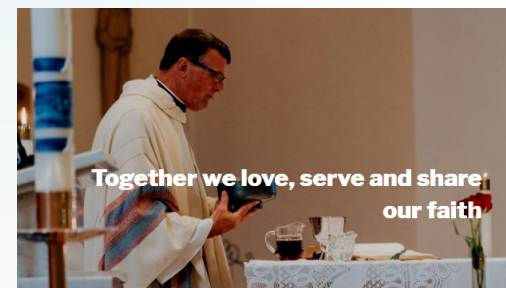


Initiation

This period is the celebration of the entire process as you are received into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil Mass. You are fully initiated through the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Mystagogy

After reception into the Church at Easter, the rest of your life is spent reflecting and learning more about the mysteries of the Mass and the Sacraments that you now participate in fully.



Faith will be the Foundation of Your Life

Make that foundation solid!

This process takes time and we encourage you to go slowly and build a solid foundation. Together we help fulfill your Faith Development through each of the five (5) periods.

If you are interested in OCIA, please see the "Interest Form" on the reverse side to fill-out and return.

