



Who leads OCIA?

A team of members of Our Lady of the Mountain will guide you through your journey. You will also have a sponsor who will accompany you to offer guidance and support. Additionally, the whole parish family will pray for you and celebrate with you.

What is involved in the process?

This is *your* journey so we encourage self-ownership and self-discovery throughout the process along with inviting questions and open dialogue. You will meet with the OCIA leaders on a regular basis to guide you and are expected to attend Mass and other special events to enrich your experience.

Learning materials will be provided at no charge to you including a Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and other OCIA materials.

This period of preparation will take about a year for most people but depending on individual circumstances, may take longer.

God always invites people into a deeper relationship – sometimes in ordinary ways and sometimes in extraordinary ways. You may be experiencing the first urge to know about the Catholic faith or you may have been reflecting on this for a long time.

We invite you to find out more.



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Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church Estes Park, CO

Our Lady of the Mountains Parish is one family fed by the Body of Christ, the Eucharist.

Our mission is to become the image of God to one another through the practice of our faith and offering hospitality to all.



Are you looking to learn more about the Catholic faith?

- I'm interested in exploring the Catholic Church as my church home.
- I was baptized Catholic but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.
- I am married to a Catholic and would like to receive the Sacraments.
- I know someone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

This is your personal invitation to take the first step in finding out more about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church. We offer the opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church. You are welcome to participate in the process with questions, insights, and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting.



What is OCIA?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (previously called RCIA), is a process through which adults explore becoming members of the Roman Catholic Church.

OCIA consists of 4 Phases:

1st Phase: Time of Inquiry

This is a time of unhurried reflection and discovery, whereby an inquirer (a person seeking to learn more about the faith) begins to search out God's call to enter more fully into the life of the Church.

At the end of this phase, an inquirer makes a decision whether or not to move forward to celebrate the Rite of Entrance.

2nd Phase: Catechumenate

During this time of formation, the faith of the catechumenate (person who is seeking membership in the Catholic Church) is deepened through prayer, reflection and instruction on God's word at regular meetings.

The first Sunday of Lent, the catechumenates are presented at the Rite of Election.

3rd Phase: Purification and Enlightenment

This is a period of purification for the catechumenate and the entire parish prior to Easter. The focus is on the call to reform our lives through more intentional daily prayer and spirituality.

This culminates with the initiation of the catechumenates into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil where they will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.



4th Phase: Mystagogy

This is the time set aside to help the new members enter more fully into the mystery celebrated at the Easter Vigil and at every Mass. Mystagogy (Greek for "entering into the mystery") occurs after Easter and is a time to deepen new members' understanding of the mystery of faith.