

Parish leaders and volunteers are invited

OCIA WORKSHOP



This workshop is for OCIA Directors/Coordinators, OCIA Team Members, DREs, CREs, Pastors, Parochial Vicars, Deacons, and anyone else involved in helping others become Catholic.

Topics will include the NEW National Statutes and revised rite, ideas and tools for forming an OCIA team, and training Godparents and sponsors, and how to accompany new Catholics during mystagogy and the neophyte year.



JUNE 7, 2025

HOLY NAME HEIGHTS, 702 SOUTH HIGH POINT ROAD, MADISON, WI

\$25 includes lunch Register today at madisondiocese.org/ocia-training

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About our presenter...



Dr. William (Bill) Keimig is the Deputy Director of the Catechetical Institute (CI) at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. For 15 years, he served as the Director of Religious Education at St. Mary's of Piscataway Catholic Church in Clinton, Maryland. Along with this work, Dr. Keimig served as an expert catechist in the Hearts Aflame and Faith Foundations catechist formation programs for the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. Dr. Keimig has served as a speaker in many other settings, including at the annual St. John Bosco Conference in Steubenville for over two decades, and at major venues in over eighty-five dioceses. He served for nine years as the Director of the Association for Catechumenal Ministry (ACM), which assists dioceses in training clergy and laity to do RCIA ministry and was the managing editor of ACM's series of RCIA texts currently used in thousands of U.S. parishes and in many other countries. He also served for nine years as a volunteer counselor for a local crisis pregnancy center. Dr. Keimig holds a Doctorate in Ministry from the Catholic University of America, and a master's degree in theology and Christian Ministry with a Certification in Catechetics from Franciscan University. He also holds a master's degree in public management from the University of Maryland in environmental policy. He and his wife, Heather, have six children running around: Rose, William, Julianna, Theodore, Elizabeth, and Gregory.

SCHEDULE

- 8:15 am** Mass
- 9:00am** Registration and light refreshments
- 9:30am** Introductions
- 9:45am** Something Old and Something New: the OCIA Process for Today's Needs
- 10:45am** Break
- 11:00am** Stepping Through the Rites and Teaching Periods of the OCIA Process
- 12:00pm** Lunch
- 12:45pm** Forming an OCIA Team and Godparents/Sponsors
- 1:45pm** Break
- 2:00pm** Mystagogy and the Neophyte Year
- 2:55pm** Break
- 3:00pm** Looking at the Most Common Best Practices for Success
- 3:30pm** Questions and answers
- 4:00pm** Closing prayer