

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (ENGLISH)

First Communion

Description:

A program for baptized children preparing to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. Typically, a **two-year process**.

Registration Requirements:

- Completed registration form
- Birth certificate
- Baptism certificate (required)
- Commitment to attending Sunday Mass
- Regular class attendance
- Participation in retreats and required activities

The recommended age to start this program is for children from 7 to 8 years old, when the children already know how to read and write, in order to have a greater use and understanding of the program.

Confirmation

Description:

A program for youth to deepen their faith and receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Usually a **two-year process**.

Registration Requirements:

- Completed registration form
- Birth certificate
- Baptism certificate
- First Communion certificate
 - Participation in parish life, Sunday Mass, and Holy Hour
 - Attendance at classes, retreats, and activities
 - Selection of qualified sponsor
 - Hours of Community and Liturgical Work

The recommended age is to start the first year of Confirmation, when your children are about to start the 7th grade of school education.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Description:

A child-centered approach based on Scripture and liturgy, experienced in a prepared environment called the “atrium.”

Registration Requirements:

- Registration form
- Birth certificate
- Baptism certificate (if baptized)
- Regular participation in the atrium
- Parent support and commitment

OCIA (Adults) – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Description:

A process for adults who wish to receive the sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Eucharist) or complete their initiation. This program may last two or more years depending on their spiritual maturity.

Registration Requirements:

- Registration form
- Birth certificate
- Baptism certificate (if applicable)
- Previous sacramental records (if applicable)
- Participation in formation sessions and liturgical rites
- Commitment to living the Christian faith

OCIC (Children) – Order of Christian Initiation for Children

Description:

A process adapted for children (age 7+) who are not baptized or need to complete their sacraments.

A process similar to OCIA, adapted for children over 7 years old who are not baptized or who need to complete their sacraments. This program may last two or more years depending on their spiritual maturity.

Registration Requirements:

- Registration form
- Birth certificate
- Baptism certificate (if applicable)
- Participation in classes and liturgical celebrations
- Parent involvement in the process

NOTE: All programs require a commitment to attend and participate in classes, attend Mass every Sunday and on holy days of obligation, participate in spiritual retreats, complete assigned homework/tasks, memorize and practice prayers, and maintain respectful behavior.

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