



What is OCIA?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the formation process adults participate in to become fully-initiated members of the Catholic Church.

It is a spiritual journey that culminates in the reception of the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil.

Along the way, participants build their relationship with Jesus Christ, deepen their understanding of the faith and the Church, experience the support and fellowship of the parish community, and participate in a life of liturgy, prayer and conversion.



Sign up for OCIA today!

Classes meet Monday evenings
beginning September 8, 2025
at 7:00 p.m. in St. Cecilia Parish
Center.

All are welcome!

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Thinking about becoming Catholic?



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How does OCIA work?

OCIA is a personal faith journey that helps you learn about God and the Catholic Church. Going through the process of the OCIA will provide a solid foundation for a life dedicated to Jesus Christ.



A second part of the foundation provided by OCIA is your personal spiritual development.

We are all called to live lives of holiness and service. To do that, we need to have a relationship with Jesus built on love, prayer, worship, and conversion.

One part of that foundation is receiving instruction in the truths of the faith. All OCIA sessions provide catechesis explaining *what we believe* as Catholics. Topics include the Creed, Trinity, faith, Scripture, Tradition, salvation, the Paschal Mystery, grace, and much more.

In addition to learning about the faith, OCIA sessions will also address *the way we live* as Catholics. Here topics include Liturgy, sacraments, devotions, morality, and discipleship.



Weekly classes include prayer, videos, presentations, fellowship, and discussion. Questions aren't just welcomed, they are encouraged! The goal is to help you feel confident and informed with your decision to join the Church.

OCIA is open to anyone interested in learning and growing in faith. Attending OCIA does

not require that you become Catholic. It is simply an opportunity to ask questions, learn more, and see if this is what God is calling you to. We hope you

will consider joining us, even for a class or two!

Who should attend OCIA?

OCIA is designed to welcome and prepare adults for full initiation into our Catholic family. There are many different types of people who benefit from the program:



- Unbaptized adults interested in joining the Catholic Church
- Adults baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic
- Baptized Catholics who were not catechized in the faith or who never received Confirmation or Holy Eucharist

OCIA'S Five Stages

1

Inquiry

The initial period of learning and asking questions to see if this is the right step for your personal journey of faith.

2

Catechumenate

A period of deepening conversion where participants grow in understanding of and relationship with Christ and His Church

3

Purification

A time of prayer and preparation that takes place during the season of Lent. Participants are readying for reception of the sacraments of Initiation.

4

Initiation

Celebrated at the Easter Vigil, participants receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation as they are received as full members of the Church.

5

Mystagogy

A time of joy, lasting through the Easter season, where the newly initiated reflect on the beginning of their journey and begin their life in Christ.