



A Journey in Faith

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Order of Christian Initiation
(formerly known as RCIA)

Welcome!

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WHAT IS OCIA?

A process leading to **conversion** of the heart and a **closer relationship** with Jesus who invites us to follow Him

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WHO IS IT FOR?

Conversion is a lifelong journey

- Any adult who has never been baptized.
- Adults who have been baptized in another Christian Tradition and are now interested in joining the Catholic Church.
- Baptized Catholics who were never Confirmed.
- Anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith.





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PONDER THESE QUESTIONS

HAVE YOU
HEARD JESUS
INVITE YOU?

DO YOU DESIRE
A CHANGE OF
HEART?

DO YOU WANT A
RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS?



TOPICS COVERED

- The Trinity, Faith, and the God Who is Love
- Divine Revelation: God Seeks Us
- The Bible: God's Love Letter to Humanity
- Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall, Redemption
- Who is Jesus? Just a Good Man or Lord of our lives?
- The Paschal Mystery: Jesus' Death and Resurrection
- The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace
- Why Do I Need the Church?

- Mary and the Saints
- The Last Things: What Happens After We Die?
- The Seven Sacraments
- Walk Through the Mass: Sacred Liturgy
- Catholic Moral Vision: Virtue, Grace, and the Path to Happiness
- Church History, Papacy; Magisterium
- Traditions of Prayer: The Holy Rosary
- Tour of the Church
- A Love That Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love and God's Plan for Sexuality
- Catholic Social Teaching

Questions, questions, more questions!



LENGTH OF OCIA PROCESS

OCIA is a process and not a program,
so the time frame is based on the needs of
the individual

- Coming to know Jesus Christ on a more personal level
- Deeper growth and commitment
- Discovering your readiness to make that commitment to Christ in and through the Catholic Church



STAGES

Part of the journey is discovering your readiness to make that commitment to Christ in and through the Catholic Church.



INQUIRY

reflection and discovery,
discerning God's calling



CATECHUMANATE

catechesis on Catholic
doctrine and moral life,
breaking open
God's Word



PURIFICATION

time of reflection,
intensely centered on
conversion and prayer



MYSTAGOGY

a time to deepen your
understanding of the
mystery of the faith

rites

We will celebrate your journey in faith by celebrating various rituals.



INQUIRY

Rite of
Acceptance



CATECHUMANATE

Catechumen
or
Candidate



PURIFICATION

Rite of
Election

Sacraments of
Initiation;
Full Communion
with the Church



MYSTAGOGY

fully experience
being a part of the
Catholic Christian
community

THE OCIA TEAM

- Parishioner Lay Team
- Liz Pham, Director of Faith Formation
- Father Ralph Talbot, Pastor
- Father Will Kratt, Associate Pastor



WEEKLY SESSIONS

- Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:00 pm
 - Start October 17
 - Easter March 30
 - Last Formal Session May 14
- Weekly format includes:
 - Prayer
 - Fellowship
 - Topic presentation and discussion
 - Q&A





QUESTIONS?

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