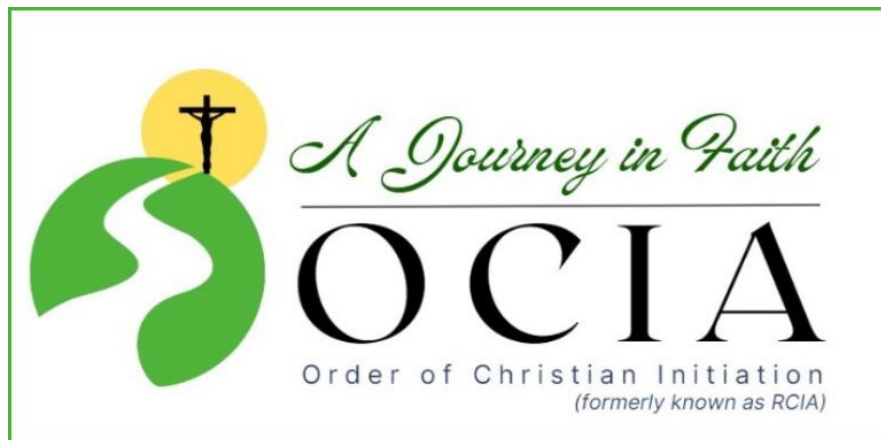


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What is OCIA?

OCIA stands for the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*, the process by which an adult person is initiated into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Through this process the adult is formed into a full pledged Catholic, within the local parish community serving as both a catechist and a model.

Who is to be in the OCIA?

- Un-baptized adults
- Adults baptized in non-Trinitarian formula
- Adults baptized in the Catholic Church, but have not received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation
- Adults baptized in other Christian Churches, in the Trinitarian formula with water, but wishes to become Catholic.

A History of OCIA

OCIA has been around since the early Church - and was the method in which the Church prepared un-baptized adults to be received into the Christian Church (which became known as the Catholic Church). The OCIA process was an intense period of study, prayer, and conversion which (in the Church's early days) often lasted up to three years. During the process, a sponsor would testify to the entire assembly of the conversion, authenticity and genuine readiness of the individual. After some time, the process was put aside and in its place private preparation was used.

If you know of someone who would like to be in the OCIA, or if you yourself need it, then please sign up for this upcoming year's OCIA program.

The program runs from mid-September to Easter, with weekly meetings on Sundays (Noon Mass-2:00pm).

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OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) REGISTRATION FORM

First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: (City, State, County) _____

Father's Full Name: _____ His religion: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____ Her religion: _____

Please check civil status: Single _____ Married _____ Divorced/Separated _____

If married, was it in the Church?: Yes _____ No _____

Baptized? (please check) Yes _____ No _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Place of Baptism: _____

If **not Catholic**, what Christian denomination? _____

IF CATHOLIC, have you made your:

First Confession/Reconciliation? Yes _____ No _____

First Communion/Eucharist?: Yes _____ No _____

If you have been baptized or received your First Eucharist, please send in a copy of your certificate(s) as soon as possible. Please refer to your schedule for the date Applications and Certificates are due.

Suggested Offering \$150.00 (due with application).