



If you are considering becoming a Catholic, or you are a baptized Catholic who is considering completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Holy Eucharist), the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) process can help you. To decide whether this path is right for you, please contact your local Catholic parish, where the pastor or a trained OCIA team member will meet with you and answer your questions. No immediate commitment is necessary at the time of initial inquiry.

The OCIA process is designed to offer you guidance and support in your spiritual journey towards a deepening relationship with Jesus. As you move forward through prayer, reflection, Scripture reading, storytelling, questioning, worshiping, and performing works of charity, OCIA members, along with the parish community, will accompany you on your faith journey.

What is the OCIA Process?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is **a process of conversion** leading to initiation into the Catholic Christian community. This process provides individuals the opportunity to encounter God and respond to His invitation to a new way of life in the Catholic faith. Grounded in a respect for the personal faith journey of each individual, the OCIA process provides an extended period of prayer, study, and fellowship in which each individual has the opportunity to grow in relationship with God and become integrated into the life of the parish community.

We welcome all who wish to participate fully in the Catholic Church. Our mission is to help God's people to prepare for full initiation in our faith. While OCIA requires a commitment of time, participants consistently find the process to be more accessible than anticipated and a profoundly rewarding experience, regardless of their age or previous level of religious involvement.

Who is the OCIA Process for?

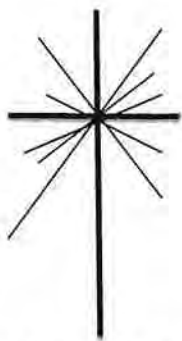
- **Catechumens:** Older Teens and Adults who have never been baptized and wish to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist (Holy Communion) in the Catholic Church.
- **Candidates:** Older Teens and Adults who were baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.
- **Candidates:** Older Teens and Adults who are baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation; by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

How does the OCIA Process work?

Participants gather weekly after the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass **beginning in September and continue through Holy Week** to reflect on and learn about what it means to be part of the Catholic Christian community – who we are, what we believe, how we celebrate and pray, how we relate with one another, and with God. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions as they embrace the conversion process and also reflect on their own personal faith journey. **Catechumens and Candidates will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil.**

What Are the Next Steps?

Please complete the Inquiry Questionnaire and return it to the parish office, or email a PDF copy to OCIA@churchofepiphany.org



The Church of Epiphany

A Catholic Community in the Christian Tradition

OCIA Initiation Questionnaire

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone (Day): _____ Phone (Evening): _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place: _____

Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Religion: _____
(Maiden Name)

1. Were you ever Baptized? ____ No ____ Yes

*If yes, please answer the following:

Name of Church: _____

Address of Church: _____

Denomination of Church: _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Officiant: _____

2. Received Communion? _____

Church: _____

Denomination: _____

Date: _____

Have you ever been confirmed? _____

Church: _____

Denomination: _____

Date: _____

3. Have you ever been accepted as a catechumen or a candidate in the Catholic Church? _____

If yes, when? _____ Where? _____

4. Are you currently married? _____ No _____ Yes

If yes, to whom are you currently married? _____

Date & place of marriage: _____

Officiant: _____

(Name)

(Title)

Prior to this marriage, have you ever been married to another person in a church, civilly, or in common law? _____ No _____ Yes

**If yes, please answer No. 1 below.*

Has your spouse ever been married (prior to your marriage) to another person in a church, civilly, or in common law? _____ No _____ Yes

**If yes, please answer No. 2 below*

No. 1 – Previous Marriage(s) of Inquirer:

How many times were you married? _____

To whom? _____

Date: _____ Officiant: _____

Place: _____

If your former spouse is deceased: Date of death: _____ Certificate #: _____

If your former marriage(s) was/were dissolved or declared null by the Church:

Diocese & Protocol No. _____ Date of decree: _____

No. 2 – Previous Marriage(s) of Current Spouse

How many times was he or she married? _____

To whom? _____

Date: _____ Officiant: _____

Place: _____

If their former marriage(s) was/were dissolved or declared null by the Church:

Diocese & Protocol No. _____ Date of decree: _____