



## Who would benefit?

**This program is for anyone who feels called to the Catholic faith.**

- Those who have never been baptized as Christians.
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian faith and are now interested in the Catholic tradition.
- Those who have been baptized in the Catholic tradition but have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.



## How to get started

We would love to help you on your journey. If you are interested, call Deacon Don Esler at (734) 464-1222 or fill out the Inquiry sheet on our website. An O.C.I.A. team member will contact you so that a gentle interview can be scheduled. Also, please consider sharing this leaflet with anyone you know who may be interested.



There are no commitments, no "pressure." This is your own journey. Instead there is only:

- The love of God for you just as you are.
- The love of the Church in acceptance of you, wherever you are in life's journey.
- The love and support of the people of St. Edith.



Have you ever wondered  
"How do I  
become a Catholic?"

**O.C.I.A.**  
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults  
**is the Answer**

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# What exactly is O.C.I.A.

In the 1960's, the process of bringing new converts into the Catholic faith was revised. Actually, the Church fathers took it back to the way it was in the early days of the Church. It is a journey undertaken by a person who is responding to God's call to know Him. It is NOT a series of classes regarding the "how to's" of being Catholic. Yes, the doctrines of the Church, the sacraments and liturgical practices are all explained. But primarily, it is a process of conversion of the heart to respond to God's graces. It is really more of an **apprentice experience** where, by example and sharing our faith with them, they learn what it is to have and live a relationship with Jesus Christ.



[www.stedith.org/ocia](http://www.stedith.org/ocia)

## How much time is required?

We meet every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 pm in the fireside room of the Parish Office. OCIA sessions begin in October and continue until a month after Easter. In addition, there are several times when we participate as a group in selected parish activities.

Also, beginning in December, participation in the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays is expected.

The topics covered are posted on the schedule given out at the time of interview.

## Is there any cost?

There is no cost for the individual.

A Bible and reference materials are provided by St. Edith parish.

## What are the Stages of OCIA?

The OCIA is a process in which people are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. It consists of four periods of awakening, growth and formation: Inquiry, Catechumenate, Purification & Enlightenment, and Mystagogy. These stages are marked by three major Rites involving the entire community.

## Do I need a Sponsor?

A Sponsor is needed to walk with you on this journey. This person must be an actively participating Catholic who has received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. You may bring someone you know or St. Edith will gladly provide one for you.

## OCIA Weekly Gatherings

Sessions are held on the  
following Wednesdays  
7:00-8:30 pm  
in the Parish Office Fireside Room

### 2025

September  
24

October  
1, 8, 22, 29

November  
5, 12, 19

December  
3, 10, 17

### 2026

January  
7, 14, 21, 28

February  
4, 11, 18, 25

March  
4, 11, 18, 25

April  
15, 22, 29



## The Scrutinies

11:00 am Mass

Third Sunday of Lent

First Scrutiny – March 8, , 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Second Scrutiny – March 15, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Third Scrutiny – March 22, 2026

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 4, 2026 – 7:00 pm