

# YEAR-ROUND OCIA

## CATECHUMENS (UNBAPTIZED)

Entry: Fall, Spring, Summer  
Timeline: Typically 11-16 months



Pre-Catechumenate



Catechumenate



Initiation

(Sharing of the Good News,  
prayer, scripture, 6-8 weeks)

(weekly Sunday  
catechetical sessions)

(receive Baptism, Confirmation,  
and the Eucharist at Easter Vigil)

### SPONSORS

A sponsor is assigned to accompany the catechumen through the journey of faith.

Commitment: Will attend weekly Sunday catechetical sessions after pre-catechumenate period.

Training: Available for first time sponsors.

## CANDIDATES (BAPTIZED)

Entry: Anytime  
Timeline: Typically 4 - 8 months



Individualized formation: A catechetical plan will be created by the OCIA Coordinator based on the candidate's background and needs.



Formation meetings: Will meet weekly with sponsor for approximately one hour to discuss and reflect on the provided catechetical materials. Sponsor and candidate will determine where and when.



Additional support: Sponsor and candidate will meet monthly with OCIA Coordinator so candidates can share their journey and receive additional formation and resources.



Reception into the Church: After formation is complete and readiness is discerned by the candidate, sponsor, and OCIA coordinator, the candidate will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church

### SPONSORS

A sponsor is assigned to accompany the candidate through the journey of faith.

Commitment: Will meet with candidate weekly on a date and time agreed upon and a monthly meeting with OCIA Coordinator.

Training: Available for first time sponsors.



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