



OCIA – formerly known as RCIA

Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic?

Our Lady of Lourdes will be beginning OCIA Sessions on September 7, 2023. We will meet Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30. OCIA is for any adult who would like to become a practicing Catholic and receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation.

- *Who may attend the OCIA Sessions?*

Any adult over the age of 18.

- *I was never baptized when I was young, but would now like to learn about the catholic Faith and see if this is for me. May I attend the course?*

Absolutely! After attending this preparation, you may then receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

- *I was baptized as a Catholic when young, but never received my First Communion or Confirmation. Will I be able to receive these sacraments if I attend OCIA Sessions?*

Yes! Those who were baptized Catholic will be able to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and/or the Eucharist.

- *I was previously baptized into another Christian faith, but am now seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. Are these OCIA Sessions for me?*

Yes! Persons of another faith are also welcome to participate in the OCIA to learn about the Catholic Faith and be formed in it. For a baptized Christian, reception into full communion with the Catholic Church involves reception of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and then a Profession of Faith followed by the celebration of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

- *I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass. Are OCIA Sessions the next step for me to become one of the Catholic faithful?*

Yes! OCIA will provide the path for you to be fully brought into the Catholic Church.

If any of these situations describe you, and you would like more information or would like to enroll for the upcoming OCIA Sessions beginning on September 7, 2023, please contact Michael and Yvonne McGee at 717-354-4685 or at mjmcgee20@gmail.com.