



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

A Journey of Faith. A Home in the Church.

August 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am excited to announce the start of another year of our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) for those who wish to learn more about or join our Catholic community. Please accept this letter as my personal invitation to participate in this wonderful program as you continue your journey of faith and deepen your relationship with Christ. I know you will find the program fulfilling, and I look forward to your response.

OCIA classes begin September 23, 2026, and will meet in the Rectory every Wednesday evening from 6:00–7:30 pm. Those seeking initiation into the Church will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on March 27, 2027, and classes will conclude on April 14, 2027.

Terri Wassmann will lead the classes, with additional catechesis provided by others in our parish community. Their experience and knowledge will provide a wonderful foundation for your journey.

To help you begin your OCIA journey with Christ, we ask the following:

- ✚ **Attend Mass weekly** and have a Catholic sponsor who can support and mentor you throughout the year. Whenever possible, your sponsor is encouraged to attend OCIA sessions with you. If you do not have a sponsor, we will gladly help you find someone from St. Ann's who would be honored to accompany you. We understand that the person you prayerfully choose as your sponsor or godparent may not live in Great Falls or may be unable to attend Wednesday sessions. That person may still serve as your sponsor or godparent. The more support you have along your journey, the greater the blessings!
- ✚ **Plan to attend the scheduled classes.** A complete schedule will be provided in advance so you can plan around your other commitments.

Your Catechist: Terri Wassmann
406-452-3853 or 406-868-0143

You may also contact Oceana Kennedy, St. Ann's Pastoral Facilitator, at 406-761-5456. Oceana also serves as an Advocate for St. Ann's Cathedral.

Blessings,

Fr. Xavier Arimboor



Please join us for the Order of Christian Initiation, OCIA (aka RCIA) 2026/ 2027:

We offer this year of OCIA at St. Ann's Cathedral for the Prayer Intentions of Family. Our Domestic Church.

All are welcome! We are all pilgrims on a journey

Join us for 2026/2027 Wednesdays - 6:00 to 7:30 pm

St. Ann's Rectory(enter breezeway door 3rd Ave. North & 7th Street- right down the stairs)

- ◆ Study is based on the “Journey of Faith” curriculum & includes the Bible, Catechism & Sacred Tradition. All parishioners and all seeking are welcome to just sit in for topics and add to discussions.
- ◆ “Inquiry” is the first part of our Wednesdays with you so this OCIA is your time to learn more about our Catholic Faith and is not only the preparation for Initiation in to the Catholic Church (or completion for Baptized Catholics) through the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation and the Eucharist; but also these Wednesdays are for all of us to gain knowledge and share our faith.
- ◆ Fr. Xavier Arimboor is our Spiritual Director and he is available throughout for questions, guidance and spiritual direction. This OCIA time is to be “a formation in the whole Christian life...during which the disciples will be joined to Christ their teacher...they (meaning “you”, the OCIA participant) should be introduced into the life of faith, liturgy, and charity”.
- ◆ We are in need of Sponsors for our Candidates and Catechumens who can attend classes with them throughout the year. Please let us know if you would be interested in being a Sponsor.
- ◆ **The OCIA team is composed of our Spiritual Director Fr. Xavier, Deacon Tom Miller, Darci Nelson & many neophytes from previous OCIA/RCIA. We look forward to seeing you soon. First class is September 23rd .**

If interested please call Terri Wassmann, St. Ann's OCIA Catechist 406-452-3853 or call St Ann's Rectory 406-761-5456. We are gearing up and excited to see our new and old pilgrims, as each OCIA is such a blessing.

St. Ann's RCIA 2026 - 2027 Wednesdays - 6 PM At Cathedral Rectory

Journey of Faith, Liquori Publishing; Symbolon, Augustine Institute

Terri Wassmann –868-0143; Darci Nelson, St. Ann's 761-5456 Fr. Xavier- Pastor, Oceana Kennedy-PF and Advocate;

Date	Topic	Leader
23 Sept 2026	(Q1) Introductions, Overview of the Year What is Faith (Q2)	Terri
30 Sept	Who is Jesus Christ (Q4), The Bible (Q5)	All
7 Oct	Divine Revelation (Q6), Your Prayer Life (Q7)	Terri
14 Oct	The Holy Trinity (Q3) Places in the Catholic Church (Q11)	Darci
21 Oct	The Early Church (C11), Church History (C12)	Terri
28 Oct	The Saints (Q15), The People of God (C10) Nov 1 The Solemnity of All Saints , Nov 2 All Souls Day	All
4 Nov	The Mass: Liturgy of the Word; Liturgy of the Eucharist; What is the Meaning of Mass (Q9), The Sacrament of the Eucharist (C5), Mass Guide	Terri
11 Nov	Catholic Prayers & Practices (Q8), The Church Year (Q10)	Darci
18 Nov	Rosary, The Church as Community (Q13)	All
25 Nov	No Class- Happy Thanksgiving . 11-29-26 Advent begins	-----
2 Dec	Mary (Q14) <i>Immaculate Conception- Dec. 8 Mass 12 pm & Evening</i>	Legion of Mary
9 Dec	Who Shepherds the Church (Q12) <i>Advent Reconciliation TBA</i>	Father
16 Dec	Eschatology: The Last Things (Q16) Catholic Study Materials	
23 Dec	No Class- Happy Christmas! <i>Holy Mother of God Jan 1st</i>	-----
30 Dec 2026	Epiphany of the Lord (Party for Wise Men Seeking Jesus)	All
6 Jan 2027	The RCIA Process and Rites (C1), The Sacraments (C2)	All
13 Jan	Sacrament of Confirmation (C4), Sac of the Eucharist(C5)	Terri
20 Jan	Sacrament of Holy Orders (C9), Sac of Baptism (C3), Sac of Matrimony (C8)	Deacon Tom
27 Jan	Sacrament of Penance (C6), Sac of Anointing of the Sick (C7)	Terri
3 Feb	(Men's Cum Christo 4 th -7 th) Saying Yes to Jesus (E1), Our Call to Holiness (M5) Living Lent (E2)	Terri
10 Feb	Ash Wednesday (NOON or) 6 pm Lent begins. Info regarding Rite	Mass
14 Feb (Sun.)	Rite of Election 2 pm Sunday Meet Bishop 1 pm (Women's Cum Christo 11-14)	All
17 Feb	Your Spiritual Gifts (M3), Discernment (M4),	Darci
24 Feb	The Lord's Prayer (E6)	Terri
28 Feb (Sun) Mar 7, 14, and March 27	<i>Scrutinies: (Sundays)Feb 28th , March 7 & 14 and final scrutiny March 27</i> Looking Within Period PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT	Mass+Feb 28 March 7, 14, and 27th
3 March	Conversion A Lifelong Process (M1), The Role of the Laity (M2) Moral Living (C13)	Terri, Steve
10 March	Looking Within (E3), Living the Virtues (M6), Family life (M7)	All
Fridays of Lent	Stations of the Cross After March 14 Candidate First Reconciliation TBA	
17 March	The Way of the Cross (E5), Easter Booklet, <i>Soup Kitchen EASTER BASKET PREP</i> The Meaning of Holy Week (E7)	All
21 March (Sun)	Palm Sunday Mass- the start of Holy Week Paschal Triduum Begins Eve of March 25 to Easter evening prayer	Mass
24 March	The Creed (E4) Prep for the Sacraments, <i>March 25,Thursday- 6 pm Oils presented at Mass by elect</i>	All
27 March(Sat), last scrutiny 11am	Easter Vigil Mass: Initiation of the Candidates Catechumens- OCIA photos 7:45 pm	Mass Fr. Xavier Bishop Jeffrey Fleming
31 March	Share Vigil experiences, Evangelization (M8)	Terri
7 Apr	Soc Justice, Consistent Life Ethic, The Dignity of Life (C14,15,16)	All
14 Apr	EASTER VIGIL RETREAT APRIL 14 MEAL WILL BE SHARED	All