

Do you want to become Catholic?

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process in which adults become full, participating members of the Catholic Church. Participants – known as *catechumens* – go through a process of studying the Gospel, nurturing their relationship with God, becoming familiar with the Catholic teachings and practices, professing their faith in Jesus and the Church, and receiving the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

The Church extends an invitation to all who wish to become members of the Catholic faith. Those who go through the OCIA process fall under one of the following categories:

- Someone who is unbaptized or of a non-Christian faith and wishes to convert to Catholicism.
- Someone who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to become a member of the Catholic faith.
- Someone who was baptized in the Catholic Church, but never received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For both St. Peter Parish and St. John the Baptist Parish together, we will soon begin the OCIA process for those interested in becoming Catholic. Preparation meetings will be held weekly, meeting on Tuesday evenings and some Saturday mornings at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and Parish Center in Allentown. **We plan to begin the OCIA program on Tuesday, September 8th** and continue through the Easter Season. Initiation into the Catholic Faith will occur at the Easter Vigil.

If you would like to walk this journey to Catholicism, please email Fr. Andre (anadeau@rcbm.org) to schedule an intro meeting. We hope you consider! For those who have already inquired, you should have received an email from Fr. Andre providing the program calendar. If not, then remind him through an email!