

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Application Form

I am interested in (please check):

- Being Baptized, celebrating Eucharist and Confirmation (Sacraments of Initiation: Catechumen)
- Becoming Catholic (Baptized in another Christian community: Candidate)
- Celebrating Eucharist and Confirmation (I was baptized Catholic and missed one or more sacraments)
- Learning more about Catholic beliefs for discernment.

Date: _____ Parish: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Prefer to be contacted by: Email Phone Both

Can we text? Yes No

Is there a best time to contact? _____

Occupation: _____

Your Date of Birth: _____ City/State of Birth: _____

Gender at birth: Male Female

Are you a St. Colette Parishioner? Yes No (*fill out Parish Registration Form)

In your own words, describe what has attracted you to the OCIA process: _____

Any person you would name as inspiring you to take this step? _____

Household Information

Your Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Your Mother's Name (Maiden): _____ Religion: _____

If you have any children under the age of 18, please list them below.

If there are other adults (anyone 18 years+) in your household, please have them fill out their own information. If they are unable to do so of their own accord, please fill out on their behalf provided you are a legal guardian or otherwise have authority to do so.

Name of Minor Child 1: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Gender at Birth:** Male Female

Name of School (if old enough) _____ **Current Grade in School:** _____

Child is with Me: full time and I have full custody.

part time but I have full custody

part time and I have partial custody

Has Child been Baptized?

Yes No Unsure

Name of Minor Child 2: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Gender at Birth:** Male Female

Name of School (if old enough) _____ **Current Grade in School:** _____

Child is with Me: full time and I have full custody.

part time but I have full custody

part time and I have partial custody

Has Child been Baptized?

Yes No Unsure

Name of Minor Child 3: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Gender at Birth:** Male Female

Name of School (if old enough) _____ **Current Grade in School:** _____

Child is with Me: full time and I have full custody.

part time but I have full custody

part time and I have partial custody

Has Child been Baptized?

Yes No Unsure

Sacramental Information

Have you ever previously been accepted as a catechumen or candidate in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults in the Catholic Church? Yes No

If yes, when and where? _____

Have you ever been baptized? Yes, I was baptized Catholic.

No, I have never been baptized.

Yes, I was baptized in another Christian denomination.

If 'Yes', was baptism done in the Trinitarian formula (In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and with water either poured or immersed/dunked)? Yes No Unsure

Please list the church/city/state where you were baptized, if applicable:

If you were baptized Catholic:

Have you received your First Eucharist (Communion)? Yes No Unsure

Have you received your First Penance(Reconciliation)? Yes No Unsure

If yes, where and when did you receive these Sacraments?

First Communion: _____

First Reconciliation: _____

Marital Status and Information

What is your marital status? Single Widow/widower Engaged Married
 Divorced.

If you are married or engaged: This is my first marriage and my spouse's first marriage.

I have married before. My spouse has married before. Both have married before.

One or both of us have married before, but we have received an annulment.

If married: Spouse's name: _____ Spouse's religion: _____

Date of Marriage: _____ Officiant: _____

Place of Marriage: _____ City/State: _____

If Engaged: Name of fiancé _____ Fiancé's religion: _____

When do you plan on getting married? _____

Have you or your fiancé ever been married before in either a church or civilly? Yes No

***If either spouse/fiancé have married before please fill out Marriage Supplement Information.*

What is expected in the OCIA process?

(Pre-catechumenate, Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment, and Mystagogy)

Pre-catechumenate (stage 1): any length of time

- Attending Mass, listen openly to what we as the Church believe and how we believe we should be living what we believe.
- Struggle with the question, “Is this where God wants them to be on their journey of faith?”
- If they are sincere in asking to become Catholic, there ought to be evidence of the “first stirrings” of faith in the questions they ask, the stories they share, etc.

Catechumenate, catechumens (stage II): at minimum, 1 full liturgical year

- Are expected to be present at the Sunday Liturgy of the Word.
- Are expected to participate in the Dismissal Catechesis (or catechesis during the week).
- Are expected to be actively engaged in the catechetical sessions.
- Are expected to interact with their sponsors.
- Are expected to manifest conversion by growing in their prayer life, joining the community in its social and mission activities, and practicing the beliefs they are learning.
- Are expected to take an active part in the discernment process.

Period of Purification and Enlightenment, the Elect (stage III): begins at Lent through Easter Vigil

- Are expected to be present at the Sunday Liturgy of the Word.
- Are expected to participate in the Dismissal Catechesis (or catechesis during the week).
- Are expected to spend time each day in prayer and preparation for the Easter Sacraments.
- Are expected to participate in the Lenten disciplines of fasting and abstinence.
- Are expected to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Period of Mystagogy, the Neophytes (stage IV): after Easter Vigil

- Are expected to participate in the Mass every Sunday.
- Are expected to interact with their sponsors as they reflect on the Easter Sacraments.
- Are expected to participate in any gatherings of the neophytes that the parish has planned.

It is important to note that the process takes time, but you will be transformed into full communion with the grace of God.

Print name: _____

Date: _____ **Sign:** _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR THOSE RECEIVING SACRAMENTS

Please begin to work on obtaining the following applicable documents immediately.

Birth Certificate: A copy of your birth certificate is required only if you are to be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church. In other words, if you are going to be baptized or if you were baptized in another faith and will now be received into the Roman Catholic Church.

* **We will eventually need Baptismal forms for Godparents completed.** These are to verify the Godparents are in good standing (practicing/confirmed Catholics, and if married, married in the Catholic Church)

Baptismal Certificate: A copy of your Baptismal certificate is **required** if you are baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and will be receiving further Sacraments. If you were baptized in another faith, we do ask you for a copy of that church's certificate or some other form of proof. If another form of proof is needed because your Baptismal certificate is **impossible** to obtain, please speak to the Director of Faith Formation to discuss the witness affidavit process.



Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Received by: _____

Baptismal Certificate on File: Yes No Date Rec'd _____

Sponsor Form Received: Yes No Date Rec'd _____

Sacraments Receiving: Baptism First Eucharist Reconciliation Confirmation

Attended Retreat: Yes No Date: _____ Retreat: _____ Place: _____

Attended Final Preparation for the Sacraments: Yes No

Certificates Printed/Signed: Yes No

Date Receiving Baptism/First Eucharist/Confirmation: _____

Notes: _____
