

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (OCIC)/BECOMING CATHOLIC

Our Mission
To catechize children ages 7 and above in the Catholic faith. We prepare children to receive all three sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion, and welcome them as full members of the Church.

What We Do
- Provide enthusiasm, authentic Catholic teaching, and encouragement to children and families as we prepare them to become life-long, faithful Catholics
- Foster a curiosity and desire to know the Holy Trinity

Who We Serve
- Children over the of 7 who have expressed a desire to become Catholic
- Parents must give permission for their children to attend, and also attend class with their child
- Children may be enrolled at St. Joseph School or public school

Our Target Audience For Volunteers
- Adults 18 and over who have:
  - A love of Christ and the Trinity
  - A desire to educate children and adults in the faith
  - The ability to volunteer their time consistently on Sunday early afternoons and/or after school on Wednesday afternoons
- Those interested in providing simple lunch food to families on Sunday early afternoons

Our Ministry's Greatest Needs
- Hospitality on Sunday early afternoons (light food)
- Support from the Baptism Committee on the day the children receive their sacraments
- Volunteers who would like to help catechize enrolled children and their parents

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