

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)/BECOMING CATHOLIC

Our Mission
To help adults deepen their relationship with God, the Church, and to fully participate in the life of the Catholic community.

What We Do
- Give weekly presentations on the principal teachings of the Catholic Faith
- Provide prayer experiences to deepen one's relationship with God
- Sacramental preparation for those seeking to receive any of the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Holy Communion
- Create a welcoming environment to have open discussions about faith

Our Target Audience for Participants
- Anyone 18 years of age or older who:
  - Is inquiring about the Catholic faith and would like to learn more
  - Desires to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation
  - Is already Christian/Catholic and would like to finish receiving all the Sacraments of Initiation

Our Target Audience For Volunteers
- Practicing Catholics who have received all three Sacraments of Initiation and are fully engaged in the life of the St. Joe's community

Our Ministry's Greatest Needs
- **Sponsors:** Practicing, engaged Catholics who wish to journey with an inquiring adult weekly on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. from September through April
- **Hospitality Support Team:** Each week, we feed the candidates, sponsors, and team
  - Anyone willing to provide food, help with set-up and clean-up, and engage with our participants

How to Get Involved:
- Contact Maggie Viertlbeck

Ministry Point Person
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