

## Considering joining?

There will be an Inquiry in September for those that are interested, in OCIA or have questions about it, to meet with group leaders and sign up.

If you are unable to attend the Inquiry or decide after it has occurred that you would like to join OCIA, please call parish office listed below.

## The Search

OCIA at OLL is often preceded by a video series with discussion called The Search which can help people decide if they desire a relationship with Jesus Christ or draw current believers into a deeper faith.

## For further information...

[www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/christian-initiation-of-adults](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/christian-initiation-of-adults)

## Still have questions?

Contact the parish office at:

715-682-7620

[ollcatholicchurch@ourladycc.org](mailto:ollcatholicchurch@ourladycc.org)



### Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Community

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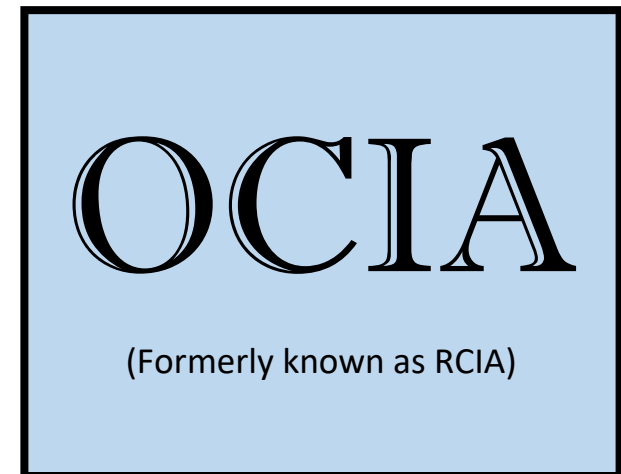
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## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Learn More at...



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## Who is OCIA for?

- Anyone interested in learning about the Catholic Faith.
- Non-Christians who seek a life with Jesus Christ.
- Followers of Christ who have or have not been baptized and wish to enter the Catholic Church.
- Catholics who have not yet received First Reconciliation, First Communion and/or Confirmation.
- Catholics who want to learn more about the Catholic faith.

## Do I need to belong to OLL?

No. Anyone is welcome to join from the Ashland Cluster or surrounding areas. If your local parish does not have an OCIA program, we are willing to work with you and your parish through this process.

## When does OCIA start?

In the fall, usually at the end of September or beginning of October.

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## What does OCIA mean?

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

It was previously called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

## What is OCIA?

OCIA is a process that helps you deepen your faith in Jesus Christ, learn more about the Catholic Faith, discover where you are at in your faith, and if you are ready, to join or come into full union with the Catholic Church.

The process is designed to make sure you understand the core concepts of the Catholic faith through classes, discussion, and mentorship. It includes various stages and rites that help guide and strengthen you along your path.

Ultimately, the purpose is to bring people into full union with the Catholic Church through reception of the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

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## How long is OCIA?

For most people, this is a yearlong process starting in the fall and finishing with the Easter Vigil and reception of the Sacraments of Initiation, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

We want people to understand what they are committing to and to be confident in their choice to join the Catholic Church.

Some may be able to go through this process in a shorter period of time. Others may need more time to be confident with their choice.

We are not here to push you through, but to help you in your faith journey.

## What if I am not sure or decide not to join the Catholic Church or receive the Sacraments of Initiation?

There is nothing wrong with deciding this is not the right time for you. We are still happy to have you. You are still welcome to participate through the year and receive any graces God wishes to give you.

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