

# RCIA/OCIA

## WHAT IS RCIA/OCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA),  
recently renamed OCIA,  
or Order of Christian Initiation of Adults,  
is the process by which adults are welcomed  
into the Catholic Church.

If you know someone who might be interested in OCIA,  
please pass this information along.

If you wish to participate in OCIA,  
or if you have any questions about it,  
please contact Jude at (631) 265-2200 x116  
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## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

OCIA is open to:

- anyone who is unbaptized and has a desire to learn about the Catholic faith;
- anyone who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to explore membership in the Catholic Church;
- Catholics who have been baptized but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist (Holy Communion) and Confirmation.

## WHAT CAN ONE EXPECT AT OCIA?

Individuals who go through the OCIA process can expect:

- to know themselves and God better,
- to be supported in prayer by the entire parish community, and
- to understand Catholic teachings and practices more clearly.

All that is required is openness to grow and learn.

## YOUTH COMMUNITY CARES (YCC) KICKS OFF A NEW YEAR OF HOSPITALITY On Grandparents' Day, September 7th

Students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
and older, are  
welcome to join us.

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