



OCIA classes run all year, so you can begin the OCIA process when you are ready.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete & submit the “OCIA Registration” form
2. Complete & submit the “Confirmation Name & Sponsor” form
3. If you’ve received sacraments at a church other than a family #22 church, submit a copy of your sacramental certificates to CRE
4. Attend Mass weekly
5. Find a sponsor - a faith mentor to support, encourage, & pray with and for the candidate
 - a. Your sponsor needs to be a practicing Roman Catholic and be in good standing in his/her church. He or she must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic, as well as attend Mass regularly. Sponsors must submit a letter from their parish stating this information.
 - b. Parents of confirmation candidates can’t serve as their child’s sponsor.
 - c. St. Louis parishioners serving as sponsors must contact the CRE to ensure eligibility.
6. Complete all 19 OCIA Lessons - We offer a mixed-format OCIA program that consists of a combination of Catholic videos on Formed, as well as hard-copy reading materials from Liguori to provide a solid understanding of the Catholic faith. Students will also meet virtually and/or in person with the DRE while they are enrolled in the OCIA program to answer questions, discuss concepts addressed in the lessons/videos, and ensure all program requirements are met.
7. Attend virtual and/or in-person monthly meetings with the CRE to answer questions, discuss concepts addressed in the lessons/videos, and ensure all program requirements are met. Meetings will take place between the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses at St. Louis. If you are not able to attend every meeting, that is OK, but please plan to attend a few of these meetings.
8. At the conclusion of the program (no later than 3 weeks before you make your sacraments at the Vigil or Pentecost), you will submit a 2-page paper reflecting what you have learned throughout the OCIA process.
9. Attend 11:00 Rite of Sending Mass at St. Louis and Rite of Election ceremony at 3 p.m. at Cathedral, on Sunday, February 22nd, 2026 (first Sunday of Lent)
10. Attend Confirmation Mass, either:
 - (1) Catechumen: Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4th, 2026, at St. Louis, at 7 p.m.
 - (2) Candidate: Pentecost, Sunday, May 24th, 2026, at St. Joseph’s Cathedral, at 3 p.m.

Submit completed forms and contact the CRE, Ashlee Campbell, with questions:
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