

Order of Christian Initiation

Saint John Neumann Catholic Church, 2021-2022

Sessions: Sundays - 12:15 – 2:00 p.m., in the SJN Faith & Family Center, Rooms 9 & 10
Inquiry / Q & A: Wednesdays - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Online (via Zoom)
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What is the OCI?

The Order of Christian Initiation (OCI) is how people can learn about the Christian faith, enter the Catholic Church and receive the *Sacraments of Initiation*: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This is within the Mission of the entire parish, which is to welcome, form and enable its members as disciples of Jesus Christ, in the Roman Catholic tradition.

The OCI is not a “process,” or a “program” or a “class.” It is a restoration of the ancient *catechumenate* that took shape in the centuries that followed the time when the Apostles were alive. It was the early Church’s way of bringing the message and promise of Jesus to those in the Roman Empire and the rest of the world. This method was re-introduced throughout the Catholic Church in 1988.

Participants are usually adults. Those between seven and fifteen years of age take part according to their own needs, so long as they are actively enrolled in either the St. John Neumann Parish School of Religion (PSR), or a recognized Catholic school, to obtain their primary religious formation.

What can I expect?

The *spiritual, moral, ritual and discipleship* formation in OCI will help the participant:

- bring about a “conversion experience” with a sincere intention to change their life and enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ,
- develop the practice of calling upon God in prayer, both individually and in the assembly,
- experience the beginnings of spiritual life,
- experience the Catholic Church through the parish community,
- identify what is a personal “sense of Church,”
- understand and explain the fundamentals of Catholic teaching, and
- obtain a basic understanding of Roman Catholic belief.



OCI, the Church, & Marriage

An initial interview with the OCI Director will ensure, among other things, that prospective Inquirers know about their relationship with the Church. That includes their understanding of the laws of the Church about our Sacraments, which includes Matrimony.

For those who are engaged to be married, there will be some discussion about how OCI can work in tandem with – but never secondary to – wedding preparations.

Prospective Inquirers who have been previously married, or currently engaged/married to a spouse with a prior marriage, should be ready to discuss their situation.

To avoid any misunderstandings, preparing an Inquirer's marriage to be blessed by the Church *must happen before* proceeding further with OCI. Working with both the Parish and the Diocesan Tribunal to do this requires an investment of time. Carefully consider this process, offered at no charge through the ministry of the Church, before making future plans. Please contact the Director at any time with questions, or for support throughout the process.

What does it look like?

Discernment: The Beginning

In reality, OCI begins for a person upon contacting the Parish Office and saying something like, “I want to be baptized,” or, “I’d like to know more about the Catholic Church.” A person interested in taking the next steps should contact the Parish Office and schedule an Interview with the OCI Director before attending sessions. This is a one-on-one discussion to provide basic information, assist with difficulties or challenges, and/or answer immediate or lingering questions. Prospective Inquirers should provide information about themselves – the *Inquirer Form* and, if available, proof of their Baptism. When the prospective Inquirer is ready, then next steps can begin.

The Period of Inquiry

The formal Inquiry takes place *year-round*, with a “rolling entry,” for those who ask about the Church at any given time.

For those with some religious experience, including those baptized Catholics wanting to complete their initiation (Confirmation and/or Eucharist), there are topical discussions on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings that begin in late summer.

Adults from the SJN community are welcome to sessions at any time of the year. Participants continue until they are ready to take the next step in OCI at a time appropriate for them and the community. They are learning in God's good time, not ours!

**The Rites of Acceptance & Welcome**

Inquirers who have experienced an encounter with Jesus Christ, and are ready and willing to move further toward Baptism, take part in their first public ritual, known as the *Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens*. Celebrated at a Sunday Mass, they are publicly welcomed for the first time. They “declare their intention to the Church and the Church in turn...accepts them as persons who intend to become its members” (n. 41). This completes the first stage of Christian Initiation, and opens the door to the second.

Those already baptized as Christians in another faith tradition (or even those baptized Catholics who have not yet received all the Sacraments of Initiation) take part in the *Rite of Welcome*. The church and the Parish community recognize their oneness with these Candidates, even though they may not yet be ready to share the Eucharist until Easter. Baptized Candidates are always considered distinct from the unbaptized, because of the “one baptism” we as Catholics profess to share with them.

The Period of Catechumenate

The second stage is a period that includes training in the Christian way of life: belief, worship, living a moral life, and a life of prayer. There are two groups at this point: *Catechumens* who are unbaptized, and *Candidates* who are already baptized. They may be joined by newer Inquirers, and those who are already Catholic and wanting to resume their own initiation.

During this time – which can be different for everyone - participants will learn about the Scriptures, and the doctrines and practices of our Church. They attend weekly Mass to hear the Word of God proclaimed. The Catechumens and Candidates are occasionally *dismissed* after the Homily; that is, they are invited to leave the body of the Church and meet with a *Catechist* (a trained parish volunteer or member of the Parish Staff) to discuss the Scriptures they heard proclaimed at Mass (the readings for Mass are listed in the Schedule; see below). This study and reflection are a part of their formation which helps them prepare for the day when they will receive the Body and Blood of Christ.



In addition, there are sessions to help participants understand the doctrine and practices of the Church. Catechumens and Candidates also learn about Catholic prayer and worship. They learn how to live and serve others in apostolic witness. They develop their own particular relationship with the parish community. When they have experienced a true conversion to the Christian way of life, they celebrate the second major ritual of Christian Initiation.

The Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion

This second ritual happens on the First Sunday of Lent, immediately following Ash Wednesday (which in 2022 is on March 2). This is a diocesan celebration, led by the Bishop – the head of our local Church – and involves those from SJV and every Catholic parish in the area.

The Catechumens, accompanied by their Sponsors, are formally declared by the Bishop as *the Elect* (that is, chosen by God) to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. Earlier, we will have celebrated a *Rite of Sending* at the parish as a way of recognizing the candidates’ upcoming election and sending them on to the Bishop for their admission to the final period of preparation.

The Period of Purification & Enlightenment

This final period is one of intense spiritual recollection during the liturgical Season of Lent, which prepares us for the mysteries of the Easter Season. It is a time for reflection more than teaching.

The Elect purify their minds and hearts by celebrating several rituals. Three purifying rituals, the *Scrutinies*, take place on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, to strengthen the Elect and help them to complete their conversion. The *Presentation of the Creed* and the *Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer* also enlighten the minds of the Elect in the final weeks of their preparation for the sacraments, and help the Candidates to strengthen their own baptismal commitment.

As the time of preparations draw to a close, the OCI Director and OCI Team will meet to ensure that each participant – Elect and Candidates – have submitted their basic personal information to be entered into the Parish Sacramental Records. They will also help to answer any questions and reduce any pre-celebratory anxieties. As with any big moment in a person’s life, there is usually “drama” and we want to make sure everyone involved is at ease and confident with what happens next.

Lent ends when the sacred *Triduum* – the “three days” of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter – begins at sunset of Thursday of Holy Week.

Finally, the *Preparatory Rites* on Holy Saturday morning serve as the Elect’s immediate preparation for the Sacraments. They will formally recite the *Nicene Creed* for the first time, and join the parish community in preparing for the celebrations which will be celebrated that night, at long last, at the *Easter Vigil*.

The Real Beginning: The Sacraments of Initiation

At some time after dark on Holy Saturday, the Elect and Candidates celebrate all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism (for the Elect), Confirmation and Eucharist.

The Elect are plunged into the waters of new birth and come out of those waters reborn in Christ. The Candidates affirm their desire to be received into full communion with the Church by making a Profession of Faith. Then all become configured to Christ through the Sacred Chrism (consecrated oil) of Confirmation. Finally, the culmination of their initiation happens when they taste the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist for the first time in this most holy time of the Church’s entire Calendar.



What Happens Next: Mystagogy

Christian Initiation continues even after the Easter celebration, during the period of *Mystagogy*. The comes from an ancient Greek word meaning a new and deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith. During the Easter season, the *neophytes* (“new shoots,” the newly initiated) gather twice a month to deepen their grasp of the great Paschal Mystery into which they have just been incorporated. Sometimes there are events, or trips, or other occasions in the wider Church.

These new Christians who have received the Body of Christ have indeed become part of the Body of Christ through their Baptism. The Church uses Mystagogy to help these neophytes understand and live out their new lives as part of the Body of Christ.

Mystagogy is also about *mission*. These new Catholics, now part of Christ’s body, must go forth with us to continue the mission of Christ. That’s where the whole parish, indeed the entire Church, comes in again.

What will be required of me?

The Inquiry period – the first portion of OCI - is a voluntary, question-driven phase, with no obligations. Once an Inquirer/Sponsor has agreed to move forward with the *Rite of Acceptance* or *Rite of Welcome*, there is a public commitment.

According to our custom, those preparing for Baptism will need a full calendar year or more of continual progress and experience in the life of the Church.

Those already baptized who have a prior religious background may need less time, depending on circumstances. Those practicing (or returning) Catholics wanting to complete their Initiation may need less time as well.



After receiving the Sacraments, all may continue participating in OCI as long as they wish – in formation, working as Sponsors to others, or on the OCI Team. Christian discipleship lasts a lifetime, after all!

All participants will be expected to:

- **Attend regular Sunday Mass**, as it is required of all Catholics and the most fundamental way to come to know what it means to be Catholic. (N.B.: Masses with Dismissals will involve the *Breaking Open the Word* session immediately afterward. Practicing Catholics should plan to attend Mass at another time if they wish to receive Eucharist.)
- **Become active in the life of our parish.** Registration into SJV should take place as soon as possible if the Inquirer is not already part of a registered family.
- **Attend all sessions and Rites as scheduled.** If a situation occurs where absences result, the Director and the individual participant/Sponsor will need to evaluate what is happening and what needs be done. *Prospective Sponsors should consider this obligation carefully before making the commitment for the duration of OCI.*
- **Attend all Retreats and Days of Reflection**, when offered.

Sponsors will, once they are assigned a Candidate or Catechumen, be expected to:

- Attend a Sponsor Orientation.
- Assist the OCI Team as needed throughout the Rite.

Sunday and Wednesday Sessions

Sessions are open for *anyone* in our parish to attend, for their own faith formation and getting to meet and know those who are making their way to the Sacraments.

OCI is presented on two separate days, with two different groups. Regular in-person sessions with discussions and teaching take place on Sunday afternoons, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. For those who are just starting out and wanting to ask basic questions, our *year-round Inquiry* takes place on Wednesday evenings online. Inquirers should anticipate taking part in the Sunday sessions once they have committed to deeper learning and all that follows.

What, exactly, is the role of the Sponsor?

A *Sponsor* is a Catholic in good standing who is willing to be a companion to an Inquirer, Candidate or Catechumen over the entire time that formation in the OCI takes place. As they are acquainted, both partners listen to one another, answer questions, pray together, and connect with the larger group and the parish community. Sponsors find their role to be one that enriches and deepens their own faith as well. They're not meant to have *all* the answers, but show the Catholic faith as it is lived and encountered in the everyday.

Sponsors and participants form a tight, supportive group over time and the partnership becomes critical as time goes by. So, it's a considerable commitment to be sure, and not for everybody. Life happens, of course, and an absence or two through the year can be made up. If a prospective sponsor feels their personal schedule or habits will result in multiple times away, it's better that the person consider another role.

A Sponsor must be a *registered, active parishioner of St. John Neumann* who is at least 17 years of age and has received all the Sacraments of Initiation, so long as the Inquirer is not the Sponsor's child. Prospective sponsors should contact the Director or a Team Member as soon as possible, to provide information about his or her background and relationship with the Church, and ask questions. Sponsors will occasionally meet to discuss their role and undergo training on how to help the people they are sponsoring and identify areas of challenge and growth.

Fitness to serve as a Sponsor is determined by the Director with the help of the OCI Team. A candidate's fiancé/e may be suitable as a Sponsor so long as the commitments to the OCI are met and *not* secondary to the details of preparing for a wedding. Baptized non-Catholics may also be sponsored by their Catholic spouses. Members of the OCI Team cannot act as Sponsors, as their responsibilities within OCI are different.

What about younger participants and small children?

Our Church, by law, considers a child at age seven to be "of catechetical age," that is, someone who can begin to understand the basics of Christian faith. For this reason, all unbaptized children age seven years and older will be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil in the proper and historic sequence – Baptism, followed by Confirmation, followed by Eucharist – at the Easter Vigil or another time in the Easter season (*Code of Canon Law* 97, 852 §1).

Children involved in OCI must also be enrolled in either the SJN Parish School of Religion or a Catholic school. This will enable them to develop a sense of community and set them on a course of ongoing Christian formation after they have received the Initiation Sacraments...**Confirmation is never thought of as graduation!** Please contact the Director for PSR enrollment details. Those children who can follow the material in the larger group of participants at the Sunday sessions are encouraged to do so, accompanied by a parent and/or Sponsor.

We gladly provide childcare during sessions for Team Members, Candidates and Sponsors. Our helpers are trained in First Aid and certified in *Protecting God's Children* as required. Child Care is located in our Faith & Family Center. Please be sure to sign children in a few minutes prior to the start of sessions, and provide materials (diapers, wipes, etc.) to our helpers at that time.

2021 - 2022 OCI Session Schedule

Lectionary readings, Session Topics, Reading Materials, Events & Minor Rites

<p>September 11/12: 24th Week of Ordinary Time (Lectionary Cycle B) 131: Is 50:4-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35</p>	<p style="background-color: yellow;">INQUIRY BEGINS</p> <p>Introductions</p> <p><i>Catholic Update</i> handouts available during Inquiry: C0502: A New Look at the RCIA C0604: Bringing Your Marriage Into the Church C1001: Ten Questions about Annulments</p>
<p>September 18/19: 25th OT (B) 134: Wis 2:12, 17-20 Jas 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37</p>	<p>Inquiry Session One</p>
<p>September 25/26: 26th OT (B) 137: Num 11:25-29 Jas 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48</p>	<p>Inquiry Session Two</p>
<p>October 2/3: 27th OT (B) 140: Gen 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16</p>	<p>Inquiry Session Three</p>
<p>October 9/10: 28th OT (B) 143: Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30</p>	<p>Inquiry Session Four</p>
<p>October 16/17: 29th OT (B) 146: Is 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16 Mark 10:42-45</p>	<p>Inquiry Session Five</p>
<p>October 23/24: 30th OT (B) 149: Jer 31:7-9 Heb 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52</p>	<p>Inquiry Session Six</p>

<p>October 30/31: 31st OT (B)</p> <p>152: Deut 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28 Mark 12:28b-34</p>	<p>Inquiry Session Seven</p>
<p>November 6/7: 32nd OT (B)</p> <p>155: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44</p>	<p>Inquiry Session Eight <i>Pre-Catechumenate Interviews</i></p>
<p>November 13/14: 33rd OT (B)</p> <p>158: Dan 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32</p>	<p>Inquiry Session Nine <i>Pre-Catechumenate Interviews</i></p>
<p>November 20/21: CHRIST THE KING</p> <p>161: Dan 7:13-14 Rev 1:5-8 John 18:33b-37</p>	<p>The Roman Liturgical Calendar</p> <p>C 1012: The Liturgical Year C 1195 The Liturgical Year: How Christians Celebrate Time C 1201 Holy Day vs. Holiday: Making Christmas Less Commercial</p> <p><i>Pre-Catechumenate Interviews available before session</i></p>
<p>December 4/5: II Advent (Lectionary Cycle C)</p> <p>6: Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6</p>	<p><i>Rites of Acceptance & Welcome, 4:00 p.m. Mass, w/Dismissal</i></p> <p>CATECHUMENATE BEGINS</p>
<p>December 8 (Wednesday)</p> <p>689: Gen 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38</p>	<p>SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</p> <p><i>Dismissal of Catechumens at 7:00 p.m. Mass</i></p> <p>C 0501 In Search of the Real Mary C 0803 The Rosary: A Prayer for All Seasons</p>
<p>December 11/12: III Advent (C)</p> <p>9: Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18</p>	<p>Church History, Part I</p> <p>C 0687 10 Peak Moments of Church History C 0100 The Christian Family Tree</p>
<p>December 18/19: IV Advent (C)</p> <p>12: Mic 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45</p>	<p>Church History, Part II</p> <p>C 0393 Vatican II: The Vision Lives On C 0905 Treasures of Vatican II: Our Compass for the Future</p>

<p>January 8/9, 2022: BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)</p> <p>21: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22</p>	<p><i>Anointing of the Catechumens - 11:00 a.m. Mass, with Dismissal</i></p> <p>Sacraments, Part I - Initiation</p> <p>C 1095 Confirmation: A Deepening of Christian Identity C 0301 Sacraments of Initiation: Sacraments of Invitation C 0706 Baptism: Our Lifelong Call</p>
<p>January 15/16: 2nd OT (C)</p> <p>66: Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 John 2:1-11</p>	<p>Sacraments, Part II - Healing</p> <p>C 0800 How to Celebrate Reconciliation C 0197 Understanding Sin Today C 0196 Anointing of the Sick</p>
<p>January 22/23: 3rd OT (C)</p> <p>69: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21</p>	<p>Sacraments, Part III - Service and Vocation</p> <p>C 0697 Deacons Today: Ministers of Service C 0797 Sacrament of Orders: Priesthood in Transition C 0596 Sacrament of Marriage: Sign of Faithful Love</p>
<p>January 29/30: 4th OT (C)</p> <p>72: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Luke 4:21-30</p>	<p>Marks of the Church, Part I - Oneness and Holiness</p> <p>C 1081 Tradition in the Catholic Church: Why It's Still Important C 0585 What Does it Mean to be "Church?" C 0904 Nine Things That Make Us Catholic</p> <p><i>Pre-Lenten Interviews available before session</i></p>
<p>February 6/7: 5th OT (C)</p> <p>75: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11</p>	<p>Marks of the Church, Part II - Catholicity and Apostolicity</p> <p>C 1082 The Roman Curia – How the Church is Run C 0388 Infallibility and Church Authority</p> <p><i>Pre-Lenten Interviews available before session</i></p>
<p>February 12/13: 6th OT (C)</p> <p>78: Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26</p>	<p>A Morally Complex World, Part I – Human Freedom</p> <p>C 0989 The Ten Commandments: Sounds of Love from Sinai C 0892 Human Sexuality: "Wonderful Gift" and "Awesome Responsibility" C 0896 Catholic Morality: Has it Changed?</p>
<p>February 19/20: 7th OT (C)</p> <p>81: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38</p>	<p>A Morally Complex World, Part II – Catholic Social Teaching</p> <p>C 1190 100 Years of Catholic Social Teaching C 0607 What Catholics Should Know About Solidarity</p>
<p>February 26/27 8th OT (C)</p> <p>84: Sir 27:4-7 1 Cor 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45</p>	<p>A Morally Complex World, Part III – The Dignity of Human Life</p> <p>C 0995 The Gospel of Life C 0806 End of Life Ethics</p>

<p>March 2: Ash Wednesday 219: Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Matt 6:1-6, 16-18</p>	<p>PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT BEGINS 7:30 p.m. Mass: With distribution of Ashes and Dismissal of Catechumens What is “Lent?” C 0290 Lent: A 40-Day Retreat C 0302 Lenten Customs: Baptism is the Key C 0204 Ash Wednesday: Our Shifting Understanding of Lent</p>
<p>March 5 (Saturday) Lenten Day of Reflection, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m., Faith & Family Center w/RCIA Team Rite of Sending: 4:00 p.m. Mass, with Dismissal of Catechumens</p>	
<p>March 5/6: I Lent (C) 24: Deut 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13</p>	<p>Rite of Election: 7:00 p.m., St. Paul Church, Westerville</p>
<p>March 12/13: II Lent (C) 27: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36</p>	<p>The Two Great Commandments C 0593 The Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell C 0402 God’s Love is Free: The Banquet Says it All</p>
<p>March 19/20: III Lent (C) <i>(N.B.: Cycle “A” readings may apply to Masses with the Scrutinies.)</i> 30: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9</p>	<p>THE FIRST SCRUTINY AND PRESENTATION OF THE CREED 9:00 a.m. Mass, with Dismissal of Catechumens C 0785 The Creed: Faith Essentials for Catholics</p>
<p>March 20-22 (Sunday – Tuesday)</p>	<p>LENTEN PARISH MISSION <i>Facilitator: Fr. Adam Streitenberger</i> <i>Conference One: March 20, 7:00 p.m. in Church</i> <i>Conference Two: March 21, 7:00 p.m. in Church</i> <i>Conference Three: March 22, 7:00 p.m. in Church</i></p>
<p>March 23 (Wednesday)</p>	<p>PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE, 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>March 26/27: IV Lent (C) 33: Jos 5:9a, 10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32</p>	<p>THE SECOND SCRUTINY March 26 (Saturday), 4:00 p.m. Mass, with Dismissal of Catechumens Ministries in the Church C 0891 Lay Ministry: Not For Just a Chosen Few C 0908 Creating A Culture of Vocation</p>
<p>April 2/3: V Lent (C) 36: Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 John 8:1-11</p>	<p>THE THIRD SCRUTINY AND PRESENTATION OF THE LORD’S PRAYER: 5:00 p.m. Mass, with Dismissal of Catechumens C 1296 Our Father: The Prayer Jesus Taught</p>

April 9/10:

PALM SUNDAY (C)

37: Luke 19:28-40
(w/Procession)

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

The Four Last Things

C 0593 The Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell

C 0494 Our Holiest Week

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM:

Holy Thursday: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper* – April 14, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: *Service of the Lord's Passion* – April 15, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday: *Rehearsal for Easter Vigil* – April 16, 10:00 a.m.
Recitation of the Creed, in Church immediately following rehearsal

VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: April 16, 8:30 p.m.:

All arrive (w/sponsors) no later than 7:30 p.m.

A reception immediately follows the Easter Vigil.

MYSTAGOGY BEGINS

UNPACKING THE VIGIL & LEARNING DISCIPLESHIP

Neophytes (newly baptized and newly confirmed Catholics), experiencing deeper encounters with Christ and His Church, will meet to discuss their experiences through the periods of Catechumenate, Purification & Enlightenment and the Vigil itself, and learn more about moving forward into a life of missionary discipleship within their new parish community.

May 1, May 15, June 5 – after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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