



Cheat Sheet to the OCIA

*What you need to know
to get started.*

OCIA Language Note:

“*Catechumens*” - Always refers to the UNbaptized

“*Candidates*” - always refers to the BAPTIZED

Where to find what you need in the OCIA book:

Part I – The Order of the Catechumenate Arranged in Steps

Part II – Rites for Particular Circumstances

NOTE that more detail is included on working with children of catechetical age.

- Chapter 3 and 4 offer simpler (3) and shorter (4) orders of initiation for Adults in specific circumstances.
- Chapter 5 talks about Catholic Candidates for Confirmation & Eucharist.
- Chapter 6 talks about reception into full communion of validly baptized non-Catholic Candidates.

Appendix I – Combined Rites (for use when you have Catechumens and Candidates preparing together_

Appendix II -Acclamations, Hymns, and Chants

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Required Dates

The OCIA:

- *May* be used starting December 1, 2024.
- **MUST** be used by Ash Wednesday of 2025 – March 5, 2025.

Expectations for Implementation:

- *Comply* with the implementation dates.
- *Attend to the different goals and needs for each period* and how to achieve those goals with different methods. (See Handout “OCIA Periods Overview Chart”)
- *Celebrate the major rites according to the OCIA* and pay attention to the details of who should participate and what the rites entail. (items in parentheses refer to baptized individuals)
 - Rite of Entrance (Rite of Welcoming)
 - Rite of Election (Call to Continuing Conversion)
 - Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Rite of Reception)
- *Follow the National Statutes* to the best of your ability.