

## OCIA PERIODS OVERVIEW CHART

Period	Evangelization	Catechumenate	Purification & Enlightenment	Mystagogy
<b>Period Length/ Liturgical Season</b>	3 months	At least 1 year	The last 6 weeks of the Catechumenate in the season of Lent.	The 7 weeks of the Easter season.
<b>Purpose &amp; Goal</b>	<p><b>Purpose</b> - Time of Inquiry and Evangelization</p> <p><b>Goal</b> – Conversion of heart.</p>	<p><b>Purpose</b> - Time of Formation and Guidance</p> <p><b>Goal</b> – Understanding and acceptance of the truths of the Catholic Faith.</p>	<p><b>Purpose</b> - Time of Prayer &amp; Interior Reflection</p> <p><b>Goal</b> – Repentance and acceptance of God’s love and mercy.</p>	<p><b>Purpose</b> - Time of Post-Baptismal Catechesis</p> <p><b>Goal</b> – Deepening of the sanctifying grace received at Baptism.</p>
<b>Major Rite</b> <i>(items in parentheses are for the baptized)</i>	<p><b>Rite of Entrance</b> <i>(Rite of Welcome)</i></p>	<p><b>Rite of Election</b> <i>(Call to Continuing Conversion)</i></p>	<p><b>Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation</b> <i>(Rite of Reception)</i></p>	<p><b>Ongoing reception of the sacraments</b> of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist</p>
<b>Catechetical Aspect</b>	<p><b>The Kerygma</b> Proclaim and unpack the basic Gospel message. Prepare them for the first rite by explaining the following terms: “faith”, “His Church”, “eternal life”, “Jesus”, and “His Cross.”</p>	<p><b>Doctrine &amp; Moral Life</b> A comprehensive and systematic catechesis on the truths of Catholic doctrine and the moral life.</p>	<p><b>No new doctrine is introduced.</b> Liturgical Catechesis focused on prayer and reflection while preparing the Penitential Rite (for the baptized) and the Scrutinies (for the unbaptized).</p>	<p><b>Spiritual Growth &amp; Practice of the Christian Life</b> A period of growth in understanding of that which we have received. Faith seeking understanding.</p>
<b>Pastoral Aspect</b>	<p><b>Building Community</b> Meet with them early &amp; individually to get to know them and identify any obstacles.</p>	<p><b>Growing Community</b> Formation and guidance on the practice of the Christian life.</p>	<p><b>Deepening Community</b> Continued guidance and support to live the spiritual and moral life of a Christian.</p>	<p><b>Persisting Community</b> Ongoing Christian community to persist in the Christian life.</p>