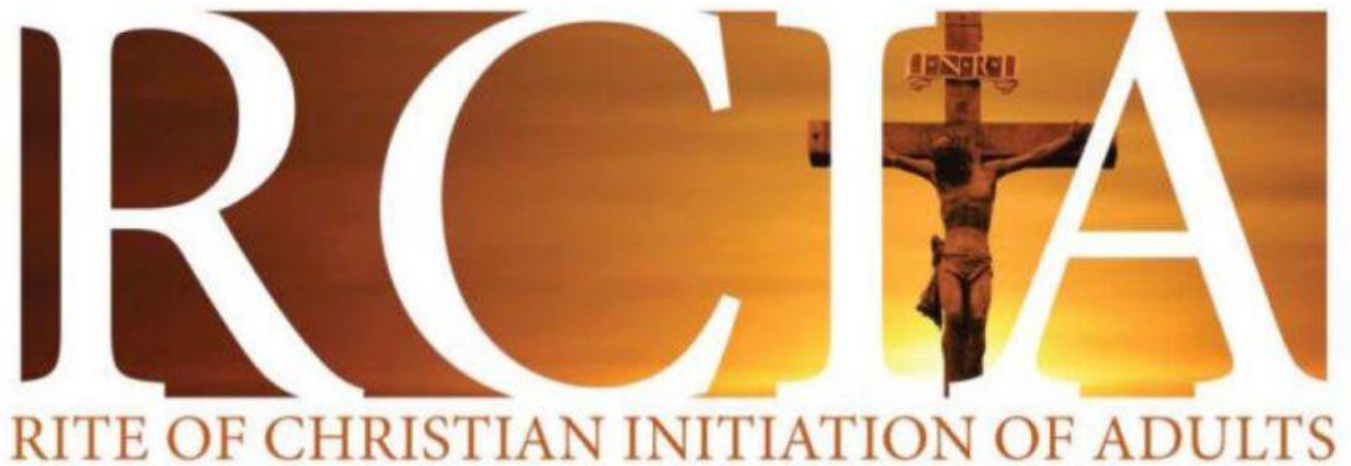




RCIA / OCIA REGISTRATION FORM 2024-25



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What is the RCIA?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), also called the Catechumenate, is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seeking either Christian baptism in the Catholic Church or full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation.

It is a process which enables the study of the Gospels, Catholic Christian teaching, the acceptance of Christian values and morality, the development and deepening of a life of prayer and action with the support and involvement of the local Christian community. The RCIA is more than a course of instruction. It is a process of conversion, designed to meet the unique and individual needs of the participants.

Who is RCIA/OCIA for?

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

RCIA/OCIA Process

At St. Hedwig, our mission is to form loving disciples who will transform the world. Accordingly, we welcome people at every stage of their faith formation journey who desire to receive the sacraments of initiation or to become Catholic ages 18 and older.

Things to know:

1. Meetings will be held on Thursday nights and some Sunday's starting with the 10:00 AM Mass followed by Sessions in the Prayer room.
2. A copy of your Birth certificate, and if applicable, your Baptism certificate is required with registration submission in person for interview. Please call to make an appointment.
3. The program is estimated to be 34 weeks in length and ending Pentecost Sunday.
4. Please make sure that you can commit to all masses and sessions, as no absences are allowed, no make-up sessions are available.
5. Select a Saint whose life and talents have meaning to you.
6. Choose a sponsor who is a registered and active member of a Catholic parish, in line with the Catholic church, attending mass regularly, has received all the sacraments of initiation, and if married, has received the sacrament of Matrimony.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

I. INTRODUCTION

The rite of Christian initiation presented is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God, and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Father's Full Name: _____ ☐ Catholic ☐ _____

Mother's Full Maiden Name: _____ ☐ Catholic ☐ _____

II. BAPTISMAL STATUS

1. Have you ever been baptized (immersed, or sprinkled), in any religious Rite? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. If No, go to section III. If Yes, in what religion? _____

a. Name of Church or denomination: _____

b. Full address if known: _____

c. Date of Baptism or religious rite: _____

If Catholic or Orthodox, have you received First Communion? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Where (name of Church): _____

If Catholic or Orthodox, have you received Confirmation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Where (name of Church): _____

If yes, to any of the above, please provide a copy of each certificate as soon as possible.

III. MARITAL STATUS

1. Are you Married? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Is your spouse Catholic? ☐ Yes ☐ No

a. Is your spouse Baptized? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what denomination? _____

b. Is your spouse Divorced? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, to any of the above, please provide a copy of each certificate as soon as possible.

If not currently married, are you: ☐ Single ☐ Engaged ☐ Widower ☐ Divorced: # of times _____

3. If **you**, have been divorced **in any manner whatsoever**, please provide the following information as completely as possible for each marriage, if necessary, use extra paper).
- a. For each former marriage:
- Name of your former spouse: _____
 - At the time of marriage, was the former spouse Baptized? ☐ Yes ☐ No; Catholic? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Date of final divorce, civil annulment, or Catholic church annulment: _____
- b. If engaged, is fiancée baptized? ☐ Yes ☐ No; If yes, what denomination? _____
- c. Has spouse or fiancée ever been divorced? ☐ Yes ☐ No; If yes, # of times: _____
- d. If your spouse or fiancée has been previously divorced, please provide the following information for each individual marriage (if known).
- Name of your former spouse: _____
 - Was former spouse Baptized at the time of their marriage? ☐ Yes ☐ No; Catholic? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Date and place of wedding ceremony (city & State): _____
 - Date of final divorce, civil annulment, or Catholic church annulment: _____
- e. Can you provide copies of any marriage, divorce, or annulment paperwork? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- f. If you are presently divorced and not remarried, you must understand that any previous marriage(s), whether performed in a church or in a civil ceremony, must be resolved prior to contracting marriage in the Catholic Church. In the Catholic Church, it is not a sin, or against the Church law to be divorced; but once divorced it is NOT permitted to remarry until ALL prior marriages, (yours, spouse, fiancée) are properly resolved.
- Do you understand the above? Please initial: _____

Why do you want to become a Catholic?

Your Name

Date

Notations by

Priest / Deacon

Date

For further information, please contact:

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Deacon Henry Eagar 562-296-9028 heagar@sainthedwig.org

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Date: _____

Sponsor: _____

Sponsor Certs: _____

SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORM

Catechumens and candidates are to select a sponsor. A sponsor's role is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament. It is desirable that the sponsor from Baptism be the sponsor at Confirmation although it is not mandatory. See Qualifications on the reverse side of this page.

Catechumen or Candidate's (Student's) Full Name (Below)**Sponsor's Full Name****Sponsor's Home Address****City& State****Zip Code****Home Phone Number****Cell Phone Number****Email Address**

I hereby affirm that I practice my catholic faith by regularly joining in the celebration of Sunday Mass and receiving Holy Communion	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I affirm I am a registered member of a Catholic parish and fulfill my obligation to my parish to the best of my ability.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I affirm that I have received the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion and Confirmation), and have attached copies of these sacraments this form.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I am single and do not live as a couple with anyone. <i>If you are not married and living with someone in a conjugal relationship, you are not eligible to be a sponsor.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I am married and married in the Catholic Church. <i>If married, and not married in the Catholic Church, you are not eligible to be a sponsor.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

SPONSOR'S PARISH INFORMATION**Church Name:** _____**Address:** _____**City, State, Zip Code:** _____**Diocese:** _____**Pastor's Signature:** _____

Qualifications of a Sponsor:

A practicing Catholic that:

1. Has been baptized.
2. Receives the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist
3. Has received the Sacrament of Confirmation
4. Receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation
5. If married, married in the Catholic Church
 - a. If divorced, is not remarried or previous marriage is annulled.
6. Attends Mass weekly.
7. The sponsor cannot be a parent of the candidate. It is preferable that the sponsor is not the spouse of the candidate but may be permitted if no other person qualifies.

Sponsor Information

What is your relationship to the catechumen or candidate? _____

How long have you known the catechumen or candidate? _____

Sponsor's Sacrament Information

Approx. Baptism Yr.: _____

Church of Baptism: _____

City and State: _____

Approx. Eucharist Yr.: _____

Church of First Eucharist: _____

City and State: _____

Approx. Confirmation Yr.: _____

Church of Confirmation: _____

City and State: _____

Matrimony Date: _____

Spouse: _____

Church of Matrimony: _____

City and State: _____

I have read and understand the qualifications and role of a sponsor. I am prepared to assist the person I am sponsoring in living the Christian life by my own actions, concern, and encouragement.

I understand I MUST attend Sunday Masses with the Catechumen/ Candidate and be present at all the various Rites, Sunday Dismissals (times & dates TBD), including the Easter Vigil on April 20, 2025.

Sponsor Signature

Date