



Saint Paul Roman Catholic Parish Phoenix

330 W Coral Gables Drive, Phoenix AZ 85023

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The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults [OCIA] Application Form

I am interested in (check):

- Being Baptized, celebrating Eucharist and Confirmation (Sacraments of Initiation: Catechumen)
- Becoming Catholic (Baptized in another Christian community: Candidate)
- Celebrating Eucharist and Confirmation (I was baptized Catholic and missed one or more sacraments)
- Learn more about Catholic beliefs for discernment

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

[Maiden Last Name] _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Prefer to be contacted by: Email Phone Both

Can we text? Yes No

Is there a best time to contact? _____

Occupation: _____

Are you a St. Paul Parishioner? Yes No (* fill out Parish Registration Form)

In your own words, describe what has brought you to the OCIA process:

Any person you would name as inspiring you to take this step? _____



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Your date of birth: _____

City/State/Country of birth: _____

Your Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Your Mother's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Have you ever previously been accepted as a catechumen or candidate in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults in the Catholic Church? Yes No

If yes, when and where? _____

Are you baptized? Yes, I was baptized Catholic. No, I have never been baptized.

Yes, I was baptized in another Christian denomination.

Please list the church/city/state where you were baptized, if applicable:

If you were baptized Catholic:

Have you received First Communion? Yes No . . . First Penance? Yes No

If yes, where and when did you receive these Sacraments?

What is your marital status? Single Widow/widower Engaged Married

If you are married or engaged: This is my first marriage and my spouse's first marriage.

I have married before. My spouse has married before. Both have married before.

One or both of us have married before, but we have received an annulment.

If married: Spouse's name: _____ Spouse's religion: _____

Date of Marriage: _____ Officiant: _____

Place of Marriage: _____ City/State: _____

If Engaged: Name of fiancé _____ Fiancé's religion: _____

When do you plan on getting married? _____

Have you or your fiancé ever been married before in either a church or civilly? Yes No

** If either spouse/fiancé have married before: please fill out *Marriage Supplement Information*.



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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR THOSE RECEIVING SACRAMENTS

Please begin to work on obtaining the following applicable documents immediately.

Birth Certificate: A copy of your birth certificate is required only if you are to be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church. In other words, if you are going to be baptized or if you were baptized in another faith and will now be received into the Roman Catholic Church.

* We will eventually need Baptismal forms for Godparents completed. These are to verify the Godparents are in good standing (practicing/confirmed Catholics, and if married, married in the Catholic Church)

Baptismal Certificate: A copy of your Baptismal certificate is **required** if you are baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and will be receiving further Sacraments. If you were baptized in another faith, we do ask you for a copy of that church's certificate or some other form of proof. If another form of proof is needed because your Baptismal certificate is **impossible** to obtain, please speak to the OCIA catechist to discuss the witness affidavit process.

If married (first marriage for both you & spouse), your Marriage Certificate/License: A copy of your Marriage Certificate or any annulment paperwork.

If you or spouse or fiancé have prior marriages:

*Marriage Supplement Information: For prior marriage(s) of the OCIA catechumen or candidate **and** current spouse or fiancé (*complete section for each marriage)*

Prior Marriages: This was **my** prior marriage. This was **my current spouse's** prior marriage.

This was **my fiancé's** prior marriage.

Husband's name: _____ Religion: _____ Baptized? Yes No

Wife's name: _____ Religion: _____ Baptized? Yes No

Date of marriage: _____ Place: _____ City/State: _____

How did this marriage end? Death Divorce

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This was **my fiancé's** prior marriage.

Husband's name: _____ Religion: _____ Baptized? Yes No

Wife's name: _____ Religion: _____ Baptized? Yes No

Date of marriage: _____ Place: _____ City/State: _____

How did this marriage end? Death Divorce

Nullity and Annulments staff will provide information on this process.



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What is expected in the OCIA process?

(Pre-catechumenate, Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment, and Mystagogy)

Pre-catechumenate (stage 1): any length of time

- Attending Mass, listen openly to what we as the Church believe and how we believe we should be living what we believe.
- Struggle with the question, “Is this where God wants them to be on their journey of faith?”
- If they are sincere in asking to become Catholic, there ought to be evidence of the “first stirrings” of faith in the questions they ask, the stories they share, etc.

Catechumenate, catechumens (stage II): at minimum, 1 full liturgical year

- Are expected to be present at the Sunday Liturgy of the Word.
- Are expected to participate in the Dismissal Catechesis (or catechesis during the week).
- Are expected to be actively engaged in the catechetical sessions.
- Are expected to interact with their sponsors.
- Are expected to manifest conversion by growing in their prayer life, joining the community in its social and mission activities, and practicing the beliefs they are learning.
- Are expected to take an active part in the discernment process.

Period of Purification and Enlightenment, the Elect (stage III): begins at Lent through Easter Vigil

- Are expected to be present at the Sunday Liturgy of the Word.
- Are expected to participate in the Dismissal Catechesis (or catechesis during the week).
- Are expected to spend time each day in prayer and preparation for the Easter Sacraments.
- Are expected to participate in the Lenten disciplines of fasting and abstinence.
- Are expected to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Period of Mystagogy, the Neophytes (stage IV): after Easter Vigil

- Are expected to participate in the Mass every Sunday.
- Are expected to interact with their sponsors as they reflect on the Easter Sacraments.
- Are expected to participate in any gatherings of the neophytes that the parish has planned.

Please ask any questions of your OCIA team member or schedule an appointment with OCIA Director, Sr. Rose Santa, if you have any questions, concerns, or just want more information. Important to note that the process takes time, but you will be transformed into full communion of the Catholic way of life.

Print name: _____ Sign: _____