

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church, Bixby, Oklahoma is committed to Christ's Command:

GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU; AND LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE AGE." (MATTHEW 28:19-20)

With the prayers and support of godparents, sponsors, and the entire parish community who welcome you with open arms and hearts. We will help form adults in the way of Jesus Christ as it is lived and practiced in the faith and tradition of the Catholic Church. O.C.I.A. offers a series of initiation stages and rites that take place in the parish liturgical celebrations for the purpose of learning, praying, personal change, and spiritual growth. After the reception of the sacraments of initiation the neophytes are offered a share in Christ's mission on earth to transform the world into a kingdom of truth, grace, holiness, love, justice, and peace.

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- Is God calling you to follow Him?
- Is there something missing in your life, are you seeking greater meaning?
- Are you experiencing restlessness?
- Are you interested in inquiring about the Catholic Church?
- Have you been baptized but haven't completed your Christian initiation through the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation, and Holy Communion?
- Have you been distanced from the Catholic Church and desire to re-integrate yourself into the life of the Church?

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Here at St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church, we have a process that enables people to explore a relationship with Jesus Christ and with the Catholic faith.

This process introduces our inquirers, catechumens, and candidates to Jesus Christ and the teachings of Catholic Church about the Triune God, the person of Jesus Christ, the Word of God in Sacred Scripture, The Church Apostolic traditions and teachings, the Sacraments of the Church, the Commandments of God, the liturgy and prayer, and the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

We travel through all phases of our Catholic beliefs, traditions, rituals, and practices during the OCIA process.

Each person, who, after a Period of Inquiry, chooses to continue the journey to become Catholic, makes their faith journey with a godparent or sponsor. The godparent or sponsor has the opportunity to deepen their faith life as they share their faith experiences during this journey with the catechumen or candidate.

The OCIA journey begins with the Period of Inquiry and reaches its climax at the Easter Vigil Liturgy of the Mass where the elect are fully initiated into the Catholic faith by the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion).

There is no obligation to become Catholic. If you would like to consider becoming Catholic or learning more about the teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church or would just like more information please contact the parish office at 918-366-3166 or email Deacon Neal Harton at parishlife@stcbixby.org.
