

OCIC for YOUTH & TEENS

OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation for Children) is open to all youth & teens who are entering the grades of 6th – 12th, unbaptized or baptized. These classes are designed to educate our youth & teens in the Catholic faith and prepare them to be fully received into the Catholic Church through the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at our Easter Vigil Mass. Whether your family is just entering the Church, returning to the practice of the Catholic faith, or delayed your child's sacramental preparation, all are welcome.

Class Schedule:

Our OCIC classes start in early October and runs through April. Our class session is held weekly on Sundays, 11:30am – 1pm, in Room 1 of the St. John Vianney Regional Middle School building (opposite the Cathedral).

Who is eligible to enroll in this program?

OCIC is a program for youth & teens between the ages of 12 - 17 years old who have:

- a) **not been Baptized or Baptized in a denomination not recognized by the Catholic Church.**
- b) **Baptized in the Catholic Church but have not completed the reception of their Sacraments of Initiation** (Baptism, First Penance, First Eucharist, Confirmation).

Once enrolled, what is the obligation of the student?

- The youth-Teen and his or her parent(s) agree to attend weekly Sunday Mass as well as on Holy Days of Obligation.
- The parents/guardian agree that this child will be raised Catholic. >
- All OCIC students are expected to attend our weekly Sunday class.
- And all required preparation Masses, Rites, and rehearsal for participation in our Easter Vigil Mass.
- All students will need a Godparent and/ or Sponsor who is an active member in the Catholic Church. The godparent or sponsor must be at least 16 years of age, having received their Sacraments of initiation in the Catholic faith and be a practicing catholic (if married, married in the Catholic Church). A "Certificate of Eligibility" from the Church in which they are a registered member must be provided early in the program, signed by the Pastor, and affixed with the Church seal.
- The Godparent / Sponsor is obligated to attend all special Masses and Rites in addition to the rehearsal for the Easter Vigil Mass.

If the student is unable to find a suitable Godparent / Sponsor for the child, the parish will provide one for you.

How do I enroll in OCIC?

Contact Miss Donna Sciacca, Director of Religious Education by calling 610-432-7655 or send an email to prep@cathedral-church.org

You may also download a registration form from the link below, complete and return it via mail it with your **check payable to:** Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena (*write OCIC in the note section on your check*).

Mail to: Parish Religious Education Office
Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena – Rectory
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