



ADULT REGISTRATION FORM 2026-2027



New sessions begin February 2026

Please email us at FaithFormation@SaintHedwig.Org,
so that we can put you on our reminder list as we approach
open registrations.

What is OCIA?

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for 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 OCIA 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 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.

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 a weeknight and on occasion Sunday 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 process is estimated to end on Pentecost.
4. Please make sure that you can commit to all masses and sessions, as no absences are allowed, no make-up sessions are available. (Please speak with the Instructor/Team).
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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

I. INTRODUCTION

The order 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.