



## **OCIA : A Journey to Eternity**

*“Come and see what God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

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### **Contact Information**

#### **St. Paul’s Catholic Church – Englewood, OH**

- **Instructor:** Deacon Brian Seibert Sr., Director of Evangelization
- **Class Time:** Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 pm
- **Parish Office:** (937) 836-7535
- **Website:** [northwestdaytoncatholic.org](http://northwestdaytoncatholic.org)

#### **Holy Trinity Catholic Church – Dayton, OH**

- **Instructor:** Lynda Middleton, Pastoral Associate & Director of DRE
- **Class Time:** Sundays, 12:00–1:30 pm (after 10:30 am Mass)
- **Parish Office:** Holy Trinity – (937) 228-1223
- **Website:** [holytrinitydayton.org](http://holytrinitydayton.org)

### **Alternative Instruction:**

- **Instructor:** Deacon Rusty Baldwin (for individual sessions)
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## Welcome Message

We're so glad you're here! *OCIA : A Journey to Eternity* is more than just a class—it's a step toward the life God created you for.

In these weeks together, you'll discover the beauty, depth, and joy of the Catholic faith. We'll walk with you through Scripture, the teachings of the Church, the sacraments, and—most importantly—a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

There are no tests, no grades, no prerequisites—only a willingness to open your heart to the One who made you and loves you beyond measure. Your “final exam” is the one at the end of life, when you stand before God and hear His loving invitation into eternity.

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## Course Overview

- **Goal:** To lead participants into a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ and His Church, helping them prepare to receive the sacraments and live as faithful disciples.
- **Textbook:** *Foundations of Faith* (Ascension Press)
- **Schedule:** 20 weeks of class, with breaks for Thanksgiving and Christmas
- **Attendance:** Please do your best not to miss more than three classes. If you must be absent, recordings will be available online, and you are encouraged to connect with your instructor to stay on track.

## **Weekly Schedule & Topics**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date (2025–26)</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1	Sept 3 / Sept 7	Welcome; Introduction to OCIA & Your Journey God is Love
2	Sept 10 / 14	Divine Revelation
3	Sept 17 / 21	The Father
4	Sept 24 / 28	Jesus
5	Oct 1 / 5	Jesus' Mission / Rite of Acceptance
6	Oct 8 / 12	The Holy Spirit
7	Oct 15 / 19	The Holy Catholic Church
8	Oct 22 / 26	Mary and the Saints
9	Oct 29 / Nov 2	The Last Things
10	Nov 5 / 9	Baptism and Confirmation
11	Nov 12 / 16	Eucharist
12	Nov 19 / 23	Reconciliation / Sacrament of the Sick Thanksgiving Break
13	Dec 3 / 7	Matrimony and Holy Orders
14	Dec 10 / 14	A Call to Happiness

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	<b>Christmas Break</b> Dec 17 / 21 & Dec 24 / 28	— No class —
15	Jan 4 / 7	Commandments (Part 1)
16	Jan 11 / 14	Commandments (Part 2)
17	Jan 18 / 21	Call to Prayer
18	Jan 25 / 28	Life of Prayer
19	Feb 1 / 4	The Our Father
20	Feb 8/11	The Church Calendar Year / Cycles

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### **Important OCIA Milestones (*Location TBD*)**

- Rite of Acceptance / Welcome    Oct. 5, 2025
- Rite of Election / Sending        Feb. 22, 2025
- Scrutinizes (3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays of Lent)
- Easter Vigil – Reception of Sacraments April 4, 2026
- Mystagogy (Post-Easter Formation)

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### **Expectations & Commitment**

We understand that life is busy and sometimes unpredictable. However, this journey is one of the most important commitments you will ever make. Faith is not just something we learn—it's something we live. We ask you to be present, to participate, and to open your heart to God's call.