



St. Joseph the Worker CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Welcome To The **Order Of Christian Initiation of Adults***

Dear friend in Christ,

Thank you so much for making time to come and see more of the Catholic Church and St. Joseph the Worker Parish. It is our sincere belief that the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church was founded by Jesus Christ, and is your home—and destined to be the home for all of God's children. I pray that this local Catholic community (which we call a 'parish') will not only be your doorway to the Church and the True Presence of Jesus in the world, but also your home for many days to come.

The OCIA is a combination of classes, special prayers within the Church, and dialogue with the goal to communicate the Revelation of Jesus Christ and welcome people to forge a real union with Him through the Sacraments.

Please be at peace, for God calls us as we are right now, knowing us even better than we know ourselves! He blesses our efforts to come to Him, to seek and find Him in the world. I hope that as you attend the various prayers, presentations, discussions, and witnesses offered in the OCIA, you will bring an open and sincere heart.

There is a wonderful team of parishioners (members of the parish) as well as deacons (ordained ministers who aid the work of priests) who serve on the OCIA team. Some of them sat just as you, at the beginning of something very new and challenging in their lives, and were drawn to the Church to learn more through the OCIA in past years. Some of us were baptized into the Catholic Church as infants. For all of us, our commitment to our faith and how we live it is a choice we make each day and we are blessed to help in any way with those who seek to encounter our Lord. Please know each of us is here for you every step of the way, and the whole community of St. Joseph the Worker will be praying for you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Rev. Msgr. Victor F. Finelli, V.J., J.C.L.