
Dear OCIA Family and Friends,

Warm greetings! Hope you are all doing well.

We're so glad you're considering taking the next step in your journey of faith. Whether you're exploring the Catholic Church for the first time, seeking baptism, or looking to complete your sacraments, we warmly welcome you to learn more about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) here at St. Martin of Tours Parish.

OCIA is the Catholic Church's process for welcoming adults and children (age 7 and older) into full communion with the faith. Whether a person is unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or baptized Catholic but not fully initiated, OCIA offers a gradual, community-based journey of faith, learning, and spiritual growth. Through distinct periods and meaningful liturgical rites, including Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, participants are guided in deepening their relationship with Christ and becoming active members of the Church.

No matter where you are in life or what your story may be, know that you are welcome here. If you feel a stirring in your heart to explore the Catholic faith or return to the Church, we invite you to take this step with us. We are here to walk with you every step of the way.

**To enroll in our OCIA process, the registration and required forms should be submitted by the registration deadline of August 18, 2026. We will be sharing more information about the requirements and calendar events during our sessions.**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me through my email and phone below.

Thank you and I'm looking forward to having a wonderful and blessed year with you all!

Take care and God bless,
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# ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
# Order of Christian Initiation
# Registration Form & Inquirer's Information – Adult
# 2026-2027

Full legal name: _____

Maiden name (if applicable) _____

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth (city/state) _____

Home address: _____

Email address: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Present religious affiliation: _____

Name of father: _____

Name of mother: _____ Mother's maiden name: _____

Name of sponsor*: _____

Email address: _____ Mobile phone: _____

***A sponsor must be at least 16 years old AND a Catholic who has received all his/her Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) and is living his/her faith. The sponsor should be someone who can and will support you in this process and be able to accompany you to the rites and ceremonies.**

**If you cannot obtain a sponsor who meets the above criteria, the OCIA team will help you find a sponsor from the parish community of St. Martin of Tours.**

## RELIGIOUS HISTORY

1. Are you baptized? Yes No
   a. If **yes**, what is the date of baptism? _____
   b. If **no**, proceed to the GENERAL QUESTIONS

***If you have NOT been baptized, you must provide a copy of your birth certificate.**

2. In what denomination were baptized? _____
   Parish/church of baptism: _____
   Address of parish/church of baptism: _____
   _____

   If baptized Catholic, please answer A and B:

   A. Have you had your First Holy Communion? Yes No
   B. Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Yes No

***If you have received a valid Christian baptism (*in which water AND the Trinitarian formula are used*) you must provide a copy of your baptism certificate.**

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

What or who led you to want to know more about the Catholic faith?

What are some of the questions or concerns you have about the Catholic Church?

Please describe any religious education or study that you have done prior to now (ex: Bible study, classes in a different faith tradition, individual study).

What contact have you had with the Catholic Church?

**MARRIAGE HISTORY**

Are you currently married? Yes No
Date of marriage? _____
Type of wedding: Civil Church
Spouse's religious affiliation: _____

Are you currently engaged to be married? Yes No
If yes, what is your fiancé's religious affiliation? _____
Proposed wedding date: _____

Have you been married prior to your current marriage/engagement? Yes No
If **yes**, answer the following questions:

| | **Spouse 1** | **Spouse 2** |
|---|---|---|
| Year of marriage | _____ | _____ |
| Is previous spouse still living? | _____ | _____ |
| Date of death (if applicable) | _____ | _____ |
| Place of marriage | _____ | _____ |
| By whom were you married (priest, reverend, judge, minister, etc.)? | _____ | _____ |
| Was spouse a Catholic at time of wedding? | _____ | _____ |
| Was spouse baptized in another Christian denomination? | _____ | _____ |
| Have you applied for an annulment? | _____ | _____ |

Has your current spouse/fiancé ever been married before? Yes No
If **yes**, answer the following questions:

| | **Spouse 1** | **Spouse 2** |
|---|---|---|
| Year of marriage | _____ | _____ |
| Is his/her previous spouse still living? | _____ | _____ |
| Date of death (if applicable) | _____ | _____ |
| Place of marriage | _____ | _____ |
| By whom were they married (priest, reverend, judge, minister, etc.)? | _____ | _____ |
| Was his/her previous spouse Catholic at time of wedding? | _____ | _____ |
| Was his/her spouse baptized in another Christian denomination? | _____ | _____ |
| Has an annulment been filed? | _____ | _____ |

**Your answers will be treated as confidential.**

**REGISTRATION FEE**

The registration fee is $200 per participant.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Payment can be made by cash or check. If you plan on paying with a check, please write it out to St. Martin of Tours, and on the memo portion, please write "OCIA".

The registration form & inquirer's information, all the required documents, and registration fee are to be submitted to Faith Formation in the parish office by **August 18, 2026**. The parish office is located at 200 O'Connor Drive, San Jose, CA 95128.

**CHECKLIST**

_____ Completed registration form & inquirer's information
_____ Birth certificate (if applicable)
_____ Baptism certificate (if you have received a valid Christian baptism)
_____ Registration fee
_____ Participation waiver form (attached)

**We look forward to walking with you in your faith journey. May God bless you as you engage in this process with us.**

For inquiries, please contact Ed Ibarra (Catechetical Director) through email at eibarra@stmartin.org or through phone at (408) 294-8953 ext. 321.

DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE

**Insurance & Risk Management**

# Participant Activity Waiver Form

General Liability

| **Parish/School/Location Information** | |
|---|---|
| Location Name: St. Martin of Tours Church | **Location #**: 228 |
| Location Address: 200 O'Connor Dr. San Jose, CA 95128 | Telephone: (408) 294 8953 x. 321 |
| Contact Name: Edmund Ibarra | Facsimile: n/a |
| ***NOTICE TO ALL PARISH/SCHOOL ADMINSTRATORS – THE WAIVER MUST BE KEPT ON FILE AT THE PARISH/SCHOOL IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. IF AN INCIDENT DOES OCCUR, PLEASE REPORT ALL INCIDENTS TO THE DIOCESAN CFO ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTANT, SUZANNE.BALISTRERI@DSJ.ORG WITHIN 24 HOURS. A NEW WAIVER MUST BE FILLED OUT, SIGNED AND KEPT ON FILE ANNUALLY.*** | |

| **Participant Personal Information** | |
|---|---|
| Participant Name: | Phone: |
| Home Address: | Email: |
| Medical Plan Name: | Policy Number: |
| Medical Plan Address: | Phone: |
| Emergency Contact Name: | Phone: |
| Emergency Contact Name: | Phone: |

| **Activity Information** | |
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| Date of Activity: August 1,2026-June 30, 2027 | Name of Activity: Faith Formation, Sacr. Prep. Confirmation, OCIA |
| Description of Activity: Classes and various events in the Parish | |

**Waiver Authorization**

*FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ALL RESPECTS, SIGNED AND DATED TO AUTHORIZE THE WAIVER.*

*TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, I HOLD THE PARISH/SCHOOL AND DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE HARMLESS FROM ANY CLAIM OF INJURY, SICKNESS, ILLNESS OR DAMAGE THAT I /MY CHILD MAY SUFFER OR SUSTAIN DURING THE ACTIVITY LISTED ABOVE, WITH EXCEPTION TO INJURY OF DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF THE PARISH/SCHOOL OR DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE. I ATTEST THAT I AM/MY CHILD IS PHYSICALLY FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT.*

*IN THE EVENT THAT I/MY CHILD BECOME(S) ILL OR INJURED, I DO HEREBY CONSENT TO WHATEVER MEDICAL TREATMENT(S), INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO X-RAY, EXAMINATION, OR HOSPITAL CARE, CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN THE BEST JUDGEMENT OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN AND PERFORMED BY OR UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL STAFF OF THE HOSPITAL AND/OR OTHER MEDICAL FACILITY PROVIDING THE TREATMENT. I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY MEDICAL CONDITION WHICH WOULD RENDER IT INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME/MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS EVENT.*


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*Also, I acknowledge the inherent risks of exposure to COVID-19, or other infectious virus or disease and voluntarily assume the risk that I/my child may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19, or other infectious virus or disease, by participating in this activity.*

*I/my child understand that the PARISH/SCHOOL AND DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE have put in place rules and precautions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. While acknowledging that these rules and precautions may or may not be effective in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, I/my child agree to comply with such rules and precautions which may include, but are not limited to, wearing a face covering, hand washing, and hand sanitizing.*

*I agree that if I am/my child is exhibiting symptoms of illness such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty of breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, or sore throat, I/my child will seek medical attention as needed, and refrain from attending the mentioned activity until I get/my child gets better.*

*I/my child hereby release and agree to hold PARISH/SCHOOL AND DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE harmless from, and waive on behalf of myself/my child, my heirs, and any personal representatives, any and all causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses and compensation for damage or loss to myself/my child and/or property that may be caused by any act, or failure to act of the PARISH/SCHOOL AND DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE, or that may otherwise arise in any way in connection with any participation of activities WITH EXCEPTION TO INJURY OR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF THE PARISH/SCHOOL OR DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE.*

*I/my child understand that this release discharges the PARISH/SCHOOL AND DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE from any liability or claim that I/my child, my heirs, or any personal representatives may have against the parish with respect to any bodily injury, illness, death, medical treatment, or property damage that may arise from, or in connection to, any participation in activities WITH EXCEPTION TO INJURY OR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF THE PARISH/SCHOOL OR DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE.*

*This liability waiver and release extends to the PARISH/SCHOOL AND DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE together with its clergy, staff, volunteers, and other participants.*

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| Participant Signature:<br>(Parent signature if participant is under 18) | Date Signed: |
| **Internal Use Only** | |
| Waiver Received By: | Date Received: |


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**2026-2027 OCIA CALENDAR OF SESSIONS AND RITES – ADULTS**

**(Sessions are in the Parish Office after the 10:30 AM Mass, at around 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM)**

**Sponsors are more than welcome and encouraged to attend the sessions.** 

| DATE | TOPIC | PLACE |
|---|---|---|
| August 23, 2026 | Welcome to the OCIA (Q1) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | Watch video "What do you seek?" | |
| | What is Faith? (Q2) | |
| August 30, 2026 | Watch video "Why a God?" | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | The Holy Trinity (Q3) | |
| | Optional Video "The Catholic Faith Explained" | |
| September 6, 2026 | NO SESSION - Labor Day Weekend | |
| September 13, 2026 | Watch Video "Who is Jesus Christ?" | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | Discussion with Q4 | |
| September 20, 2026 | Watch video "The Bible" | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | followed by Discussion (Q5) | |
| | Learning to use the Bible | |
| September 27, 2026 | Watch video "Divine Revelation" | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | Divine Revelation (Q6) | |
| October 4, 2026 | Your Prayer Life (Q7) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | Watch Video "Why do we pray?" | |
| | Catholic Prayers and Practices (Q8) | |
| October 11, 2026 | The Mass (Q9) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | Watch video "Walk Through The Mass" | |
| October 18, 2026 | The Church Year (Q10) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | Places in Catholic Church (Q11) - Church Tours | |
| October 25, 2026 | Who Shepherds the Church? (Q12) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| November 1, 2026 | Mary (Q14) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | The Saints (Q15) | |
| November 8, 2026 | The Early Church (C11) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | The Church as Community (Q13) | |
| November 15, 2026 | Church History (C12) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | Watch video "History of Church in 10 Minutes" | |
| November 22, 2026 | Eschatalogy: "The Last Things" (Q16) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | Watch video "The Afterlife" | |
| (sponsor/proxy should be present) | ***Rehearsal for Rite of Acceptance*** | Church |
| November 29, 2026 | ***Rite of Acceptance*** | Church 10:30 AM Mass |
| (sponsor/proxy should be present) | Breaking Open the Word | |
| | OCIA Process (C1) and The Sacrament "Introduction" (C2) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| December 6, 2026 | Breaking Open the Word | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | The Sacrament of Baptism (C3) and Confirmation (C4) | |
| December 13, 2026 | Breaking Open the Word | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | The Sacrament of the Eucharist (C5) | |
| December 20, 2025 | Breaking Open the Word | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (C6) | |
| | Anointing of the Sick (C7) | |
| December 27, 2026 | NO SESSION - Christmas Break | |

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| **DATE** | **TOPIC** | **PLACE** |
| January 3, 2027 | Breaking Open the Word<br>The Sacrament of Matrimony (C8) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| January 10, 2027 | Breaking Open the Word<br>Holy Orders (C9) and The People of God (C10) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| January 17, 2027 | NO SESSION - MLK Weekend | |
| January 24, 2027 | Breaking Open the Word<br>Christian Moral Living (C13) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| January 31, 2027 | Breaking Open the Word<br>The Dignity of Life (C14) Consistent Ethic of Life (C15) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| February 7, 2027 | Breaking Open the Word<br>Social Justice (C16) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| | ***Rite of Sending to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election*** | 10:30 AM Mass Church |
| **February 13, OR 14, OR 21 (Please save all these dates, SPONSORS also have to save these 3 dates)** | **Rite of Election** | 4:00 PM at Cathedral |
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| February 21, 2027 | Breaking Open the Word<br>Saying Yes to Jesus (E1), Living Lent (E2), Scrutiny (E3) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| February 28, 2027<br>(sponsor/proxy should be present) | ***First Scrutiny (sponsor/proxy should be present)*** | 10:30 AM Mass Church |
| | Breaking Open the Word<br>The Creed (E4) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| March 7, 2027<br>(sponsor/proxy should be present) | ***Second Scrutiny (sponsor/proxy should be present)*** | 10:30 AM Mass Church |
| | Breaking Open the Word<br>The Way of the Cross (E5) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| March 14, 2027<br>(sponsor/proxy should be present) | ***Third Scrutiny (sponsor/proxy should be present)*** | 10:30 AM Mass Church |
| | Breaking Open the Word<br>The Lord's Prayer (E6) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| March 21, 2027 | Palm Sunday | 10:30 AM Mass Church |
| | Breaking Open the Word<br>The Meaning of Holy Week (E7) | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| TBD | **Rehearsal for Easter Vigil** | |
| | | |
| **March 27, 2027** | ***Easter Vigil*** **and Celebration of Sacraments** | Church, TBD Time |
| **(sponsor should be present)** | **(Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)** | |
| TBD | **Reflection Session**<br>**Experience of receiving the Sacraments** | Parish Office - Conference Room |
| TBD | **Year End Gathering** | TBD |