WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE KIDS?

The Order of Christian Initiation and Children

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Prayer

What's in a name?

AGENDA

The Pastoral Mission of the Church

What does the OCIA say?

Putting it into Practice.



Teacher, where do you live? Come and see!

What's in a name?

RCIA

OCIA

The Catechumenate

Christian Initiation

Becoming Catholic



PASTORAL MISSION OF THE CHURCH

EVANGELIZATION

LITURGY

CATECHESIS



EVANGELIZATION

proclamation of the kergyma



CATECHESIS

echoing the good news



LITURGY

work of the people giving praise and thanks to God privileged place of catechesis being sent out on mission



THE ORDER CHRISTIAN INITIATION

EVANGELIZATION

LITURGY

CATECHESIS



The Nature of Catechesis

Catechesis is an ecclesial act, arising from the missionary mandate of the Lord and aimed, as its very name indicates, at making the proclamation of his passion, death and resurrection continually resound in the heart of every person, so that his life may be transformed. A dynamic and complex reality at the service of the Word of God, it is accompaniment, education, and formation in the faith and for the faith, an introduction to the celebration of the Mystery, illumination and interpretation of human life and history. By harmoniously integrating these characteristics, catechesis expresses the richness of its essence and offers its specific contribution to the pastoral mission of the Church

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OCIA AND KIDS

The unbaptized

Those baptized as infants

(Those baptized as infants with some connection to the Church)





WHAT DOES THE OCIA INVITE US TO DO?



HOW CAN WE DO THIS?

ENCOUNTER

ACCOMPANY

COMMUNITY

SENDING FORTH



PERIOD OF EVANGELIZATION and PRECATECUMENATE

...Living God is confidently and constantly proclaimed

...Spirit opens minds and hearts

...Faith and initial conversion come forth

...Desire to follow Jesus and desire for baptism grows

OCIA 36-37



RITE OF ENTRANCE INTO THE CATECHUMENATE

bridges the period of evangelization and the catechumenate

Celebrates initial conversion

Children declare their intention to be members of the Church
Become part of the household of Christ
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PERIOD OF THE CATECHUMENATE

Deepen initial conversion

Suitable formation OCIA #75

WORD

WORSHIP

COMMUNITY

SERVICE



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OCIA 78



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OCIA 78

Refer to #120 as well



RITE OF ELECTION

Closes the period of the catechumenate

Recognition by the Church that the child has been chosen by God for baptism. (ELECT)



PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

Intense spiritual preparation

Preparation initiation sacraments

Scrutinies or Penitential Rite celebrated

Handing on the Creed and Lord's Prayer



EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Saturday and Preparation Rites

Sacraments of Initiation



THE PERIOD OF POST BAPTISMAL CATECHESIS AND MYSTAGOGY

Savor the mysteries

Now what?

So what?



HOW CAN WE DO THIS?

EVANGELIZE

DISCERN—with family and community

BUILD COMMUNITY

CATECHIZE—word, worship, community, service

PRAYER—rites of the Church, parish practices

MYSTAGOGICAL—constantly break open the mysteries



OCIA AND KIDS

YOUR TURN







THANK YOU