



# Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/OCIC)

## Workshop on Updates and Resource

**Saturday, November 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Thomas More University, Ziegler Auditorium, Academic Center**

*presented by*

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### **Effectively Teaching for Conversion** in the OCIA Process:

- How do you *really* catch and hold people's focus during teaching?
- How to foster *genuine* desire for more of the truth, and a deeper trust of God?

### **Developing an OCIA Calendar and Sequence of Teachings** that Fosters Conversion

- How can we *avoid* the pitfall of the graduation mentality?
- How can we ensure a true grasp of the *whole* Catholic faith, rather than people believing only what they agree with?

### **Best Practices** for Teaching Adults (using a sheet designed to help attendees discuss possibilities)

- How do adults learn best, and develop a *trusting, strong* faith?
- What are the most common mistakes that can make OCIA sessions *boring and ineffective*?

### **How OCIA Fosters Renewal** in a Parish Community / Best Practices for Helping the Wider Parish Get Involved

- Why is a strong, faithful OCIA process so often a *key aspect* of renewing the entire parish?
- Why does Mother Church consider the catechumenate the *model for all other parish ministries* to become impactful?

### **Steps to Excellent Small Group Interactions** in OCIA Sessions

- What does an *excellent* small group experience look like?  
What is the single best resource to help *anyone* develop skills to facilitate great small groups?

**Please register by October 29, 2025 at [covidio.org/register/](https://covidio.org/register/)**

**The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization asks OCIA Leaders to invite  
and encourage your peers to attend this dynamic Workshop with Dr. Keimig!**

**Dr. William Keimig's Workshop Agenda**  
**Based on input from the Diocese of Covington**  
**OCIA/OCIC Leaders**

- 8:15am** Mass
- 9:00am** Arrival, light breakfast, registration
- 9:30am** Introductions / Show 8-minute CI video on the updates to the OCIA Process
- 9:45am** Effectively Teaching for Conversion in the OCIA Process
- 10:45am** Break
- 11:00am** Developing an OCIA Calendar and Sequence of Teachings that Fosters Conversion
- 11:45am** Small Group Discussion  
Best Practices for Teaching Adults  
(Using a sheet designed to help attendees discuss possibilities.)
- 12:15pm** Lunch
- 1:00pm** How OCIA Fosters Renewal in a Parish Community
- 2:00pm** Small Groups Discussion  
Best Practices for Helping the Wider Parish Get Involved
- 2:30pm** Steps to Excellent Small Group Interactions in OCIA Sessions
- 3:00pm** Questions and answers
- 3:25pm** Closing prayer