

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Expectations for the OCIA Program Participants

1. **Attendance** at all OCIA class sessions, special rite and retreat.
 - a. Up to FOUR excused absences are allowed during the full course of the program.
*Please contact either one of the OCIA Team Members noted below if you cannot make it to one of the sessions.
 - b. Additional absences may be approved only on a case-by-case basis.
 - c. For all missed class sessions, participants have to submit written answers to all the questions found in each chapter of the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults.
 - d. Punctuality – arrival to all class sessions on time.
 - e. Spouses and sponsors are welcome to all class sessions.
 - f. As much as possible, make any arrangements needed for the care of young children and other family members during class time.
2. **Mass Attendance** at Good Shepherd's 9 am Sunday Mass.
 - a. Reserved seating in the church will be designated for the OCIA.
 - b. Family members and sponsors are welcome to join OCIA participants in the reserved sections.
 - c. Be prepared to discuss the Mass readings at the beginning of each class session.
3. **Class Preparation**
 - a. Participants will receive the following: (1) U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults; (2) Holy Bible; (3) Benedictine cross. **Participants are asked to donate \$75 to cover for all these materials.**
 - b. Complete all weekly readings before each session.
 - c. Participate in class discussions and activities as an adult student.
4. **Consideration**
 - a. Respect the opinions of others during class and abide by normal rules of order.

Exceptions to the above may be granted upon advance notification and approval by the OCIA Team.

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