

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Expectations for the OCIA Program Participants

1. **Attendance** and participation at all OCIA class sessions, special rites, retreat and other events.
 - 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 books provided.
 - d. Punctuality – arrival to all class sessions on time. Class begins at the 9am Mass. You will need to be in the reserved section in the church 10 minutes prior to Mass to collect yourself silently and offer prayer prior to Mass starting.
 - e. Sponsors are welcome to attend class sessions (must be prearranged due to limited classroom space).
 - f. Please make 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. All class textbooks and materials will be provided. **Participants are asked to donate \$100 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.
 - b. Confidentiality - all sensitive discussions during class are confidential and not to be shared outside of class.
 - c. Class is scheduled from 9am to 11:30am. Early dismissal due to work, etc will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.
 - d. Cell phone use is prohibited during Mass and class. If you have an emergency, please step outside and take the call.

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

I have read and agree to these expectations.

PRINT NAME

DATE

SIGNATURE