



O Come,  
O Come  
Emmanuel!

Welcome to the new liturgical year! We hope that this Advent season may provide you with time to enter into a period of waiting, hope and new beginnings. As we prepare for the coming of Christ may we also be aware of the ways he continues to journey with us. Wishing you many blessings this Advent season!

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Mark your calendars!

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion is planned to take place in person this year at Queen of Angels in Austin.

### Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion

March 6, 2022  
Queen of Angels Parish,  
Austin

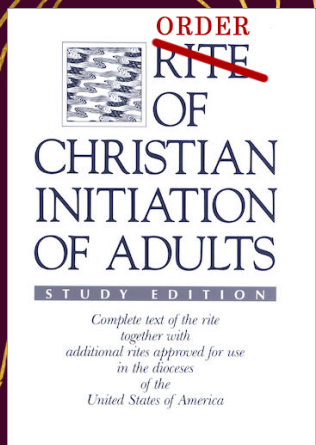
### More Information:

A flyer with more details and corresponding forms will be sent at the beginning of 2022.

## Online Advent Resources:

There are so many opportunities to reflect on the coming of our Lord this Advent season. Below are a few resources that may be of interest to you!

- [Dynamic Catholic - Best Advent Ever](#)
- [Daily Advent Reflections - Word on Fire](#)
- [Living Joy - Real Life Catholic](#)
- [Prayer Journey - The Vigil Project](#)



# Big changes coming to the world of RCIA!

At their Fall assembly the USCCB approved a revised edition of the RCIA in English and Spanish. The changes approved include a name change from RCIA to OCIA, changing it from the **RITE** of Christian Initiation of Adults to **ORDER** of Christian Initiation of Adults. The Spanish version will keep the acronym of RICA. The changes that will be made to the RCIA text are intended to show a greater fidelity in the translation to English from the original Latin text. This is part of a broader effort to provide updated translations of the various liturgical rites in the Church. Some other changes that have been reported are:

- OCIA will be split into categories of inquirer, catechumen, or elect based on where the individual is at in the process.
- The categories for those petitioning for full acceptance into the Catholic Church has changed. The OCIA will include unbaptized infants, unbaptized adults (catechumens), baptized Christians, and baptized Catholics seeking confirmation.
- The Easter Vigil rites will also be modified to provide more clarity on the validity of the baptisms received by people coming into the Church from other Christian faith traditions."

*The action will still need the approval of the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments before these changes are to take effect.*

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## RCIA Resources – Available to view through the Office of RCIA

### Recruiting and Forming Your Parish Initiation Team, by Donna M. Eschenauer

This essential resource provides a sketch of the necessary roles needed on the initiation team and then outlines the various qualifications for and responsibilities of each role on the team to help parish leaders carefully discern. Dr. Eschenauer provides pastoral insight from her many years in parish initiation ministry, as well as concrete suggestions to help parish leaders build up and solidly form initiation team members who assist with RCIA.

### "Credo", by Dominican Friars Thomistic Institute

Credo is a groundbreaking RCIA video program that carefully teaches catechumens the key tenets of the Faith. The accompanying guide book walks candidates through the course, introduces them to the treasures of the Catholic faith, and is a valuable reference during their formation and beyond.



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