

Saiuc Aelred Cacholic Church

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

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PURPOSE

The purpose of catechesis in The Faith is to introduce adults to the Word Made Flesh, the Person of Jesus Chris, and if they so desire, to lead them into being his disciple. In particular, this course seeks to prepare two types of people: (1) Those who are not Christian but wish to be to receive Penance, Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist, or (2) Protestants who are already baptized to be Received into the Catholic Church, to be Confirmed, and to receive the Holy Eucharist. Either way, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist complete the Sacraments of Initiation, so this course intends to prepare adults for more full communion in the Body of Christ.

"We do not believe in formulae, but in those realities they express, which faith allows us to touch. The believer's act [of faith] does not terminate in the propositions, but in the realities [which they express]. All the same, we do approach these realities with the help of formulations of the faith which permit us to express the faith and to hand it on, to celebrate it in community, to assimilate and live on it more and more.

The Church, 'the pillar and Bulwark of the truth', faithfully guards 'the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.' She guards the memory of Christ's words; it is she who from generation to generation hands on the apostles' confession of faith.⁵⁷ As a mother who teaches her children to speak and so to understand and communicate, the Church our Mother teaches us the language of faith in order to introduce us to the understanding and the life of faith" (CCC, 170, 171). As adults you will be expected to grapple with faith and reason as they work in tandem to aid you in coming to know The LORD Almighty.

TEXTS

The course's arc and material derives primarily from two sources: The Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the Outline of Duties of the Christian Life as outlined in the St. Gregory's Prayer Book. These help translate the Holy Scriptures into a way of living life.

MEMORY, UNDERSTANDING, & WILL

Following Saints Augustine, Aelred, & Aquinas, we identify the Human Intellect as constitutive of Intellectual Memory (anamnesis), Understanding, and Will. For this reason, this course builds upon the foundation of using the Sensuous Memory (mimnesko) to memorize key doctrines and prayers of the Church. I.E. One must meditate upon the mysteries as the cow chews the cud. Daily memory work is expected in the home to accomplish this end, and is important for humans of all ages to come to understand Our Lord, His Church, and Her Teachings. We expect the memorization of the basics of the Christian Life. We are not checking boxes, but are giving you the building blocks upon which to build a life-long friendship with Our Lord through His Church. To enter into discipleship we must take on the Vision of Christ and the Language of his body, The Church, that we may see and act accordingly to the truth of reality. If you want to be Confirmed, you must pick a Catholic Sponsor to guide you into what it looks like to take on Catholic Practices, to cultivate the virtues, to be holy, to be like Christ. Follow them as they follow Christ. It is vitally important that you learn to describe the World rightly, that you have a Catholic vision, that you may then take on the meet and right practices to live a Catholci life. "Classes" and information are insufficient.

This course <u>does not stop</u> at memorization, however, nor does your work at home in regards to sacramental preparation. As you are memorizing (and certainly once you have memorized) these building blocks of The Faith, you are expected at home to cultivate an understanding of these Truths. Here, the Catechism of the Catholic Church is your guide. Monthly updates from the Catechist will include Catechism references so that you can prepare to discuss Church Teaching family, friends, fellow Catechumens & Candidates, and the catechist. This may happen during formal lessons or around the dinner table (preferably both!), as long as it is incorporated into your family life. You are now forming lifelong habits!

GUIDELINES:

Catechumens are allowed <u>TWO</u> absences. Beyond this, please discuss absences with the Catechist in advance if <u>AT ALL</u> possible. Further absences will be excused on a case-by-case basis. If a person misses a class for any reason, they must schedule a make-up class with The Catechist <u>before</u> the next Sunday. If a person misses more than two classes without reaching an agreement with the Catechist and the priest, the person will not be eligible to continue in this Sacramental Preparation course. If your work or family life prohibits you from coming to regularly schedule classes, please talk with Fr. Tipton about finding a day and time to meet.

Candidates will have a tailored catechetical process that will be contingent on their background and knowledge so far in the Christian life. They may be required to go through the entire OCIA schedule or just a few, it all depends on the person's background, understanding, will, and concerns. All missed classes in a situation like this will need to be made up.

COURSE OUTLINE

- Dates and Topics subject to change. A monthly update will be provided with more detail and any changes.
- The date mentioned is the Wednesday. For CGS & CCD purposes, the sunday <u>prior</u> is the proper date to begin a topic. (E.g. Sept 18th, Sunday, begins CGS/CCD).

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1	September 21st Trivitycide XIV Feast of St. (Datchem	Purpose of OCIA Who is God? > God of Creation (Natural Revelation) > Revelation of God as The Holy Trinity	MEMORIZE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS ➤ IN ENGLISH ➤ OPTIONAL: LATIN
2	September 28th Trivitycide XV	Man as made in the Image of God ➤ Imago Dei: Image and Likeness of Trinity ○ Tripartite Soul ➤ What is a person for? ➤ What is happiness? Why be holy?	Memorize The Glory Be Option: The Gloria Patri The Sign of the Cross Option: The In Nomine Patris
3	Occober 5th Trinicycide XVI	PART I: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLE'S CREED FAITH, BELIEF STATEMENTS I BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH FOUR MARKERS OF THE CHURCH THE POPE, PAPAL INFALLIBILITY VS. (ULTRAMONTANISM & SYNODALISM)	Memorize the Apostles' Creed ➤ In English ➤ Optional: Latin
4	Occober 12ch Trinicycide XVII	➤ THE NICENE CREED	Memorize the Nicene Creed ➤ English ➤ Optional: Latin

5	Occober 19ch Trinicycide XVIII	PART II: THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY THE CHURCH AS "SACRAMENT" CHURCH AS TRINITARIAN MIRROR: THE PEOPLE OF GOD THE FATHER THE BODY OF CHRIST THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST AUTHORITY: THE CATHOLIC STOOL SCRIPTURE, TRADITION, & MAGISTERIUM WHY NOT "REASON" AS A THIRD LEG?		MEMORIZE THE THREE DEFINITIONS OF "CHURCH" MEMORIZE THE 3 LEGS OF THE 'CATHOLIC STOOL OF AUTHORITY'
6	Occober 26ch Trinicycide XIX	➤ SEVEN SACRAMENTS ○ 3 INITIATION SACRAMENTS ■ BAPTISM ■ CONFIRMATION	A	MEMORIZE THE SEVEN DEFINITIONS OF THE INITIATORY SACRAMENTS (SGPB, 13-14).
7	November 2nd Allhallowcide or ballowmas	ATTEND ALL SOULS MASS WITH GRAVEYARD PROCESSION ALL HALLOWTIDE: OCT 31ST-NOV2ND MATINS & EVENSONG FOR THE DEAD NOV 2-8TH		TRY TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL TRIDUUM SERVICES AT SAINT AELRED: NOV. 1ST (ALL SAINTS), NOV 2ND (ALL SOULS) TRY TO ATTEND ONE MATINS OR EVENSONG FOR THE DEAD (PRAY FOR THE DEAD)
8	November 9ch Trivicycide XXI	➤ SEVEN SACRAMENTS ○ 3 SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION ■ HOLY EUCHARIST	>	MEMORIZE THE DEFINITIONS OF THE INITIATORY SACRAMENTS
9	November 16th Trinitycide XXII	➤ DOCTRINE OF DIVINE WORSHIP: THE MASS:	A	MEMORIZE THE SEVEN DEFINITIONS OF THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS (SGPB, 13-14).

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*	November 23Rd Weekday Before Advent (Following Christ the king Sunday, end of the liturgical year)	BREAK FOR THANKSGIVING & LAST DAY OF LITURGICAL CALENDAR MEMORIZE GRACE BEFORE MEALS (SGPB, 13) USE AT YOUR TURKEY TABLE COME TO CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY AND HELP GREEN THE PARISH FOR ADVENT AFTER!	➤ ENJOY SOME TURKEY ➤ IF YOU EAT LEFTOVER TURKEY ON FRIDAY DON'T FORGET TO DO AN ALTERNATIVE PENANCE!
10	November 30th, First Sunday of Advent (Saint Andrew the Apostle's Feast Oay)	➤ SEVEN SACRAMENTS CONTINUED ○ CONFESSION ○ HOLY ORDERS ■ WHY MALE ONLY?	➤ MEMORIZE THE SEVEN DEFINITIONS OF THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS (SGPB, 13-14).
11	Óecember 7ch, Second Sunday of Advenc	➤ SEVEN SACRAMENTS CONTINUED ○ HOLY MATRIMONY	DISCUSS THE WEDDING VOWS AND 3 MARITAL GOODS WITH YOUR SPOUSE OR SPOUSE TO BE, OR REFLECT ON THEM IF SINGLE
12,	Óecember 14th, Third Sunday of Advent	➤ SEVEN SACRAMENTS CONTINUED ○ ANOINTING OF THE SICK ■ LAST RITES ■ FUNERALS	DISCUSS YOUR END OF LIFE PLAN AND HOPES
13	Öecember 21sc, Fourch Sunday of Advenc 'O Oriens'	ATTEND ADVENT EVENSONG AT 6:00PM. OCIA STILL AT 6:30PM. > FOUR LAST THINGS O DEATH, JUDGMENT, HEAVEN, HELL	MEDITATE: MEMORIZE THE LAST FOUR THINGS MAKE A LAST WILL & TESTAMENT MEDITATE ON YOUR DEATH
*	Öecember 28th, Christmas Octave Christmastide 3rd day of	BREAK: CHRISTMASTIDE O' ANTIPHONS MEDITATE ON THE LORD'S TITLES E.G. O COME O COME EMMANUEL CHRISTMAS OCTAVE & THE CHRISTMASTIDE SEASON 8 DAYS OF SOLEMNITIES; 12 DAY SEASON	MEDITATE: PRAY THE O' ANTIPHONS DEC 16-24; SING ADVENT HYMNS

	Christmas Doly Innocents Feast Oay	 The Christmas Martyrs St. John, Holy Innocents, St. Stephen, St. Becket Holy Mary, Mother of God January 1st, Holy Day of Obligation The Epiphany & Epiphanytide Season 	 Go to Daily Mass if you can Sing Christmas Hymns Meditate on And/or Memorize the
		○ Coming of the Magi, add to Crib ➤ Baptism of Our Lord	Last Gospel (John's Gospel KJV, 1:1-14)
14	January 11th, Epiphanycide I Pacronal Feast of Saint Aelred of Rievaulx	SAINT AELRED PATRONAL FEAST, 15TH SACRAMENTALS RELICS THE CONSCIENCE & FREEDOM	 CATCH UP ON ANY MEMORY WORK YOU FORGOT TRANSFER PATRON FEAST FROM JANUARY 12TH TO SUNDAY
15	January 18ch Epiphanycide II	PART III: LIFE IN CHRIST ➤ CARDINAL VIRTUES O THE 'SHAPE' OR DISPOSITION OF THE SOUL BY NATURE, GOD'S GIFT OF EXISTENCE	Memorize Definition of A Person Faculties of the soul
16	January 25ch Epiphanycide III	➤ THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES ○ THE DISPOSITION OF THE SOUL BY GOD'S GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST AT BAPTISM	MEMORIZE: THE CARDINAL VIRTUES (SGPB, 14)
17	February 1st Epiphanytide IV	 Seven Capital Sins Defective dispositions of the soul Lack of Character/Being Godly Virtues that defeat them Dispositions that combat them 	MEMORIZE: ➤ THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES (SGPB, 14)
18	February 8ch Pre-Leuc Sepcuaresima	 Seven Capital Sins Defective dispositions of the soul Lack of Character/Being Godly Virtues that defeat them Dispositions that combat them 	MEMORIZE: MEMORIZE DEADLY SINS & GODLY VIRTUES (SGPB, 15)
18	February 15th Dre-Leut Sexazesima	 Decalogue Divisions Summary Guidelines for Love/Charity 	MEMORIZE: MEMORIZE DEADLY SINS & GODLY VIRTUES (SGPB, 15)

18	February 22ud The Chair of Saint Deter, Datronal Feast of our Oiocese Shrove Tuesday February 21st Ash Wednesday, February 22ud	Go to Shrove Tuesday (2/21, 6PM) & Ash Wednesday (2/22, 7AM or 6PM)	Memorize: The Decalogue (SGPB, 11, 12) The Summary of the Law (SGPB, 12)
19	Corch 1sc Leuc I	 Divine, Natural, & Positive Law Divine: Revealed Law Natural: Law known by nature Positive Law: made up but rooted Natural Law as Tradition-Bound and its Limitations 	Memorize: The Decalogue (SGPB, 11, 12) The Summary of The Law (SGPB, 12) Pray the Stations of The Cross each Friday of Lent. (SGPB 275, 286) 6:00 PM at Church Fish Fry to Follow.
20	March 8th Lent II	 ➢ GOD IS LOVE & SEXUAL ETHICS ○ CONTRACEPTION, DIVORCE, HOMOSEXUALITY VS. SODOMY, ETC. ○ MATRIMONY AS PUBLIC EVENT ○ HUMAN LOVE REFLECTING DIVINE LOVE ➢ INFECUNDITY: LABOR PAINS, USURY, SEX 	PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY OF LENT. (SGPB 275, 286) > 6:00 PM AT CHURCH FISH FRY TO FOLLOW.
21	March 15th Leut III	 ➢ BEATITUDES: 8 GOALS FOR LIFE ○ BLESSEDNESS VS. HAPPINESS ○ DESCRIPTION VS RULE-BOUND ○ NOT MORALISM: DESCRIPTIONS OF BEING NOT A DO-THIS LIST ➢ SPIRITUAL & CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY ○ JESUS IS THE GOOD SAMARITAN, NOT US ○ BEING WITH THE POOR VS. DO-GOODERS ○ ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST ➢ EVANGELICAL COUNSELS & LADY POVERTY 	PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY OF LENT. (SGPB 275, 286) > 6:00 PM AT CHURCH > FISH FRY TO FOLLOW. > SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY (SGPB, 15) > CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY (SGPB, 15)

22	March 22nd Lenc IV	PART IV: CHRISTIAN PRAYER Types of Prayer: Adoration, Petition, Intercession, Thanksgiving, Praise The Ultimate Prayer: The Our Father Rule as Life of Prayer Mass Daily Office Personal Prayer Making your own Rule following the Parish's Rule	PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY OF LENT. (SGPB 275, 286) > 6:00 PM AT CHURCH > FISH FRY TO FOLLOW. MEMORIZE: > THE OUR FATHER > OPTION: THE PATER NOSTER > MAKE A FAMILY AND/OR PERSONAL RULE TO LIVE AS A CATHOLIC (SGPB, 45-82)
24	COARCH 29th Lent V Passioncide Lactare Sunday, Cochering Sunday	➤ SAINTS IN GENERAL ○ INFINITE MODES OF CHRIST-LIKENESS ➤ SAINT MARY ○ MARIAN DOGMAS AS RELATED TO THE INCARNATION ○ ROSARY IS TO CHRIST THROUGH MARY ■ MYSTERIES OF CHRIST ➤ THE CHURCH KALENDAR ○ THE SECULAR PARTICIPATES IN THE ETERNAL VS. ONLY HERE & NOW ○ WE ALL LIVE A KALENDAR, AT THE CENTER IS OUR GOD OR OUR IDOL ➤ MYSTAGOGY AS CHRISTIAN PRAXIS	PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY OF LENT. (SGPB 275, 286) > 6:00 PM AT CHURCH > FISH FRY TO FOLLOW. > THE MYSTERIES OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY > THE HAIL MARY > OPTION: THE AVE MARIA
25	April 5th Leut V boly Week Palm Sunday boly Triduum	PARTICIPATE IN AS MUCH OF HOLY WEEK LITURGIES AS POSSIBLE, LAST OCIA MEETING > Typology of Holy Week, the sign of Jonah > Holy Triduum • Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, The Easter Vigil (Highest Liturgy of the Year), and Easter Sunday Morning	PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY OF LENT. (SGPB 275, 286) > 6:00 PM AT CHURCH > FISH FRY TO FOLLOW. MEMORIZE: > THE CHURCH SEASONS > HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION PARTICIPATE REGULARLY IN MASS, DAILY OFFICE, AND PERSONAL PRAYER; AND SPIRITUAL AND

		CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY, AIMING AT FRIENDSHIP WITH GO	
April 12th Easter Octave April 8th The Great Easter Vizil April 9th The Great Easter Vizil	TO-DO: Have Confirmation Saint, First Confession, and Sponsor all ready Have a spiritual Rule to live by Be sure to renounce the Devil, World, & Flesh and to Announce the Father, the Son, & the Holy Ghost Understand once you say 'Yes' there are doors closed to you forever as a Catholic Baptisms Full Initiation Happy Easter! Congratulations on your full initiation into the Catholic Church!	> HOLIEST TIM THE YEAR > MAUNDY THURSDAY 6 PM > GOOD FRIDA 6:00 PM > HOLY SATUR 10:30 AM > EASTER VIGI 10:45 PM (SA NIGHT) > EASTER SUN MORNING 10 AM > MEMORIZE: THE EASTER GREETING: V: ALLELUIA CHRIST IS RI R: THE LORI RISEN INDEE ALLELUIA!	5:00 AY RDAY IL AT. DAY 0:45 A; ISEN! D IS