

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Why did the name change from Rite (RCIA) to Order (OCIA)?

“Rite” implies a specific ceremony, like Rite of Baptism, Rite of Confirmation, Rite of Sending Forth, etc. As the (OCIA) process involves many individual “Rites,” the use of “Order” was deemed more descriptive.

Where can I order the ritual books?

Catholic Book Publishing www.catholicbookpublishing.com

Liturgical Press www.LitPress.org

Liturgy Training Publication www.LTP.org

Magnificat www.bookstore.Magnificat.net

Midwest Theological Forum www.TheologicalForum.org

When do we start using the new ritual books?

You can begin using the ritual books on December 1, 2024 (First Sunday of Advent). It is mandatory to use the new ritual book by March 5, 2025 (Ash Wednesday).

Difference between OCIA and sacramental preparation

OCIA is specifically intended for:

- 1) Individuals who have never received the Sacraments (including persons raised in Christian denominations that lack valid baptism).
- 2) Persons who were baptized (validly) as Christians but seek full communion with the Catholic Church.
- 3) Those persons validly baptized Catholic, but for whom there has been no religious or cultural exposure to Catholicism in the family.

Sacramental Preparation

- 1) Persons baptized Catholic, in a nominally Catholic family, where the parents did not practice, but grandparents and extended family tried to instill the faith in them.
- 2) Persons baptized Catholic with sporadic church attendance who did not complete sacramental preparation (e.g. They made their First Communion, but did not make their Confirmation).
- 3) Persons baptized Catholic who had limited exposure to CCD, Religious Education, but did not complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

In other words, with rare exceptions, Catholics that need to complete their Sacraments of Initiation belong in a separate sacramental preparation program and are not part of the OCIA process. This can benefit engaged couples seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation before an upcoming wedding. The pastor/priest/DRE meets with the couple and can adjust the program accordingly so that they are able to complete sacramental preparation. These individuals have the option of being confirmed: 1) During the parish Confirmation ceremony celebrated by the bishop; 2) At the Easter Vigil; 3) Pastor administers the sacrament after receiving delegation from the bishop.

Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside Mass

When do we start using the new ritual book?

Starting September 14, 2024, parishes were allowed to use the new ritual book. On December 1, 2024, (First Sunday of Advent), parishes must use the new edition.

What is different?

Chapter IV, Various Texts to Be Used in Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass and in the Adoration and Procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament, takes up almost half of the new ritual book. New options are presented to serve the pastoral effectiveness of liturgical celebrations.

Clarifying instructions have been added for praying the Liturgy of the Hours during Adoration, especially Morning and Evening Prayer.

The text of the Divine Praises has been inserted for use during Benediction.

What publishers are selling the ritual book?

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In keeping with the spirit of the National Eucharistic Congress, it is important that we foster and develop a proper attitude for Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition. Many times, in promoting Eucharistic adoration, we fall into traps that lead to abuses of the Blessed Sacrament.

1) Exposition

- a. Leaving the Monstrance with the exposed host unattended
- b. Peekaboo Jesus – exposing and reposing the Blessed Sacrament multiple times throughout the day. (Especially when there is little door inset into the tabernacle).
- c. The clergy (priest or deacon) is to lead the ceremony when the host is exposed or reposed in the tabernacle. “In the absence of the priest/deacon” does not mean that the parish priest/deacon is not there; it means that the parish has no assigned priest or deacon. In rare or emergency situations, yes, there are always exceptions, but they cannot become the norm.

2) Adoration

- a. The Blessed Sacrament is adored in an enclosed and secure tabernacle. The doors are not left open, and a glass or transparent tabernacle is not to be used.
- b. Proper temperature controls in the church/chapel are essential to ensure that the hosts do not become moldy or spoiled.



Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



I have included the prayers and logos I could find in the various cultural/language groups in the diocese.

Español

Padre que estás en el cielo, la *fe* que nos has donado en tu Hijo Jesucristo, nuestro hermano, y la llama de *caridad* infundida en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo, despierten en nosotros la bienaventurada *esperanza* en la venida de tu Reino.

Tu gracia nos transforme en dedicados cultivadores de las semillas del Evangelio que fermenten la humanidad y el cosmos, en espera confiada de los cielos nuevos y de la tierra nueva, cuando vencidas las fuerzas del mal, se manifestará para siempre tu gloria.

La gracia del Jubileo reavive en nosotros, *Peregrinos de Esperanza*, el anhelo de los bienes celestiales y derrame en el mundo entero la alegría y la paz de nuestro Redentor.

A ti, Dios bendito eternamente, sea la alabanza y la gloria por los siglos. Amén.



Français

Père céleste, la *foi* que tu nous as donnée en ton fils Jésus-Christ, notre frère et la flamme de la *charité* répandue dans nos cœurs par l'Esprit Saint réveillent en nous la bienheureuse *espérance* de l'avènement de ton Royaume.

Que ta grâce nous transforme en cultivateurs assidus des semences de l'Évangile qui féconderont l'humanité et le monde, dans l'attente confiante des cieux nouveaux et de la terre nouvelle, lorsque les puissances du mal seront vaincues ta gloire sera manifestée pour toujours.

Que la grâce du Jubilé ravive en nous, *Pèlerins de l'Espérance*, l'aspiration aux biens célestes et répande sur le monde entier la joie et la paix de notre Rédempteur.

À toi, Dieu béni dans l'éternité la louange et la gloire pour les siècles des siècles. Amen

Português

Pai que estás nos céus, a fé que nos deste no teu filho Jesus Cristo, nosso irmão, e a chama de *caridade* derramada nos nossos corações pelo Espírito Santo despertem em nós a bem-aventurada *esperança* para a vinda do teu Reino.

A tua graça nos transforme em cultivadoras diligentes das sementes do Evangelho que fermentem a humanidade e o cosmos, na espera confiante dos novos céus e da nova terra, quando, vencidas as potências do Mal, se manifestar para sempre a tua glória.

A graça do Jubileu reavive em nós, *Peregrinos de Esperança*, o desejo dos bens celestes e derrame sobre o mundo inteiro a alegria e a paz do nosso Redentor.

A ti, Deus bendito na eternidade, louvor e glória pelos séculos dos séculos. Amém



All the information pertaining to the Jubilee 2025 can be found at the Vatican website for the jubilee.

www.iubilaeum2025.va

Lyrics and musical format for the Jubilee 2025 hymn can also be found there. Below is a link for a YouTube video of the hymn in English.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uXO8IUcEZI

Spanish: www.iubilaeum2025.va/content/dam/iubilaeum2025/inno-giubileo/HIMNO-JUBILEO-2025-ESPANOL.mp3

French: www.iubilaeum2025.va/content/dam/iubilaeum2025/inno-giubileo/FR-Enregistrement-Pelerins-esperance-CEF.mp3

If you are planning a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee 2025 . . .

WHAT IS THE PILGRIM'S CARD?

It is a free digital pass bearing the name of the holder, which will be needed to take part in the main Jubilee events and to organize a pilgrimage to the Holy Door.

HOW CAN I OBTAIN THE PILGRIM'S CARD?

The card can only be obtained by signing up at the portal, which will be available on the website register.iubilaeum2025.va/user or via the official Jubilee App for smartphones. After entering the required details, the pilgrim will receive a unique QR code and a personalized account on the app.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR EVENTS?

After signing up for the pilgrim's card and accessing their personal account via the website or app, pilgrims will be able to sign up for their pilgrimage to the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and all the other main events of the Jubilee. This will allow an orderly access both to the Holy Door and to the main Jubilee events at which large numbers of pilgrims are expected to be in attendance. The portal allows individuals or groups to register for events and highlight any disabilities or special access requirements. It will also allow pilgrims to modify or cancel bookings, as well as manage the time, day and month of their pilgrimage.

European VISA

Starting around March 2025, the European Union requires U.S./U.K. Passport holders to apply for a visa waiver online.

www.travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en



JUBILEE 2025

GENERAL CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2024

24 December
Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica



Photo: Vatican Media

JANUARY 2025

24-26 January
Jubilee of the World of Communications

FEBRUARY 2025

8-9 February
Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

15-18 February
Jubilee of Artists

21-23 February
Jubilee of Deacons

MARCH 2025

8-9 March
Jubilee of the World of Volunteering

28 March
24 Hours for the Lord

28-30 March
Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy

APRIL 2025

5-6 April
Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

25-27 April
Jubilee of Teenagers

28-29 April
Jubilee of People with Disabilities

MAY 2025

1-4 May
Jubilee of Workers

4-5 May
Jubilee of Entrepreneurs

10-11 May
Jubilee of Marching Bands

12-14 May
Jubilee of the Eastern Churches

16-18 May
Jubilee of Confraternities

30 May - 1 June
Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly



JUNE 2025

7-8 June
Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities

9 June
Jubilee of the Holy See

14-15 June
Jubilee of Sport

20-22 June
Jubilee of Governments

23-24 June
Jubilee of Seminarians

25 June
Jubilee of Bishops

25-27 June
Jubilee of Priests

JULY 2025

28 July - 3 August
Jubilee of Youth

SEPTEMBER 2025

15 September
Jubilee of Consolation

20 September
Jubilee of Justice

26-28 September
Jubilee of Catechists

OCTOBER 2025

4-5 October
Jubilee of the Missions

4-5 October
Jubilee of Migrants

8-9 October
Jubilee of Consecrated Life

11-12 October
Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

31 October - 2 November
Jubilee of the World of Education



NOVEMBER 2025

16 November
Jubilee of the Poor

22-23 November
Jubilee of Choirs

DECEMBER 2025

14 December
Jubilee of Prisoners



Jubilee Indulgence

The Jubilee Indulgence is a concrete manifestation of God's mercy, which goes beyond and transforms the boundaries of human justice. This treasury of grace entered human history in the witness of Jesus and the saints, and by living in communion with them our hope for our own forgiveness is strengthened and becomes a certainty. The Jubilee indulgence allows us to free our hearts from the weight of sin because the reparation due for our sins is given freely and abundantly.

In practical terms, the experience of God's mercy involves some spiritual acts indicated by the Pope. Those who cannot make the Jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are nonetheless invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors*; Participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist (usually within 8 days of pilgrimage); Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

SPES NON CONFUNDIT (Papal Bull declaring Jubilee 2025)

I hereby decree that the Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican will be opened on 24 December 2024, thus inaugurating the Ordinary Jubilee. On the following Sunday, 29 December 2024, I will open the Holy Door of my cathedral, Saint John Lateran, which on 9 November this year will celebrate the 1700th anniversary of its dedication. Then, on 1 January 2025, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major will be opened. Finally, Sunday, 5 January 2025, will mark the opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. These last three Holy Doors will be closed on Sunday, 28 December 2025 . . . The Ordinary Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. (6).

***The Holy Door**

The Vatican has reserved the status of "Holy Door" to the main doors of all Cathedrals and Basilicas around the world. In the past the diocesan bishop was able to designate additional churches in the diocese, but only the Cathedral of Saint Ignatius Loyola will have the designation for Jubilee 2025.

I have published the Jubilee calendar highlighting the special days reserved for particular groups to visit the Holy Doors. Parishes are encouraged to publish the relevant dates for the particular groups so that those not able to make the pilgrimage to Rome can do so at the diocesan Cathedral. Those physically not able to make a pilgrimage to Rome or the diocesan cathedral are encouraged to make a "pilgrimage in spirit" to pray for those making a physical pilgrimage.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

While *Immensae caritatis* (1973) gives diocesan bishops the faculty to permit members of the lay faithful to distribute the Eucharist to the faithful and to the sick, it is only for a set period. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) must be recommissioned every three years, and this commissioning is only valid in the parish and diocese where it takes place. “I am an EM back in New York” does not qualify one to be an EM in the Diocese of Palm Beach.

Ecclesiae de mysterio (1997) and *Redemptionis sacramentum* (2004) both emphasized that the distribution of Holy Communion is the proper role of the ordained ministry and that the use of extraordinary ministers is to be limited in scope. When sufficient ordained clergy are present at Mass, lay extraordinary ministers are not to be used.

The main role of the extraordinary ministers is to assist the parish priest(s) in taking the Blessed Sacrament to the sick, the homebound, nursing homes, and hospitals. I realize that many parishes are finding it difficult to recruit the faithful to serve as EMHCs in hospitals, nursing homes, etc. following the chaos that resulted during COVID. When the number of faithful attending Mass greatly exceeds the ability of the priest/deacon to distribute the Blessed Sacrament effectively, EMHCs are to be used. When EMHCs are used, they are not to approach the tabernacle to retrieve/return the ciboria. The ritual instruction “in the absence of a priest/deacon”, implies that there is no priest or deacon physically present at the liturgy. The exception to the rule applies when the priest/deacon is physically or medically not able to do it.

Following COVID, there are many EMHCs that do not want to give the Blessed Sacrament to the faithful on the tongue. In the Diocese of Palm Beach, the faithful have the option of receiving the host on the tongue or in the palm of the hand, and they cannot be denied. An accommodation must be made by the pastor/priest to allow for reception of the host on the tongue for those who wish to receive. In the same way, a pastor cannot deny someone who wishes to receive on the hand.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – 2024

December 8, 2024, lands on a Sunday this year during Advent. In the Table of Liturgical Precedence, Sundays of Advent take precedence over feasts/solemnities of Our Lady and the Saints. December 8, 2024, is celebrated as the Second Sunday of Advent and the observance of the Immaculate Conception is December 9, 2024. While the “holy day” is observed on December 9th, it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

Friday, November 1, 2024	Solemnity of All Saints	Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Solemnity of the Nativity	Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, August 15, 2025	Solemnity of the Assumption	Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday, November 1, 2025	Solemnity of All Saints	Obligation suspended
Monday, December 8, 2025	Solemnity of Immaculate Conception	Holy Day of Obligation