



THE MOST REVEREND SHAWN MCKNIGHT, S.Th.D.
ARCHBISHOP OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

GENERAL DECREE
of Promulgation

Whereas the Decree of 15 August 2025 dispensing parishes for one year from the observance of non-essential elements of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) in order to fully implement the OCIA is coming to a close;

Whereas the full observance of the revised edition of the OCIA requires supplemental guidance for its full implementation within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas;

After careful consideration of the norms established in the OCIA, consultation with experts and leaders in formation, and assessing their recommendations for application within the Archdiocese, I hereby

DECREE

the *Guidelines and Norms for the Implementation and Use of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* and the accompanying *OCIA Supplemental Norms* to be approved and established in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, taking effect on 1 September 2026.

These Guidelines and all the Norms of the OCIA, universal and particular, are binding on all parishes and institutions within the Archdiocese.

With these guidelines established, the general dispensation granted on 15 August 2025, in particular the dispensation from the requirement of a yearlong catechumenate, is concluded. Any individuals admitted to the Order of the Catechumenate after 27 September 2026 shall receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil of 2028.

Any request for a dispensation from these norms, in particular the yearlong-catechumenate, must be submitted to the Office of Parish Evangelization Services on an individual basis by the pastor of the individuals requesting it.

This decree is to be published on the website of the Archdiocese and in the next edition of the Leaven.

Given at the Chancery in Kansas City, KS on the 20th day of August in the year of Our Lord 2026.



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