

# RCIA

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(as of 10/30/22)

**11:30, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022**

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**Charlotte:** We now ask our new catechumens to come forward with their sponsors:

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*Guiying, Camille, Connor, Jonathan, Liliana, and sponsors, all rise, come forward, bow toward the altar, and stand in front of the first pew (left side).*

**Charlotte:** We now ask our baptized candidates to come forward with their sponsors:

**Robert Baiata, Rigo Cabrera, Janelle Ruiz, Mildred Sandoval, and Michele Santilhana**

*Robert, Rigo, Janelle, Mildred, Michele, and sponsors, all rise, come forward, bow toward the altar, and stand in front of the first pew (right side).*

## OPENING DIALOGUE WITH CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES

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**Msgr. Otellini:** Catechumens—Guiying, Camille, Connor, Jonathan, Liliana—what do you ask of God’s Church?

**Catechumens, together: “Faith”**

**Msgr. Otellini:** What does faith offer you?

**Catechumens, together: “Eternal life”**

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**Msgr. Otellini:** Candidates—Robert, Rigo, Janelle, Mildred, Michele—what do you ask of God’s Church?

**Candidates (one at a time):**

**“To be accepted as a candidate leading to Confirmation and Eucharist.”**

**Or :**

**“To be accepted as a candidate leading to reception into full communion with the Catholic Church”**

**Msgr. Otellini:** What does this period of formation offer you?

**Candidates, together: “A fuller sharing in the life of the Church”**

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## CATECHUMENS’ FIRST ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOSPEL (FORMULA B)

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**Msgr. Otellini:** *(To Catechumens):* Catechumens: God is our Creator and in him all living things have their existence. He enlightens our minds, so that we may come to know and worship him. He has sent his faithful witness, Jesus Christ, to announce to us what he has seen and heard, the mysteries of heaven and earth. Since you acknowledge with joy that Christ has come, now is the time to hear his word, so that you may possess eternal life by beginning, in our company, to know God and to love your neighbor. Are you ready, with the help of God, to live this life?

**Catechumens, together: “I am.”**

## CANDIDATES' DECLARATION OF INTENT

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**Msgr. Otellini:** *(To Candidates):* Those of you who seek to complete your Christian initiation, are you prepared to listen to the apostles' instruction, gather with us for prayer, and join us in the love and service of others?

**Candidates, together:** "I am."

## AFFIRMATION BY THE SPONSORS AND THE ASSEMBLY

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**Msgr. Otellini:** *(To sponsors and assembly):* Sponsors, you now present these catechumens and candidates to us; are you, and all who are gathered here with us, ready to help these candidates find and follow Christ? **Sponsors:** "We are."

**Msgr. Otellini:** *(with hands joined):* Father of mercy, we thank you for these your servants. You have sought and summoned them in many ways and they have turned to seek you. You have called them today and they have answered in our presence: we praise you, Lord, and we bless you.

**All:** "We praise you, Lord, and we bless you."

## SIGNING OF THE CATECHUMENS WITH THE OIL OF CATECHUMENS

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**Sponsors – place your right hand on catechumen's right shoulder.**

**Msgr. Otellini:** *(To Catechumens):* Guiying, Camille, Connor, Jonathan, Liliana, receive now the sign of your new way of life as a catechumen. We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Savior. May he strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Msgr. Otellini:** *(tracing a cross on each forehead with the Oil of the Catechumens)*

N., receive the cross on your forehead. It is Christ himself who now strengthens you with this sign of his love. Learn to know him and follow him.

**All:** "Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!"

## SIGNING OF THE CANDIDATES WITH THE CROSS

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*Sponsors – place your right hand on your candidate’s right shoulder.*

**Msgr. Otellini:** *(To the candidates)* Candidates for Confirmation and the Eucharist and for full reception into the Church—Robert, Rigo, Janelle, Mildred, Michele—receive now the sign of your continuing conversion.

**Msgr. Otellini:** *(tracing a cross on each forehead – no oil)*

N., receive the cross on your forehead as a reminder of your baptism into Christ’s saving death and resurrection.

**All: “Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!”**

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

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**Msgr. Otellini:**

Let us pray: Almighty God,  
by the cross and resurrection of your Son  
you have given life to your people.  
Your servants have received the sign of the cross:  
make them living proof of its saving power  
and help them to persevere in the footsteps of Christ.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: “Amen”**

**Msgr. Otellini** *(To the class):*

Although you cannot yet participate fully in the Lord’s Eucharist, we invite you to stay with us as a sign of our hope that all God’s children will eat and drink with the Lord and work with his spirit to recreate the face of the earth.

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Everyone, return to your pews via the side aisles.*

## MASS BEGINS

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD (READINGS AND HOMILY)

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## INTERCESSIONS (AFTER THE CREED)

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**Msgr. Otellini:** *(ad lib)*

At this time, let us pray especially for the catechumens and candidates. These brothers and sisters have already traveled a long road. We rejoice with them in the gentle guidance of God who has brought them to this day. Let us pray that they may press onwards, until they come to share fully in our way of life.

**Lector:** “That God our Father may reveal his Christ to them more and more with every passing day, let us pray to the Lord.” **All:** “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”

**Lector:** “That they may undertake with generous hearts and souls whatever God may ask of them, let us pray to the Lord.” **All:** “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”

**Lector:** “That they may have our sincere and unfailing support every step of the way, let us pray to the Lord.” **All:** “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”

**Lector:** “That they may find in our community compelling signs of unity and generous love, let us pray to the Lord.” **All:** “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”

**Lector:** “That their hearts and ours may become more responsive to the needs of others, let us pray to the Lord.” **All:** “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”

**Lector:** “That in due time the catechumens may be found worthy to receive the baptism of new birth and renewal in the Holy Spirit, and the candidates may be found worthy to complete their initiation through the sacraments of confirmation and eucharist, let us pray to the Lord.” **All:** “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”

*Lector: Continue with Nativity intercessions for the sick and dead.*

## PRAYER OVER THE CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES

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**Msgr. Otellini:**

Let us pray:

Almighty God, source of all creation,  
you have made us in your image.

Receive with love those who come before you.

Lead our catechumens to the baptism of new birth,  
and our candidates to a deeper share in the paschal mystery,  
so that, living a fruitful life in the company of our faithful,  
they may receive the eternal reward that you promise.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**All:** “**Amen.**”