

## OCIA Parents' Active Participation Form

*To be completed by parent(s) where one or both parents are practicing Catholics at the time the child or children begins the process of Christian Initiation in the Diocese of Gaylord.*

The Christian Initiation Team in your parish community is here to guide, teach, and support you and your child or children as members of your family prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation. It is essential to keep in mind that the Church has always considered parents to be the primary catechists in the work of forming their children's faith. The role of parents in their children's spiritual formation is therefore of critical importance. The work of the Catholic Community's Christian Initiation Team is to support you, not replace you.

In addition to a calendar of relevant dates for meetings, topics, and liturgical rites, we will be providing you with materials to help you in teaching, praying with, and participating in Christian acts of charity with your child or children. To begin this process, we ask you to read a brief section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: paragraphs 2196-2233.

**The spiritual preparation that our Catholic Community asks of you involves, but is not limited to, the following list, which we request that you consider and complete. As we pledge to be faithful to our commitment to assist you in teaching and forming your child or children in the Catholic faith, we ask you to pledge to be faithful to each of the following:**

- To pray with your children each day, and model prayer to them.
- To read Scripture/Bible stories with your children.
- To read the stories of the lives of the saints with your children.
- To teach your children basic Catholic prayers.
- To teach your children the Ten Commandments and other fundamentals of our life of faith.
- To teach your children what it means to live a virtuous life, what sin and temptation are, and how to avoid them.
- To teach your children about the spiritual dangers and excesses of modern culture.
- To seek out and introduce your children to age-appropriate resources which foster the life of faith.
- To model the Christian life of seeking holiness, depending on grace, offering God genuine repentance for sins, practicing active charity, avoiding actions that are unholy, and striving to live justly before God and in society.
- To participate in Mass on Sundays with your children.
- To participate in Mass on Holy Days of Obligation with your children.
- To bring your children to OCIA or Sacramental Prep gatherings faithfully.
- To attend OCIA or Sacramental Prep parent meetings.
- To attend OCIA liturgical rites.
- To attend OCIA or Sacrament rehearsals for rites (when and if needed).

**If you can commit to these aspects of spiritually preparing your children for the sacraments and the Christian life, please print and sign your name(s) below:**

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*Printed Name*

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*Signature*

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*Printed Name*

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*Signature*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_