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GUARDIAN ANGEL CATHEDRAL

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Dear Friends,

We are so grateful and full of joy for the journey that you have decided to embark upon. God has truly been at work in your life, guiding you to this moment. It is not an accident that you have chosen to enter the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), or "Becoming Catholic," program at the Guardian Angel Cathedral this year. Everything in your life has led you to this point, and now you have decided to answer the Lord's call. You may have a range of emotions as you begin, from excitement to uncertainty. As you begin this beautiful spiritual journey, we share with you a few points:

Come with an open heart

You've already taken the first step by saying "yes" to this journey; now, give it your all. Come with an open heart, ready to listen, and learn. Everyone is learning and growing together, and your contribution is vital.

Pray

You are not alone. The entire Catholic Church is praying for you. Don't hesitate to ask your loved ones to keep you in their prayers. Prayer is a lifeline that will sustain you through doubts or challenges.

Be ready to receive God's gifts

God has prepared incredible gifts for you on this journey - spiritual insight, the grace of forgiveness, the discovery of community. Most importantly, you will come to know how deeply Jesus loves you. You will be amazed by how much God has in store for you.

Embrace the community of faith

One of the precious gifts you will receive is the gift of a Church community. You are not walking this path alone; others are on this journey with you, and there is so much you can learn from them. They will become a source of strength and joy for you.

Embrace holiness

This journey is about transformation - becoming the person God created you to be. Jesus is calling you to something greater: to holiness of life. This is your opportunity to open your heart to His transforming love.

We can only love what we know

The more you learn about the Catholic Faith, the more you will fall in love with the Church, and with Jesus Christ the Lord, and that love will carry you forward.

The end is your beginning

The Easter Vigil and the reception of the sacraments are just the beginning of a new and definitive chapter in your life, where you will continue to grow, and love, and serve the Lord in the fullness of your Catholic faith. Enjoy this time with Jesus. Let Him show you the way. Let His Holy Spirit transform you into the person He created you to be.

Welcome!

May God bless you abundantly on this journey!

Bishop Gregory W. Gordon
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Fr. Mugagga Lule
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WHAT CAN I BE WORKING ON BEFORE CLASSES START IN SEPTEMBER?

To help expedite the process, please gather the following forms. Please note that the “Parish Registration Form” is included within this packet.

If you (or your spouse) have ever been married at any point in your life, you must gather **all** the marriage forms, regardless of whether you are currently married, divorced, or widowed. If you are single and have never been married, please disregard.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS		
<i>Necessary Item</i>	<i>Initial</i>	<i>Date</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Parish Registration Form	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Intake Checklist for Rector’s Review	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Baptism Certificate (If Baptized)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Sacrament Records for Communion/Confirmation	_____	_____
<i>Only to be completed if you are currently married, divorced, widowed, or your current spouse was previously married:</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage Certificate	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce Decree	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Annulment Paperwork	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Death certificate (If widowed)	_____	_____

CAN I PUT MY FAITH INTO PRACTICE RIGHT AWAY?

Absolutely!

A great way to discern the Catholic faith is by beginning to put it into practice. Guardian Angel Cathedral welcomes all who can complete a background check to serve as ushers. One does not even need to be Catholic to serve as an usher. These Ministers of Hospitality welcome hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the globe to the Cathedral every week.

If you are interested, please complete the online onboarding class using the “CMG Connect Archdiocese of Las Vegas Safe Environment Training” flier.

We welcome you to our Cathedral family!

DO YOU HAVE AN ATTENDANCE POLICY?

Yes, we do. Because the Becoming Catholic program at Guardian Angel Cathedral is a sacred journey of faith and formation, regular attendance is essential. The program runs from September through May and covers a wide range of catechetical topics as we prepare hearts and minds for full communion with the Church. Participants are allowed up to three absences. In cases of severe hardship, such as hospitalization, death, or natural disaster, exceptions may be considered at the rector’s sole discretion, and documentation may be requested. This policy reflects our deep care for each soul’s formation and our desire that everyone receives the fullness of grace this journey offers.

Guardian Angel Cathedral
“Becoming Catholic” - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

2025 - 2026 Schedule

Catechesis - Sundays at 10:30 AM in Anderson Hall

Catechumens and candidates are to attend 9:00 AM Sunday Mass

Week	Date	Topic
1	Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025	Introductions and Sacramental Paperwork
2	Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025	Ch 1,2 The Creed: The Faith Professed
3	Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025	Ch 3,4 Proclaim the Gospel / Obedience of Faith
4	Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025	Ch, 5, 6 I Believe in God / Man and Woman at Beginning
5	Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025	Ch 7, 8 Jesus Christ, Incarnation / Redemption
6	Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025	Ch 9 The Holy Spirit
7	Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025	Ch 10, 11 The Church
8	Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025	Ch 12 Mary
9	Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025	Ch 13 Eternal Destiny
10	Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025	Ch 14 The Sacraments: The Faith Celebrated
11	Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025	Ch 15, 16 Baptism and Confirmation
Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025 – Solemnity of the Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe THE RITE OF ENTRANCE INTO THE ORDER OF CATECHUMENS (OCIA pg. 27)		
12	Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025	Ch 17 Eucharist
13	Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025	1 st Sunday of Advent/Thanksgiving Weekend (NO CLASS)
14	Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025	Ch 18, 19 Penance and Anointing
15	Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025	Ch 20, 21 Holy Orders and Marriage
16	Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025	Christmas Break (NO CLASS)
17	Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025	The Closing of the Holy Year (NO CLASS)
18	Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026	Ch 22 The Sacramentals/Popular Devotions
19	Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026	Ch 23, 24 Christian Morality: The Faith Lived
20	Sunday, Jan. 18, 2026	MLK Weekend (NO CLASS)
21	Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026	Ch 25, 26 1 st , 2 nd Commandments
22	Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026	Ch 27, 28 3 rd , 4 th Commandments
23	Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026	Ch 29, 30 5 th , 6 th Commandments
24	Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026	Discussion and Discernment
25	Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026	Ch 31, 32 7 th , 8 th Commandments
Sunday, Mar. 1, 2026 – The Second Sunday of Lent THE RITE OF ELECTION		
26	Sunday, Mar. 1, 2026	Rite of Election - Location TBD by Abp. (NO CLASS)
Sunday, March 8, 2026 – The Third Sunday of Lent THE FIRST SCRUTINY (OCIA pg. 98)		
27	Sunday, Mar. 8, 2026	Ch 33, 34 9 th , 10 th Commandments
Sunday, March 15, 2026 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent THE SECOND SCRUTINY (OCIA pg. 114)		
28	Sunday, Mar. 15, 2026	Ch 35 Prayer: The Faith Prayed
Sunday, March 22, 2026 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent THE THIRD SCRUTINY (OCIA pg. 122)		
29	Sunday, Mar. 22, 2026	Ch 36 Prayers of the Church
Sunday, March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday, the Beginning of Holy Week		
30	Sunday, Mar. 29, 2026	Holy Week and the Most Sacred Triduum
Thursday, April 2, 2026 – Sunday, April 5, 2026 – The Most Sacred Triduum Saturday, April 4, 2026 – The Easter Vigil THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (OCIA pg. 377)		

31	Sat., April 4, 2026	REHEARSAL 12:00 PM; The EASTER VIGIL 7:30PM* (TBD by Abp.)
32	Sunday, Apr. 12, 2026	Reflection on the Easter Mysteries
33	Sunday, Apr. 19, 2026	Mystagogia, Ministries, Certificates
34	Sunday, Apr. 26, 2026	Mystagogia
35	Sunday, May 3, 2026	Mystagogia
36	Sunday, May 10, 2026	Mystagogia
37	Sunday, May 17, 2026	Mystagogia
38	Sunday, May 24, 2026	The Solemnity of Pentecost (Final Class)

Welcome into the Body of Christ, becoming a member of our Catholic Family of Faith!

ARCHDIOCESE OF LAS VEGAS



Safe Environment Training

Getting Started:

1. Go to <https://lasvegas.cmgconnect.org/>
2. Create a new account by completing all the boxes under “Register for a New Account.” This includes address, primary parish, and how you participate at your parish or school. If you have questions please contact your parish/school coordinator. ***Please enter your first and last name in the system as it appears on your driver’s license.***
3. Your main learning dashboard will show you all of the requirements and optional training curriculums that have been customized for your particular role within the Archdiocese.
4. Click ‘Start Curriculum’ for the Safe Environment Training.
5. Once training is completed, you can access your completion certificate by returning to the training dashboard and clicking ‘Download Certificate’.

The image shows the CMG Connect website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'CMG CONNECT', 'Las Vegas', 'FAQ', 'SUPPORT', 'Language - en', and a 'Sign In Here' button. The main content area is divided into two sections. The left section, titled 'THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE of LAS VEGAS', contains a welcome message and instructions for existing and new users. The right section, titled 'Existing Accounts', provides instructions for logging in. Below this is a 'Register for a New Account' form with tabs for 'Account', 'Personal', and 'Affiliation'. The 'Account' tab is active, showing fields for First name, Middle name, Last name, Username, Password, Address 1, Address 2, City, Phone, Date of Birth, and a 'Next Step' button. The 'Affiliation' tab is also visible, showing a dropdown for 'Select the Primary Parish/School at which you Volunteer or Work', a dropdown for 'Please Select a Role', and a list of roles to participate as: Catechist, Clergy/Religious, Parish Employee, Parish Volunteer, School Employee, and School Volunteer. A red arrow points from the 'Sign In Here' button to the 'Sign In' text in the text block on the right.

Users wanting their accounts in Spanish can switch their language at the top of the page by the "Sign In" option prior to registering their account

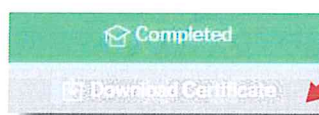
• You will progress through ALL three account creation screens before your registration is complete. *If you are unsure of what role to select for your participation category, please contact the diocese.*

• On your main dashboard, you will click Start Curriculum

• Complete the training sections—as you work through they will be marked as **Done** in each box.

• When finished, click the 'Dashboard' tab on the left side of your screen to return to your training options.

• Access your certificate by locating the completed curriculum on your dashboard and clicking the gray 'Download Certificate' button.



Training Overview	
Training information and results	
Safe Haven - It's Up to You (Part 1)	Video Page Progress
Safe Haven Questions 1	Question/Answer Page
Safe Haven - It's Up to You (Part 2)	Video Page
Safe Haven Questions 2	Question/Answer Page
Safe Haven - It's Up to You (Part 3)	Video Page
Safe Haven Questions 3	Question/Answer Page
Diocesan Mandatory Reporting Policy	Read and Acknowledge Page
Nevada Mandatory Reporting Law	Read and Acknowledge Page

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STAFF USE ONLY - Possible Resolutions

- ☐ Lack of Canonical Form - if one or both parties are Catholic and marriage was outside the Catholic Church
- ☐ Pauline Privilege - If both parties are not baptized, and one is to be baptized
- ☐ Defect of Consent (or impediment) - Formal nullity cause

BECOMING CATHOLIC INTAKE CHECKLIST FOR RECTOR'S REVIEW

Name of Inquirer: _____

Name of Reviewer (Typically a Priest): _____

Completion Checklist (Reviewer, please initial next to each item that is completed)

_____ Intake interview completed on (date) _____ by _____

_____ Validly baptized: ☐ Yes ☐ No Church of Baptism: _____

_____ Current baptism certificate received by Cathedral Office

_____ Cohabiting (living together in a sexual relationship without marriage): ☐ Yes ☐ No

_____ Do **any** previous marriages exist for the inquirer or his/her spouse that have not been resolved by a decree of nullity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

_____ Decree of Nullity case started (paperwork sent to Tribunal): ☐ Yes ☐ No - Date: _____

_____ Is the inquirer or his/her spouse Catholic and in an irregular marriage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

_____ Convalidation necessary?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

_____ The inquirer has been told that if he/she is in an invalid marriage, his/her spouse is in an invalid marriage, or is cohabiting, those situations may affect his/her reception of the Sacraments of Initiation?

_____ Concerning previous marriages, has the inquirer been told that there is no guarantee that any case submitted to the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal will be adjudicated in time for reception into the Church by Easter, or that the case will be adjudicated in his/her favor?

BRIEFLY describe the plan for this inquirer mentioning: (A) If he/she is validly baptized or not (B) He/she or his/her spouse will need to have an irregular marriage addressed and resolved (C) If there are marriages, how will they be addressed first before entering Becoming Catholic program or will he/she be addressing marriage issues while participating in class? (D) If he/she is cohabiting, the plan of action for that situation:

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PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

Family Last Name: _____

Husband First Name: _____

Husband Mobile Number: _____

Husband Email Address: _____

Wife First Name: _____

Wife Mobile Number: _____

Wife Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Children Living at Home: _____

May we add you to our Offertory Envelope Mailing List? Yes _____ No _____

If interested in Online Giving, please visit us at www.gacnv.org

WE LOVE TO HAVE NEW PARISHIONERS HELP WITH THE MASSES!

Which ministry could we talk to you about joining???

Altar Server _____ Eucharistic Minister _____ Lector _____ Usher _____

Please circle the Mass(es) at which you would be able to serve:

Sat 2:30pm Sat 4:30pm Sun 7:30am Sun 9:00am Sun 11:00 Sun 1:00pm
Weekdays 9:00am Weekdays 12:10pm

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Our Sunday Visitor Envelope # _____

Added to GAC Member Database _____

eMail added to Constant Contact _____

CSA Brochure mailed _____