

HOLY JOURNEY

# The next step after welcome

A parish pathway for continuing faith formation after OCIA and the sacraments of initiation.

FROM INITIATION TO A LIFETIME OF DISCIPLESHIP

*Help new Catholics deepen their faith, build lasting relationships, and find their place in the life and mission of the parish.*

ECCLESIASTICALLY REVIEWED AND APPROVED

**NIHIL OBSTAT | IMPRIMI POTEST | IMPRIMATUR**

Holy Journey's formation materials have received all three ecclesiastical approvals.

| COMPLEMENTARY                                           | PARISH-BASED                                              | BUILT TO CONTINUE                                   |
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| Begins where initial evangelization and OCIA leave off. | Equips local leaders and strengthens existing ministries. | Creates a repeatable pathway, not a one-time event. |

A Holy Journey parish partnership

# The pastoral moment

The Easter Vigil is a joyful beginning. Yet the months that follow can leave a newly initiated Catholic wondering how to keep growing, where to belong, and what faithful Catholic life looks like week after week.

Holy Journey helps the parish answer one essential question: What happens next?

### The gap

New Catholics may receive excellent preparation for initiation but still need a guided transition into prayer, friendship, parish life, ongoing formation, and mission.

### The opportunity

The parish can accompany this first year intentionally, helping the newly initiated become rooted, connected, and ready to continue growing.

## Holy Journey is designed to complement

- Evangelization experiences such as Alpha or ChristLife
- The parish's OCIA process and period of mystagogy
- Existing Bible studies, FORMED content, small groups, and devotional life
- Parish ministries, service opportunities, and missionary discipleship

| ENCOUNTER                      | INITIATION              | CONTINUING FORMATION | MISSION                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Invitation and first encounter | OCIA and the sacraments | Holy Journey         | Belonging, service, and witness |

*You have welcomed them into the Church. Holy Journey helps you continue walking with them.*

# What your parish receives

Holy Journey combines fully ecclesiastically approved formation content with implementation support so your team can launch well, care for participants, and offer the pathway again with growing confidence.

**Faithful Catholic formation: Nihil Obstat | Imprimi Potest | Imprimatur**

**A complete pathway**

Core sessions, participant reflections, leader guides, prayer, discussion, practical Catholic habits, and clear next steps.

**Prepared leaders**

Formation and certification in facilitation, prayer, accompaniment, participant care, and the Holy Journey method.

**A confident launch**

A readiness process, launch calendar, invitations, communications, mentor resources, and a final launch checklist.

**A parish portal**

One place for leaders to access materials, complete training, manage cohorts, record attendance, and review progress.

**Ongoing accompaniment**

Participant follow-up, mentor relationships, engagement signals, coaching options, and support when the team needs help.

**Continuation after the course**

Participant next steps, seasonal Mini-Journeys, ministry connections, leader development, and planning for the next cohort.

**One parish license includes unlimited participants and cohorts at one parish campus.  
There are no digital per-participant fees.**

# Choose the support your parish needs

Both options provide the complete Holy Journey pathway and require leader preparation. The difference is the amount of implementation partnership your team receives.

|                          | PARISH                                                      | GUIDED   RECOMMENDED                                                       |
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| Best for                 | A parish with an experienced, accountable formation leader. | A parish that wants Holy Journey to guide the launch and support the team. |
| Core course and portal   | Included                                                    | Included                                                                   |
| Participants and cohorts | Unlimited                                                   | Unlimited                                                                  |
| Leader certification     | Up to 5 leaders                                             | Up to 12 leaders                                                           |
| Implementation           | Digital readiness process, live orientation, and practicum  | Named coach and structured 90-day launch                                   |
| Pathway design           | Parish template                                             | Custom pathway-mapping workshop                                            |
| Cohort support           | Email support and group office hours                        | Session-two, midpoint, and closeout reviews                                |
| Ongoing support          | Resources and automated reminders                           | Quarterly coaching and annual outcomes review                              |
| Continuation             | Available as add-ons                                        | Mentor System and two Mini-Journeys annually                               |

## Parish

A complete, scalable system your existing leader can implement with Holy Journey training and shared support.

## Guided

A done-with-you launch that equips the parish to own and repeat the ministry with confidence.

Not sure which option fits? Begin with a parish-readiness conversation and we will recommend the right level of support.

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# Your Guided launch journey

Guided parishes receive a named Holy Journey Success Coach and a clear implementation rhythm. Most parishes can prepare for launch in six to eight weeks.

| STEP | MILESTONE                                              | WHAT HAPPENS                                                                        |
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| 1    | <b>Align</b><br>Pastor or senior staff sponsor meeting | Clarify the pastoral goal, support, authority, and expectations.                    |
| 2    | <b>Assess</b><br>Parish readiness review               | Review leaders, calendar, existing ministries, participant invitation, and mentors. |
| 3    | <b>Design</b><br>Pathway-mapping workshop              | Connect evangelization, OCIA, Holy Journey, parish life, and the next destination.  |
| 4    | <b>Form</b><br>Private leader workshops                | Prepare leaders in facilitation, prayer, accompaniment, care, and reporting.        |
| 5    | <b>Practice</b><br>Facilitator practicum               | Lead a sample session, receive feedback, and complete certification.                |
| 6    | <b>Launch</b><br>Final readiness review                | Confirm invitations, mentors, roster, space, hospitality, and follow-up.            |

## During the first cohort

Your coach checks in after session two, at the midpoint, and at closeout. Together, you respond early to attendance, mentor, or leadership needs.

## After the first cohort

Review outcomes, connect participants to next steps, strengthen the leader bench, select continuation resources, and schedule the next cohort.

**The goal is parish ownership: Holy Journey walks closely with your team while equipping your parish to lead the ministry for years to come.**

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# Leaders who are ready to accompany

Holy Journey leader formation is practical, pastoral, and designed for real parish teams. Leaders do not need to be professional teachers, but they do need preparation, humility, and accountability.

## Foundations

A concise introduction to Holy Journey's mission, pathway, session rhythm, leader roles, and participant experience.

## Live workshop

Facilitation, prayer, listening, difficult questions, participant follow-up, mentor relationships, and common scenarios.

## Practicum

Lead a short portion of a session, receive constructive feedback, and gain confidence before meeting participants.

## Continued formation

Annual refresher resources and support for replacement leaders, returning facilitators, and an expanding leadership team.

## The Holy Journey Mentor System

A course can form the mind and heart; a faithful relationship helps the new Catholic keep walking. The Mentor System extends personal accompaniment through the participant's first year.

- A clear mentor role, selection guide, orientation, covenant, and appropriate boundaries
- Twelve monthly meeting guides with prayer, conversation prompts, and practical Catholic habits
- A parish-connection checklist and simple mentor check-ins
- Guidance for missed meetings and when a concern should be referred to parish staff or clergy

**The mentor offers friendship, prayer, consistency, and parish connection. The mentor does not replace clergy, counseling, or spiritual direction.**

# Continue the journey

Holy Journey helps the parish avoid another abrupt ending. Graduates are invited into concrete relationships, practices, and pathways that continue throughout the year.

### Participant next steps

Each participant identifies a next step in prayer, learning, community, service, ministry, or witness - with parish follow-through.

### Seasonal Mini-Journeys

Short four-to-six-session pathways that gather graduates again and open participation to the wider parish.

| ADVENT                          | LENT                              | PRAYER                            |
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| Learning to wait with hope      | Conversion as a way of life       | Building a faithful daily rhythm  |
| SCRIPTURE                       | EUCCHARISTIC LIFE                 | PARISH BELONGING                  |
| Reading the Bible as a Catholic | Living from the source and summit | Finding a place to serve and grow |

### Every Mini-Journey includes

- Short teaching, reflection, and leader notes
- Prayer and discussion designed for adult faith sharing
- A weekly spiritual practice and practical parish action
- A final invitation to choose the next faithful step

*Holy Journey is not one more program to complete. It is a rhythm of continuing formation the parish can make its own.*

# Bring Holy Journey to your parish in person

For parishes seeking a deeper foundation, a Holy Journey implementation specialist can work with your pastor and team on site over two consecutive days.

### Before arrival

Leadership questionnaire, pastor and implementation-leader interviews, current-pathway review, team selection, portal setup, and a tailored agenda.

### After departure

A written 90-day action plan, 30-day and 60-day virtual follow-up, and Guided coaching throughout the remainder of the year.

### DAY 1 | ALIGN AND FORM

Pastor and staff alignment  
The post-OCIA pastoral opportunity  
Current-pathway mapping  
Holy Journey vision and method  
Leader roles and team health  
Facilitation and accompaniment  
Practice sessions and feedback

### DAY 2 | BUILD AND LAUNCH

Mentor-system training  
Participant invitation plan  
First-cohort operating plan  
Portal and reporting workflow  
Attendance and participant care  
Mock session and coaching  
Continuation plan  
Final commitments and launch readiness

**The On-Site Foundation Intensive is available with a Guided partnership. Travel is planned and approved with the parish before booking.**

### Best for

Parishes launching a new post-OCIA pathway, rebuilding an existing process, forming a larger team, or coordinating multiple parish communities.

### What remains

Your local team, a shared implementation plan, certified leaders, a functioning portal, and a clear path from first cohort to ongoing ministry.

# Investment and next steps

Choose a parish-wide partnership rather than paying per participant. Annual payment provides the greatest value; monthly payment is available with a twelve-month commitment.

| PARISH                                                                                                                             | GUIDED   RECOMMENDED                                                                                                                 |
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| <div><b>\$1,800 annually</b></div> <div>or \$180 monthly</div> <div>First-year Launch and Leader Formation Fee: <b>\$750</b></div> | <div><b>\$3,600 annually</b></div> <div>or \$360 monthly</div> <div>First-year Launch and Leader Formation Fee: <b>\$1,500</b></div> |
| Includes up to 5 certified leaders                                                                                                 | Includes up to 12 certified leaders                                                                                                  |

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| ON-SITE FOUNDATION INTENSIVE | <b>\$8,500 plus approved travel</b> |
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Available with Guided. The intensive replaces the normal Guided launch fee.

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| <div><b>Optional continuation</b></div> <div>Mentor System: included with Guided or available to Parish partners. Mini-Journeys: two annually with Guided or available individually and in bundles.</div> | <div><b>Printed materials</b></div> <div>Participant Companions and welcome materials can be ordered in parish quantities. Final pricing depends on quantity and customization.</div> |
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## Begin with a parish fit conversation

- Share what currently happens before and after initiation in your parish.
- Identify your pastor sponsor, implementation leader, and likely launch season.
- Choose Parish, Guided, or Guided with the On-Site Foundation Intensive.
- Complete enrollment and begin the six-to-eight-week launch journey.

**Let the Easter Vigil be the beginning of a lifetime of growing, belonging, and serving.**

*Contact Holy Journey to schedule a parish partnership conversation.*