

Archdiocese of Seattle - Lifelong Formation
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PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL

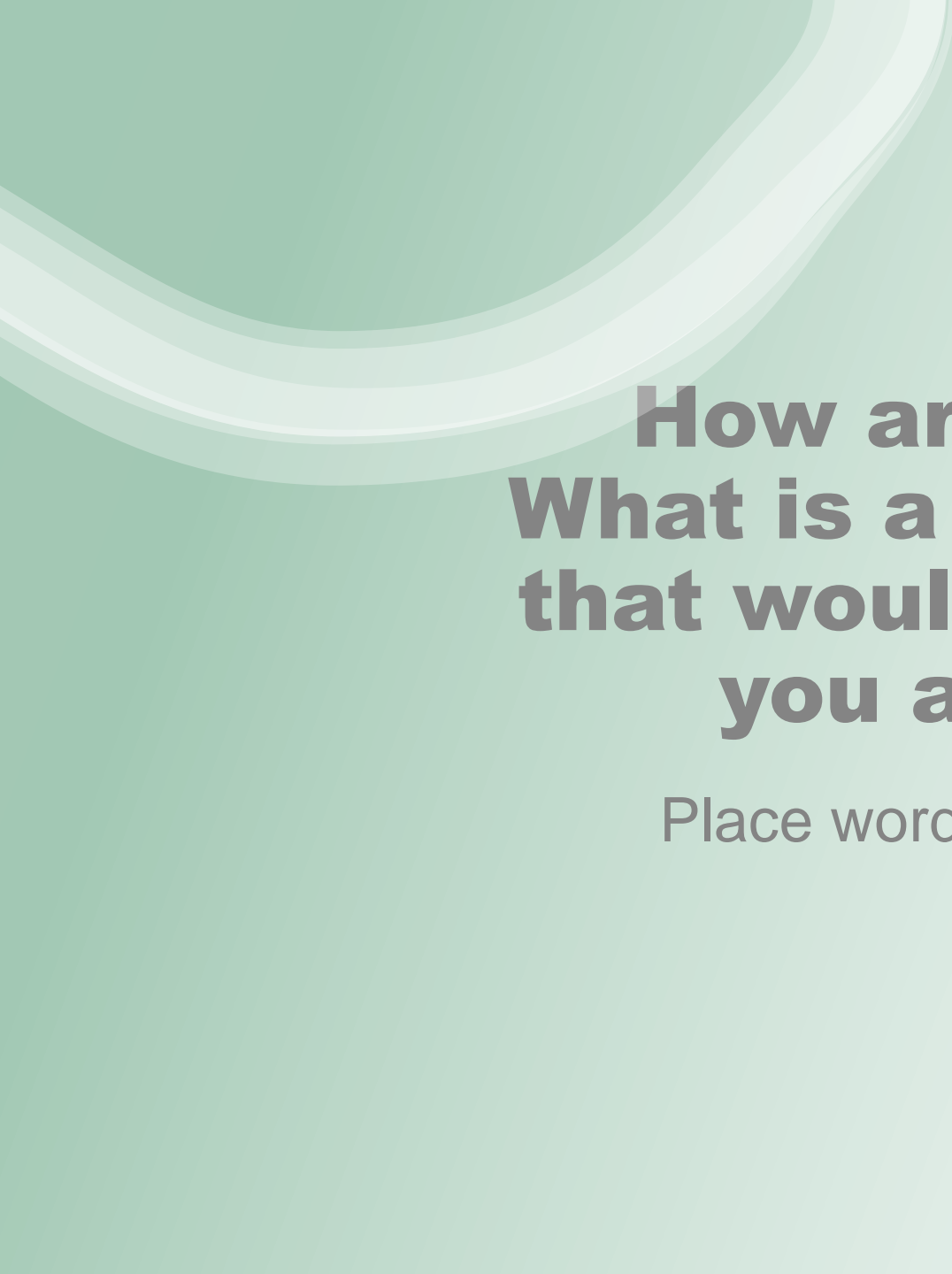
AND INITIATION MINISTRIES

Presented by Tom East, Parish Family Liaison

Agenda

- Opening Prayer
- Partners in the Gospel Journey
- OCIA / Initiation Ministry Journey
- Connections Between OCIA and Partners
- Consider these Directions
- Question and Answer
- Closing Comments
- Closing Prayer





**How are you doing?
What is a word or phrase
that would describe how
you are feeling?**

Place word or phrase in comments





"The end goal of Partners in the Gospel is to live our faith and continue Christ's mission in the world. This is why the Catholic Church exists around the world and why we have embarked on Partners in the Gospel here in Western Washington."

Archbishop Etienne, July 1, 2024











The Art of Accompaniment

The Church will have to initiate everyone – priests, religious and laity – into this “art of accompaniment” which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other.





"As Catholics, our mission is to help people encounter Jesus Christ, to accompany others on this journey of faith and to witness the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Archbishop Etienne, July 1, 2024

OCIA Catechumen

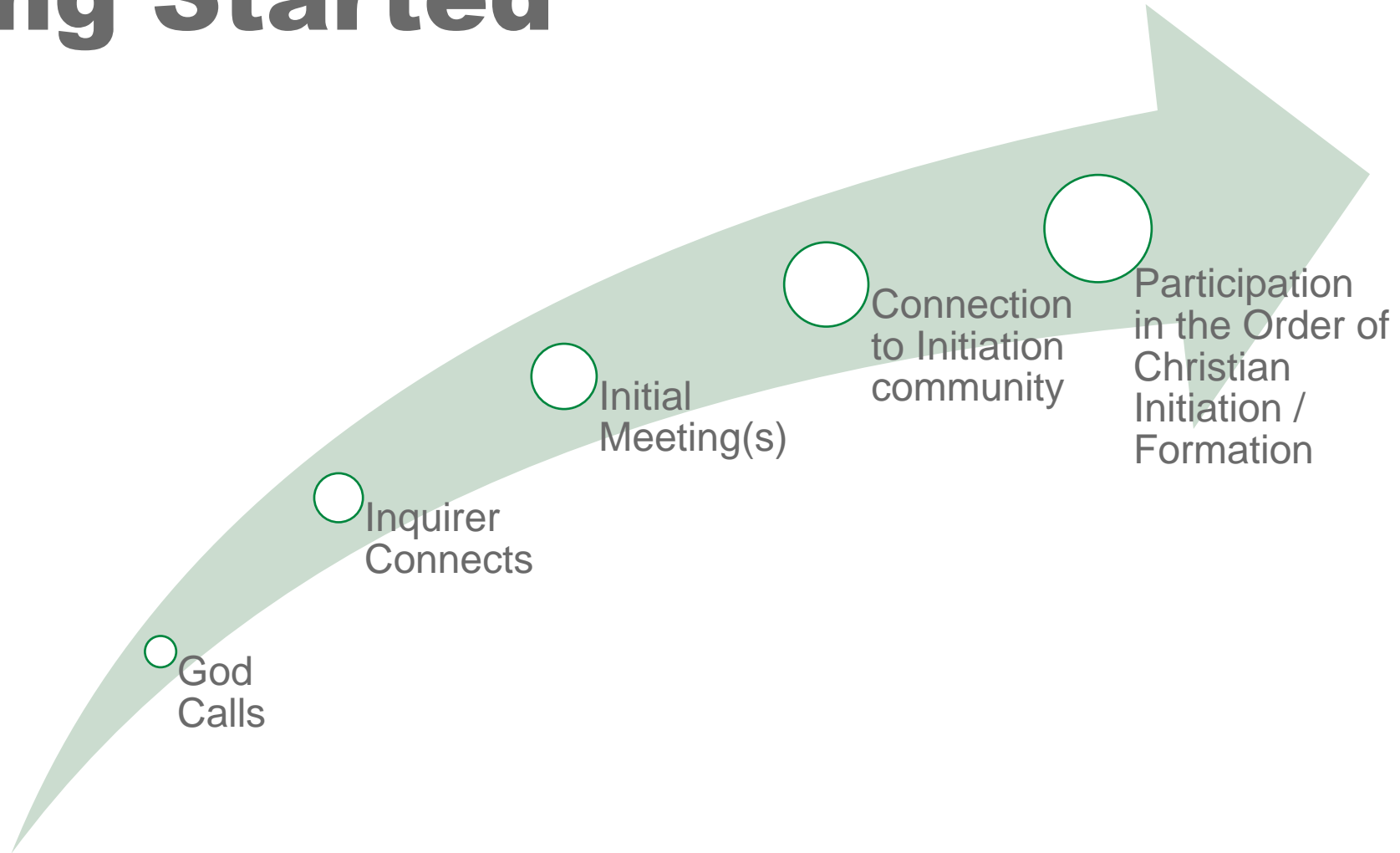
Candidates for Full
Communion

Initiation
Ministries
Community

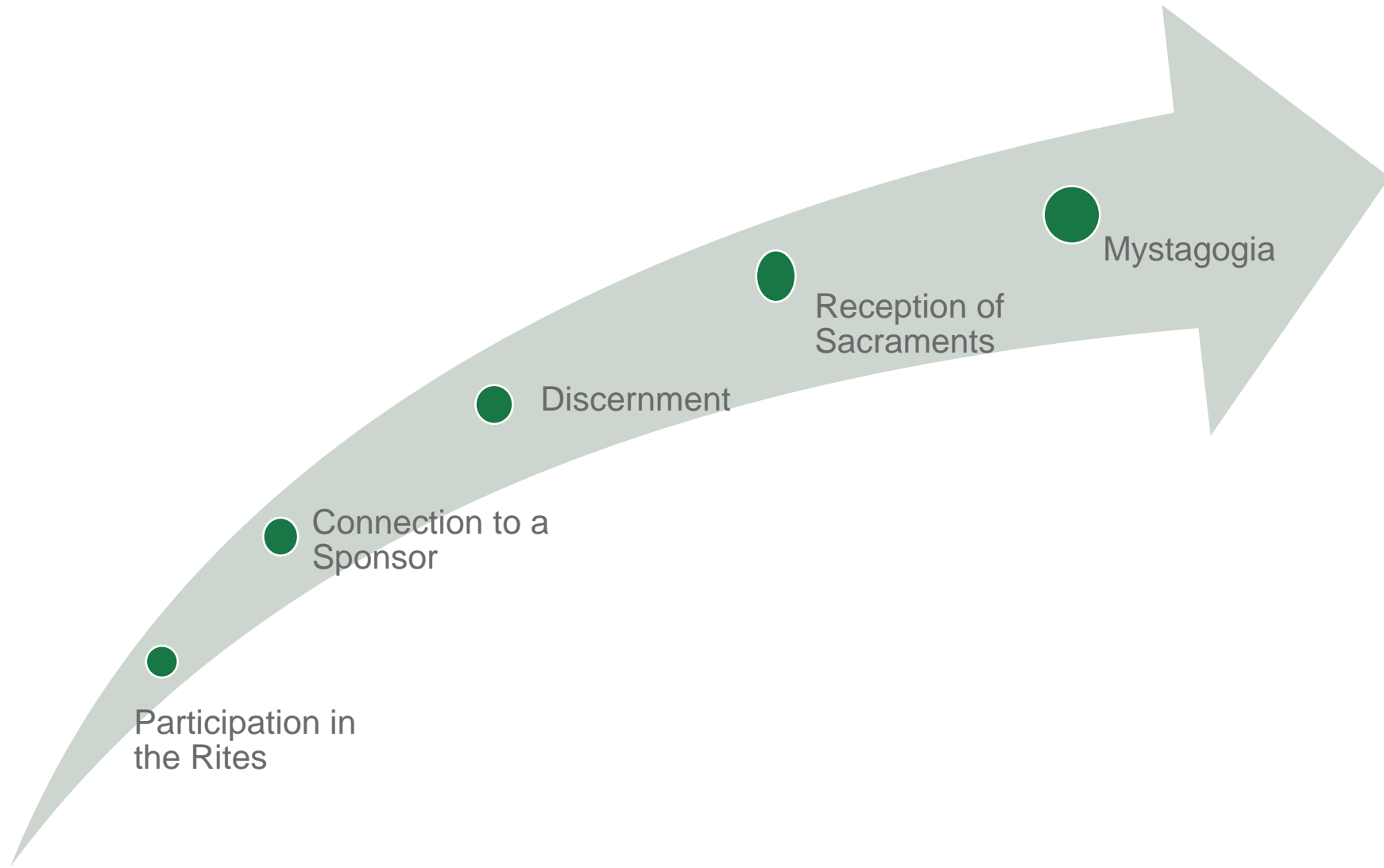
Returning Catholics

Adults seeking Confirmation

Initiation Ministries Getting Started



Initiation Ministries Process





GO

AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

Mission

SEE YOU IN
SUNDAY

WELCOME!

THANKS FOR
JOINING US!

Hospitality



Baptism



Confirmation



Eucharist

Access to Sacraments

*We are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation,
and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life*



Removing the Hurdles



Accompaniment



Hope for the Future



“Imagine full Sunday Masses, people engaged in the sacraments, growing youth and young adult groups, and people excited about their Catholic faith.... Ultimately, we are working to better carry out our mission of helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.”

Archbishop Etienne, July 1, 2024

Hopes for Initiation Ministries / OCIA

- Parish as a Place of Welcome and Inquiry
- Liturgy as the Center
- Life of the Parish
- The Parish Community is the Team
- Renewal of Parish Life



Connections Between Partners in the Gospel and OCIA / Initiation Ministries

- Mission
- Hospitality
- Access to Sacraments
- Accompaniment
- Hope for the Future



Initiation Ministries / OCIA

Important Directions

- Invite and Welcome
- Create Onramps and Pathways
- Forge your Relationship with Your Pastor and Parochial Vicar
- Get Out in Front of Potential Issues
- Connect to Liturgy and the Life of the Parish
- Connect to Parish Family and Partners in the Gospel Process



Get Out in Front of Potential Issues

Irregular Marriages - Convalidation or Sanation

Lack of Form / Annulment

Determine Valid Baptisms

Connect to Parish Family and Partners in the Gospel Process



Connect the Initiation
Community to Parish Family
Events

- Community Building
- Service
- Faith Formation

Connect to Parish Family and Partners in the Gospel Process



Connect with the Parish Family for Specific Elements of OCIA

- Rite of Election
- Retreat
- Team Formation



Q & A





Closing Prayer

Gracious God,
we praise and thank you for the Catholic Church in Western Washington.

We praise and thank you for the women and men
who have shared the joy of the Gospel here for more than 170 years.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might encounter your Son anew
and become more effective partners in sharing the Good News of his saving love.
May our partnership in the Gospel empower us to be your missionary disciples,
bringing the Good News to all,
especially to those who are marginalized or hurting in any way.
Give us the courage, the flexibility and the vision to renew parish life,
so that the good work, begun long ago, may continue among us,
and one day, be brought to completion in your Kingdom,
where you live and reign
for ever and ever.

Amen.

