



# Evangelization & OCIA Workshop

Programs Overview

15 May 2025



# Agenda

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- Opening prayer
- Introduction
- Evangelization Program Spotlight
- break
- OCIA Collaboration time
- Denver Catholic



# Gospel of the Day: John 13:16-20

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When Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, he said to them:  
"Amen, amen, I say to you, no slave is greater than his master  
nor any messenger greater than the one who sent him.  
If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it.  
I am not speaking of all of you.  
I know those whom I have chosen.  
But so that the Scripture might be fulfilled,  
The one who ate my food has raised his heel against me.  
From now on I am telling you before it happens,  
so that when it happens you may believe that I AM.  
Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send  
receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."







# Where do Programs fit into Parish Ministry?

Considerations and proper contextualizing

# The 3 Ps of Intentional Accompaniment

- What happens when we don't focus on people?

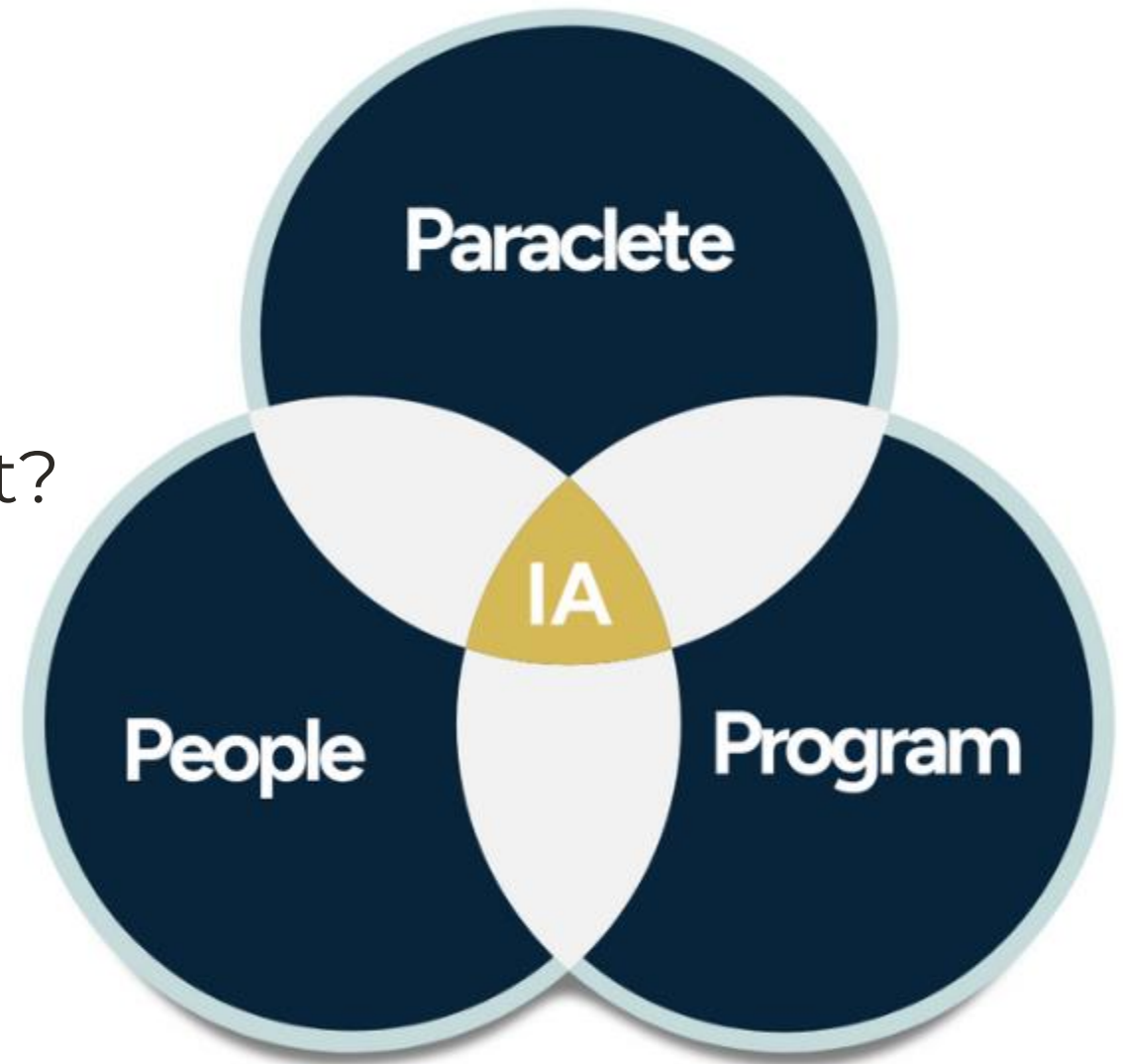
**lack of accompaniment aka  
"forgetting the cart"**

- What happens when we don't include the Holy Spirit?

**fruitless accompaniment aka  
"forgetting the horse"**

- What happens when we don't have a program?

**aimless accompaniment aka  
"forgetting the driver"**



# What does it look like to have these?

- People

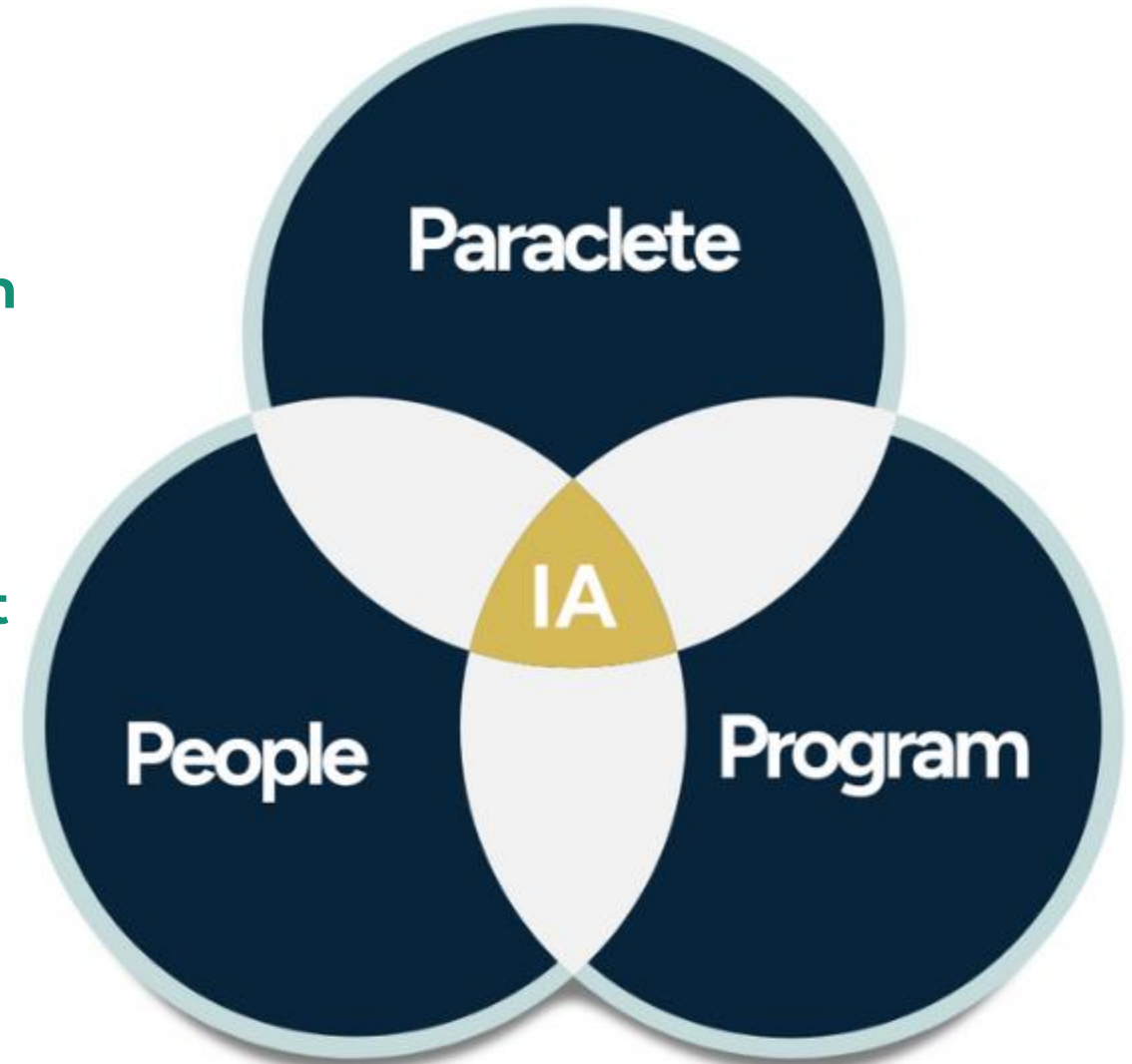
Frequently asking yourself "where are they" and "what do they need" to figure out what direction to go in

- Paraclete

Being in constant conversation with the Holy Spirit to bring insight into what is needed and how to go about it; intercessory prayer

- Program

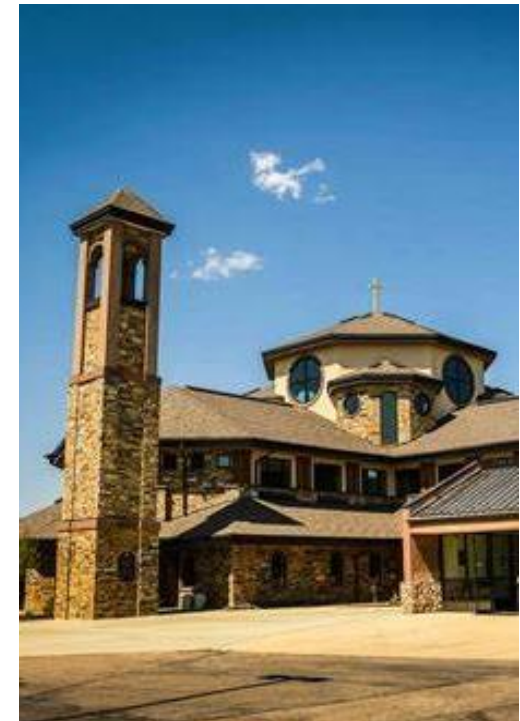
a guiding context to do ministry in that creates moments of encounter with truth, ending in a defined destination with the Lord







# Evangelization Resources: Parish Spotlights



# The Alpha Program



presented by St Catherine of Siena parish in  
Denver

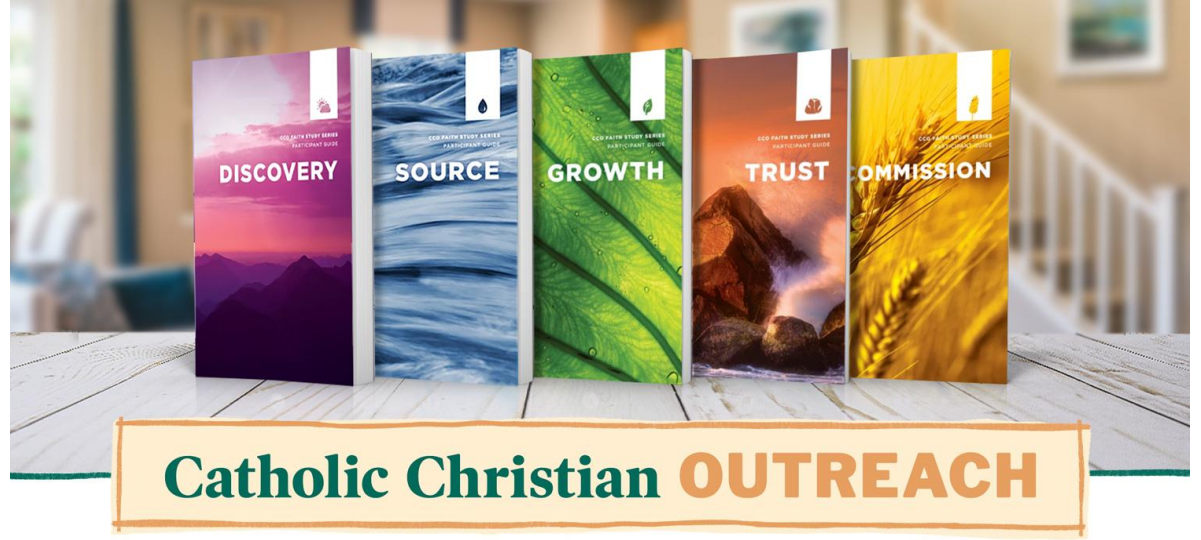


# The Rescue Project



presented by St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in  
Fort Collins

# Catholic Christian Outreach Movements



presented by Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Northglenn



# Break

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# OCIA Programs

# OCIA Programs: In a Sea of Curriculums, What Should We Be Looking For?

- Hitting all of the topics listed in the "Essential Catechumenal Formation" document (coming late this summer)
- Covers all four areas of formation (intellectual, spiritual, apostolic, and liturgical)
- Pedagogically, it is good practice to have a theme that you come back to week after week (sometimes called "a golden thread")



# Share at your tables:

## **What your plans are for OCIA this year?**

- Do you have a "golden thread" that you return to? If not, what would you use?
- What is your absolute favorite part to teach/guide in OCIA?
- What is a struggle that you have every year?
- How are you preparing to transition to the year-long catechumenate?
- How are you preparing to transition to more accompaniment with the sponsors?



**We want your stories!**



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# What support can we give you in the coming months as we transition into the full year OCIA?



Support Survey

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