Welcome to CCASTA (Church of the Ascension and ST. Augustine) and exploring becoming Catholic or completing the sacraments. We call this process OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. We prefer a shorter version: “Becoming Catholic”. Tonight is the orientation gathering. Below is the schedule for the year. Our meetings will be on this campus, St. Augustine, 5976 Old Washington Rd. We will use the St. Moncia building and the Burke wing. Our meetings will be at 7pm. lasting till about 8:15pm. We refer to our schedule as **S.T.E.P.S.** we take. Each section will prepare to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and His church. **S.T.E.P.S**. refers to:

**S**erve through the parish community

**T**ithe or giving financially

**E**ngage in small group discussion

**P**articipate in personal prayer, the scriptures, (sacraments when able)

**S**hare the hope and good news found in Christ

As you go through Steps 1-4 you will grow in the above S.T.E.P.S.

**Inquiring**

June 12. Orientation meeting

June 26. What is the meaning of life and why does Jesus matter?

July 10. What does Jesus want us to know?

July 24. Why do we need a Savior and what difference does the Resurrection make?

August 7. Who is the Holy Spirit.

August 21. New Life as a Disciple and why do we need the Church?

September 4: Prayer

September 11: The word of God in Scripture

September 18: The sacraments and forgiveness

September 25: Charisms (spiritual gifts)

October 2: Challenges from the world and the flesh

October 9. Overcoming the devil.

**Dates October 16-30: interviews**

 **Growing in Christ**

November 6: God the Creator and Father

November 13: Jesus Christ

November 20: Salvation

December 4: Holy Spirit and the Church

December 11: Last things

January 8: The beatitudes

January 15: 10 Commandments 1-3

January 22: Commandments 4-5

January 29: Commandments 6, 9-10

February 5: Commandments 7-8

February 12: Saints, devotion (**interviews part of the gathering**)

February 18 ASH WEDNESDAY (attend a service)

Preparing for the sacraments (Lent)

February 26: God’s love

March 4: Salvation

March 11: New life in the Spirit

March 18: Receiving new life

March 25: Baptism in the Spirit and sacraments of initiation

April 2: Holy Thursday . Meet 6-6:30pm. Orientation to Easter. Vigil

**Witness to Christ (Post Easter)**

April 9: Sacraments of initiation: charisms and service part 1

April 16: Sacraments of initiation: charisms and service part 2

April 23: Sacraments of service: Sharing Christ part 1

April 30: Sacraments of service: Sharing Christ part 2

May 7: Sacraments of healing