

The Catechumenal Process (RCIA)

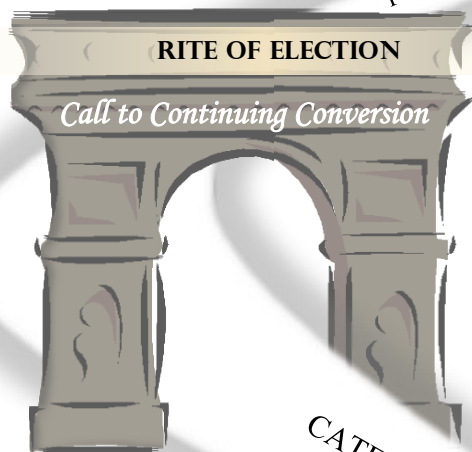
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Devoted to post-baptismal catechesis, this period is a time for deepening the Christian experience, for spiritual growth, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the community.



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Coinciding with Lent, this period consists more in interior reflection than in instruction. It is intended to enlighten the minds and hearts of participants with a deep knowledge of Christ the Savior.

Minor Rites in the Period of Purification and Enlightenment

- Penitential Rite (Candidates)
- Scrutinies (Catechumens)
- Presentation of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer
- Preparation Rites

CATECHUMENATE

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This is an extended period for pastoral formation and guidance aimed at training participants in the Christian life; it includes a thoroughly comprehensive catechesis on the truths of Catholic doctrine and moral life.

Minor Rites in the Period of Catechumenate

- Celebrations of the Word of God
- Minor Exorcisms (Catechumens)
- Anointings (Catechumens)
- Blessings
- [Presentation of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer]



PRECATECHUMENATE

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This is a time for inquiry and evangelization, an opportunity for the beginnings of faith.

Start

■ CATECHUMENS

□ CANDIDATES

□ PERIODS

■ STEPS