

Mystagogy and the Neophyte Year

- Prepare neophytes to begin gathering again a week or so after Initiation to share stories and pictures of their Easter Vigil celebration and to discuss the Scriptures for the Sundays of Easter in light of their sacramental experiences.
- Avoid the temptation to use the six weeks of Easter as a time for recruitment for parish service – information is fine – but no one should be pressured or feel obliged to join any ministry. Ministry flows from the experience of being a member of the parish and being called. Some neophytes ready to jump right in. For others, it takes time and reflection on what it means to be a “regular Catholic in the pews.”
- Be sure to prepare those neophytes who received baptism at Easter for their First Reconciliation and make arrangements for them to receive it before Pentecost. Too often this important detail is forgotten.

“To close the period of postbaptismal catechesis, some sort of celebration should be held at the end of the Easter season near Pentecost Sunday.”

(n. 249)