

*“Before the Rite is celebrated ... sufficient and necessary time, as required in each case, should be set aside to evaluate and, if necessary, purify the [catechumen’s or candidate’s] motives and dispositions.” (RCIA 43)*

The purpose of these conversations/dialogues is for one or more members of the team to assist RCIA participants to discern whether they are ready for the next step in the initiation process.

**Some questions that can be used in a conversation/dialogue to help with the discernment before the Rite of Election or Call to Continuing Conversion**

1. What has been your experience of the sessions we have had together up to this point? What has affected you the most? What have you enjoyed the most? What has challenged you the most?
2. What changes have occurred in your relationship with God or with your family or friends during this time?
3. What kind of changes do you see in yourself?
4. How has your relationship with your godparent/sponsor been working out?
5. What experiences have you had in the parish community up to now? Are you beginning to have a sense of belonging to this parish community?
6. What experiences have you had in reading the Scriptures?
7. Tell me about how you pray.
8. To what degree do you see yourself turning away from sin and developing a desire for virtue?
9. Do you believe you have a good grasp of the gospel (Good News) that Jesus Christ came to reveal? What do you desire to learn more about?
10. How would you describe what being a Catholic/living a Catholic life means? What does it mean to you that a Catholic is called to live a life of faithfulness, virtue and love?
11. What changes have occurred in your relationship with God or with your family/ friends during this time?
12. Tell me about some of the parishoners whom you have come to know or experiences in the parish you have had during the initiation process.
13. Do you find yourself relating to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints?
14. Do you feel that you have a good grasp of the teachings of the Church? Do you have questions about any of them? What areas do you wish to learn more about?
15. Do you desire to receive the sacraments? Specifically the Eucharist?

**After discussing the Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election and/or Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion:**

21. Do you understand what is being asked of you in these Rites? Are you prepared to take this step?
22. Do you still wish to be baptized/be received in to full communion?