

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

FIRST PERIOD

SECOND PERIOD

THIRD PERIOD

FOURTH PERIOD

## First Step:

### Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens

The first liturgical rite in which enquirers express and the Church accepts their intention to respond to God's call and follow the way of Jesus Christ.

## Second Step:

### Election or enrolment of names

The liturgical rite during which the Church formally approves the catechumens readiness for the Sacraments of Initiation.

## Third Step:

### Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation

This is the most important of all transitional Rites because it is when the elect are fully incorporated into Christ and the Church by Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.



## Period of Evangelisation & Pre-Catechumenate

A time of enquiry and introduction to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. An opportunity for the beginnings of faith.

## Period of the Catechumenate

The period of time for growth in faith and conversion to God through prayer, catechesis\* and fellowship.

\*catechesis = the passing on of the faith

## Enlightenment

This period usually takes place during the liturgical season of Lent.

It is a time of more intense spiritual preparation for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.

## Period of Mystagogy & Neophyte Year

Mystagogy or post-baptismal catechesis is an important period of time for the newly initiated to reflect on their Easter experience.

\*neophyte = "newly planted," the first year of being Catholic

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### First Step

The first Liturgical rite in which the inquirers express and the church accepts their intention to respond to God's call and follow the way of Jesus

## Second Period Catechumenate

The period for growth in faith and conversion through prayer, catechesis and fellowship. "catechesis" = the passing on of the faith.



### Second Step

The liturgical rite during which the Church formally ratifies the catechumens' readiness for the Sacrament of Initiation and the catechumens, now the Elect, express

## Third Period Purification and Enlightenment

This period usually takes place during the liturgical season of Lent. It is a time of more intense spiritual preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.



### Third Step

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## Fourth Period Post-baptismal Catechesis or Mystagogy



Mystagogy or post-baptismal catechesis is an important period during which the newly initiated experience being fully a part of the Christian community by means of both pertinent catechesis and particularly by participation with all the faithful in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration