


 RCIA in the
 THE LITURGICAL YEAR

Goal: Conversion

Rites: Mark the “next step” in conversion

Result: Sunday Eucharist, Weekly Discipleship, Behaviors of Justice

| SEASON | RITE | PURPOSE |
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| Ordinary Time | Pre-catechumenate (There is no rite . This is an informal status) | Invite inquirers (recruit) to begin the week after Pentecost |
| Sundays of Ordinary Time | Four Sundays of Ordinary Time set aside and ready in case a candidate is ready to commit to the Catechumenate or Candidacy for Full Communion. RITE: Rite of Acceptance or Rite of Welcome | A person changes status to catechumen or remained pre-catechumen. The rite recommends two years in the catechumenate to witness the story of Christ in two lectionary cycles. |
| Lent | Lent I - Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion Lent II - Penitential Rite for Candidates Lent III - First Scrutiny for elect Lent IV - Second Scrutiny for elect Lent V - Third Scrutiny for elect Lent VI - Palm/Passion Sunday Tuesday of Holy Week Wednesday of Holy Week | Catechumens change status. They are elected to be initiated. Candidates invited to continuing conversion Community prays for candidates' deliverance from the influence of evil Community prays for elect - deliverance from the influence of evil Community prays for elect - deliverance from the influence of evil. Community prays for elect - deliverance from the influence of evil Begin the telling the Paschal Mystery story Chrism Mass - Consecration of Chrism for Rites of Initiation Celebration of Reconciliation (baptized) - Restoration of Penitents for The Triduum celebration |
| TRIDUUM +Holy Thursday +Good Friday +Holy Saturday | Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday: Fast, retreat, presentation | Elect and Candidates REQUIRED to participate in the Triduum – part of formation! Elect - part of washing of feet Celebration of the Passion and Liturgy of the Cross |



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| <p>+Vigil of Easter</p> <p>+Easter Sunday</p> | <p>of Lord's Prayer, recitation of Creed, Ephphetha Rite, announce baptismal name</p> <p>Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion for neophytes</p> | <p>Celebration of the Resurrection, the final dynamic of the PASCHAL MYSTERY</p> |
| <p>Mystagogia</p> | <p>Mystagogia required after Rites of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion). Once a week sessions between Easter and Pentecost.</p> | <p>Mystagogia asks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >What did we pray? What did we experience? <i>Lex Orandi (pray)</i> >What does it mean? What do we believe? <i>Lex credendi, (believe)</i> >How will we live as a result? <i>Lex vivendi (live)</i> <p>We add dogmatic teaching to the above</p> |
| <p>Sundays of Easter including Pentecost (the final day of Easter)</p> | <p>No rites. Sundays of Easter are the AMasses of the Neophytes@</p> | <p>No rites. There are week day meetings to Abreak open@ the mysteries of the sacraments (mystagogia) – sacramental dogma.</p> |
| <p>Eleven Months before the first anniversary of Initiation</p> | <p>No rites. Monthly meetings</p> | <p>Neophytes meet with speakers for formal catechesis. The Parish may invite adults from the parish to benefit from the Faith Formation occurring.</p> |
| <p>Sundays of Ordinary Time</p> | <p>Four Sundays of Ordinary Time set aside and ready in case a candidate is ready to commit to the Catechumenate or Candidacy for Full Communion.</p> <p>RITE: Rite of Acceptance or Rite of Welcome</p> | <p>By the last Sunday in Ordinary Time (Feast of Christ the King), candidates have changed status to catechumens or remained pre-catechumen (not to be initiated the following Easter but a year and half later).</p> |
| <p>Advent</p> <p>Christmas</p> <p>-Feast of the Epiphany or</p> <p>-Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</p> | <p>No rite of acceptance after the Feast of Christ the King.</p> <p>Rite: Reception of Baptized Christians into Full Communion</p> | <p>Sundays reserved to celebrate the story of promise, waiting, and the incarnation of Christ with the catechumens and candidates.</p> |
| <p>Winter Ordinary Time</p> | <p>No rites. Submission of names of catechumens for the Rite of Election for the sacraments of initiation.</p> | <p>Review the status of catechumens from last year. Are they ready to become the elect? Those in the catechumenate under six months prepared to wait another year for election.</p> |