

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Pre-Catechumenate

"Inquirer"

- First hearing of the Gospel
- Beginning of faith
- Stirrings of repentance
- Practice of Prayer
- Sense of Church

Evangelization

Rite of Acceptance

Catechumenate

"Catechumen"

Formed by

- Word
- Community
- Liturgy
- Mission

Kindly Dismissed

Faith Formation/
Catechesis

Rite of Election

Purification & Enlightenment

"Elect"

Spiritual Formation
Intensified

- Prayer
- Fasting
- Almsgiving

Prayer &
Discernment

Rites of Initiation

Mystagogy

"Neophyte"

Post-baptismal
Catechesis

- Easter Season liturgies
- Homilies
- Special place in the assembly
- General Intercessions
- Participation in parish ministries

On-going
Formation

Rite of Acceptance

What has been discerned in you:

- Evidence of first faith
- Intention to change their lives and enter into a relationship with Christ
- Evidence of the first stirrings of repentance
- A start to the practice of calling upon God in prayer
- A sense of Church
- Some experience of the company and spirit of Christians

What you'll be asked:

What do you ask of God's Church?

What does this offer you?

First Acceptance of the Gospel

You reply, "I am."

Signing with the Cross

Book of the Gospels

Dismissal

