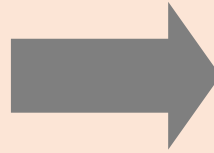


The RCIA Process for Catechumens (not baptized)

Inquiry / Precatechumenate

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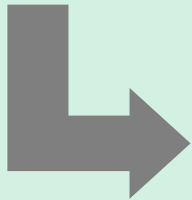
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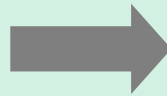
Catechumen means “a person receiving instruction.” During this period, you will study and discuss most of the Church’s main beliefs.

Minor Rites:

- ◆ Breaking Open the Word (Sundays during 10am Mass)
- ◆ Minor Exorcisms
- ◆ Blessings & Anointing of Catechumen



Rite of Sending



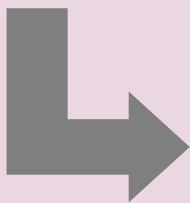
Rite of Election (at Cathedral)

Purification & Enlightenment

This period occurs during the weeks before Easter (Lent). This time is more prayerful than instructional. It is a time of deeper spiritual preparation for the sacraments.

Minor Rites:

- ◆ Presentation of the Creed
- ◆ Penitential Rite
- ◆ Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ Preparation Rites—Holy Saturday Retreat



Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil:

Baptism

Confirmation

First Holy Communion

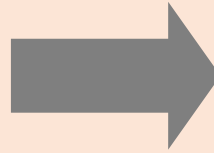
Mystagogy

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The RCIA Process for Candidates (baptized)

Inquiry / Precatechumenate

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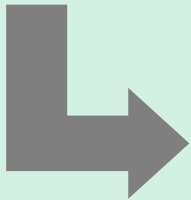
Rite of Welcoming

Catechumenate

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Minor Rites:

- ◆ Breaking Open the Word (Sundays during 10am Mass)
- ◆ Minor Exorcisms
- ◆ Blessings of Candidate



Rite of Sending for Recognition



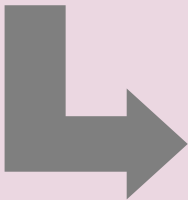
Call to Continuing Conversion (at Cathedral)

Purification & Enlightenment

This period occurs during the weeks before Easter (Lent). This time is more prayerful than instructional. It is a time of deeper spiritual preparation for the sacraments.

Minor Rites:

- ◆ Presentation of the Creed
- ◆ Penitential Rite
- ◆ Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ **First Reconciliation (Confession)**
- ◆ Holy Saturday Retreat



Reception into Full Communion at Easter Vigil:

Confirmation

First Holy Communion

Mystagogy

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