



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

An annotated overview of the approved Rite for use in the U.S.

Period	Rite(s)	Purpose	Content	Scope
Evangelization & Pre-catechumenate Unbaptized: Candidate (Para 400-410)	No formal rite <i>Initial Conversation</i>	-To start "an initial conversion" and "draw a person into the mystery of God's Love". - To prepare soil for a relationship with Christ (Para 42)	<u>Para 36-40</u> -Proclaim living God and Jesus Christ, sent for our salvation -A suitable explanation of the Gospel - Gain trust and share - Introduce into parish life. - Answer questions	Unlimited "Sufficient & necessary time" for evaluation (Para 43)
Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (Para 41-74) Rite of Welcoming the Candidates (Para 411-433) Combined Rite (Para 505-529)				
Catechumenate* Unbaptized: Catechumen <i>*derived from the Greek word "one in instruction" from Galatians 6.</i> Baptized: Candidate* (Para 402).	<u>Optional Rites:</u> Word of God (81-89) Minor Exorcism (90-94) Blessings (95-97) Anointing (98-103) Presentations (104-105) <u>-Rite of Sending</u> <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> (Cat 106-117, Can 438-445, Combined Rite 530-546)	-Deepening the "initial conversion" and immersion into Catholic Tradition. -Head and Heart (para 78)	<u>Para 75-80</u> -Deepen faith -Conversion through community living -Introduction to apostolic life -"Catholic Teaching in its Entirety" -"A suitable catechesis ...accommodated to the liturgical Year" -Dismissal of Catechumen	-Extensive (Para 75) -Variable (Para 76)
Rite of Election or Enrollment of Names (Para 118-137) Rite of Calling Candidates to Continuing Conversion (Para 446-458) Combined Rite (547-561)				
Purification and Enlightenment Unbaptized: Elect Baptized: Candidate* (Para 402).	<u>-Scrutinies/Presentations</u> (Lenten Sundays) 3 rd - (Para 150-156) Pres. of Creed (157-163) 4 th - (Para 164-170) 5 th - (Para 171-177) Pres. Our Father (178-184) <u>-Preparation Rites</u> (Para 185-205)	<u>Para 138</u> -Time for recollection and reflection that leads to purification and preparation of reception of Sacraments. -To Renew the entire community.	<u>Para 139-140</u> -"More intense spiritual preparation". -"Interior reflection" and "penance." "Purify the hearts and minds" -"Deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior"	-"Ordinarily coincides w/ Lent" (Para 7.3)
Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation <i>Easter Vigil</i> (Para 206-243) Rite of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church (Para 473-498) Combined Rite (Para 562-594)				
Mystagogia Recently Baptized: Neophytes	No Major Rites Anniversary Celebration (Para 250)	<u>Para 244</u> -To grow with community in their grasp of the Paschal Mystery in their lives through the Eucharist, gospel & acts of charity.	<u>Para 245-251</u> - Celebration of Mass - Deeper reflection on scriptures. - Opportunity to engage their beliefs with action through meditation or acts charity.	- Easter Season (Para 249)