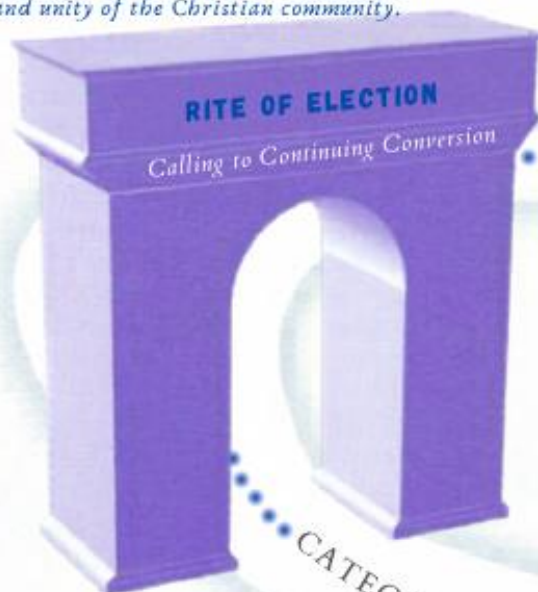


THE INITIATION PROCESS (OCIA)

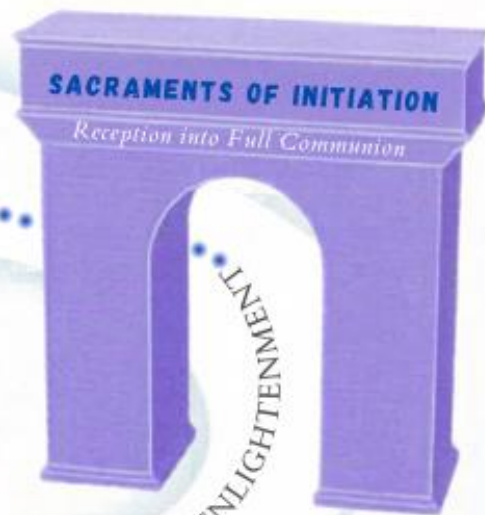
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Devoted to post-baptismal catechesis, this period is a sacred time of deepening the Christian life through ongoing formation, spiritual growth, and a fuller participation in the faith and unity of the Christian community.



RITE OF ELECTION
Calling to Continuing Conversion



SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION
Reception into Full Communion

PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

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Coinciding with the season of Lent, this period emphasizes interior reflection more than formal instruction. It is a sacred time meant to enlighten the minds and hearts of participants, leading them into a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior and a more profound conversion of heart.

Minor Rites in the Period of Purification and Enlightenment

- Penitential Rite (Candidates)
- Scrutinies (Catechumens)
- Presentation of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer
- Preparation Rites

CATECHUMENATE

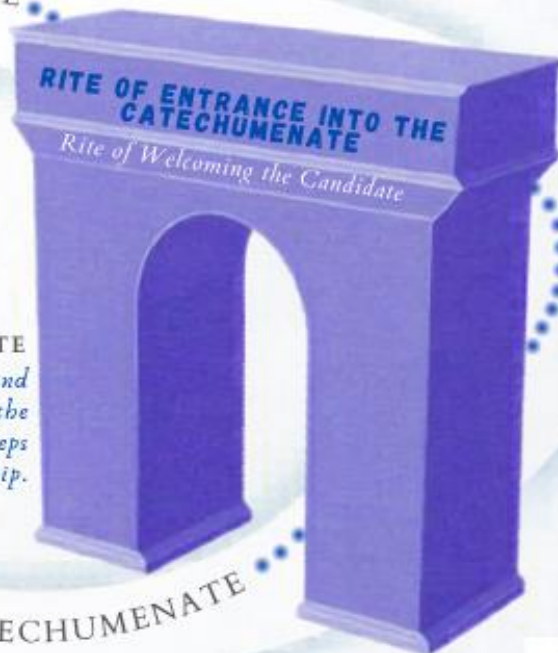
This is an extended period of pastoral formation and accompaniment, designed to initiate participants into the Christian life. It offers a comprehensive catechesis in the truths of Catholic doctrine and moral living, guiding them toward a mature and integrated understanding of the faith. At this stage, candidates are also paired with a mentor or sponsor who accompanies them in their journey of faith and integration into the community.

Minor Rites in the Period of the Catechumenate

- Celebrations of the Word of God (weekly dismissal)
- Minor Exorcisms (Catechumens)
- Anointings (Catechumens)
- Blessings

PRECATECHUMENATE

This is a period of inquiry and evangelization, a time marked by the awakening of faith and the first steps toward conversion and discipleship.



RITE OF ENTRANCE INTO THE CATECHUMENATE
Rite of Welcoming the Candidate

START

PRECATECHUMENATE

CATECHUMENS

CANDIDATES

