

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Period	Name	Aim	Content	Time	Rites
Period of the Precatechumenate	Inquirers	Awakening Faith	Time to build trust to share personal stories, questions; time to proclaim the message of salvation, foster initial conversion, introduce into parish life.	Unlimited	No specific Rites suggested
CELEBRATION	OF THE	RITE OF	ACCEPTANCE	AND / OR	WELCOME
Period of the Catechumenate	Catechumens (UNBAPTIZED) or Candidate (BAPTIZED)	Deepening initial conversion and passing on Catholic tradition	Time to deepen faith / conversion within the living community Through: - Catechesis based of the LITURGY OF THE WORD - Participation in the LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY - PRAYER and WORSHIP - Introduction to the APOSTOLIC LIFE	One to a few years (one year = Liturgical Year)	- Celebration of the Word of God. (Liturgy of the Word) - Blessings - Anointing - Exorcisms - Anticipatory Rites: ...Presentation of the Creed ...Presentation of Lord's Prayer - Rite of Sending
CELEBRATION	OF THE	RITE OF	ELECTION	AND / OR	CALL
Period of the Purification and Enlightenment	Elect (UNBAPTIZED) or Candidate (BAPTIZED)	Eliminate what is weak and sinful; Affirm what is holy.	Time for Recollection, Lenten retreat, Final preparation for the celebration of the initiation sacraments	Lent	- Scrutinies - Presentation of the Creed - Presentation of Lord's Prayer - Preparation Rites for Holy Saturday
CELEBRATION	OF THE	SACRAMENTS	OF	CHRISTIAN	INITIATION
Period of Mystagogy	Neophytes	Celebration of faith, ministries, "Missioning".	Time for deepening of sacramental life. - Eucharist - Reconciliation	Paschal Time (Easter to Pentecost) and then anniversary of initiation	- Sunday Mass - Gathering with the Bishop