



**WAYS AND MEANS FOR DEVELOPING
YOUR PARISH OCIA PROCESS INTO A
YEAR-ROUND APPROACH**

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RCIA RITE BOOK
A MAGISTERIAL DOCUMENT

The time spent in the catechumenate should be long enough –***several years if necessary***- for the conversion and ***faith*** of the catechumens ***to become strong***
(*RCIA 76, emphasis added*).

RITE BOOK

NATIONAL STATUTES

The period of the catechumenate, beginning at acceptance into the order of catechumens and including both the catechumenate proper and the period of purification and enlightenment after election or enrollment of names,

***should extend for at least one year of
formation, instruction, and probation***

(RCIA, National Statutes 6, emphasis added).

Liturgical Components of the Christian Initiation Process:

Gateways and Sources of Grace for Conversion

MYSTAGOGY AND THE NEOPHYTE YEAR

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Devoted to post-baptismal catechesis, this period is a time for deepening the Christian experience, for spiritual growth, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the community.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION Reception into Full Communion

ENLIGHTENMENT

PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

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Coinciding with *Lent*, this period consists more in interior reflection than in instruction. It is intended to enlighten the minds and hearts of participants with a deep knowledge of Christ the Savior.

- Minor Rites in the Period of Purification and Enlightenment**
- Penitential Rite (Candidates)
 - Scrutinies (Catechumens)
 - Presentations of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer
 - Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday

RITE OF ELECTION Call to Continuing Conversion

CATECHUMENATE

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This is an extended period for pastoral formation and guidance aimed at training participants in the Christian life; it includes a thoroughly comprehensive catechesis on the truths of Catholic doctrine and moral life.

- Minor Rites in the Period of the Catechumenate**
- Celebrations of the Word of God
 - Minor Exorcisms
 - Anointings (Catechumens)
 - Blessings

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE Rite of Welcoming

PRECATECHUMENATE
This is a time for inquiry and evangelization, an opportunity for the beginnings of faith.

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Start

