

# Journey to the Fullness of Christian Initiation within the Catholic Church

	<i>Period of Evangelization and Pre-catechumenate</i>	<i>Period of Catechumenate</i>	<i>Period of Purification and Enlightenment</i>	<i>Mystagogy</i>
Stages	<b>Inquiry:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Questions and storytelling</li> <li>- development of relationships w/in Christian Community</li> <li>- naming experiences:     places where we meet God</li> <li>- initial faith and conversion (Catechumen)</li> <li>- deeping of faith and conversion (Candidate)</li> </ul>	<b>Dismissals, Catechesis/Formation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sacred Scripture (Bible)</li> <li>- Sacraments</li> <li>- Community</li> <li>- Spiritual works</li> <li>- continued conversion</li> </ul>	<b>Prayer/reflection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- moral conversion</li> <li>- Nicene Creed</li> <li>- Lord's Prayer (Our Father)</li> </ul>	<b>Eucharist</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- spiritual works</li> <li>- corporal works</li> <li>- life in the community</li> </ul>
Rituals	<b>Rite of Acceptance</b> (Catechumens) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- evidence of first faith</li> <li>- initial conversion</li> <li>- intent to change life according to the Gospel</li> <li>- intent to enter into relationship with God (Trinity)</li> <li>- sense of sin</li> <li>- beginnings of the practice of prayer</li> <li>- sense of Church</li> <li>- experience community</li> </ul>	<b>Rite of Sending</b> (Catechumens/Candidates) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- community sends to Bishop at Cathedral of St. Thomas More - 1st Sunday in Lent</li> <li>- sponsors/godparents affirm readiness</li> <li>- catechumens/candidates express intent</li> </ul>		
		<b>Rite of Election</b> (Catechumens) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bishop confirms God's election</li> <li>- sufficient acquaintance with Catholic teaching</li> <li>- Spirit of faith and charity</li> <li>- Conversion in mind and action</li> <li>- Intention to receive Sacraments</li> </ul>	<b>Scrutinies</b> (Elect - formerly Catechumens) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3rd,4th, 5th Sundays in Lent</li> <li>- examine life: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- conformity to the Gospel</li> <li>- conformity with Church's teaching</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Initiation</b> (Neophytes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Baptism</li> <li>- Confirmation</li> <li>- Eucharist</li> </ul>
	<b>Rite of Welcoming</b> (Candidates) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- evidence of deeper faith</li> <li>- continuing conversion</li> <li>- deeper commitment to the Gospel</li> <li>- deeper relationship with Trinity</li> <li>- repentance</li> <li>- more committed prayer life</li> <li>- sense of Church</li> <li>- experience of community</li> </ul>	<b>Call to Continuing Conversion</b> (Candidates) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bishop exhorts continuing conversion</li> <li>- sufficient acquaintance with Catholic teaching</li> <li>- deeper faith and charity</li> <li>- deeper conversion of mind and heart</li> <li>- intention to receive Sacraments</li> </ul>	<b>Penitential Service</b> (Candidates) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2nd Sunday of Lent</li> <li>- examine life: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- conformity to the Gospel</li> <li>- conformity with Church's teaching</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Sacrament of Reconciliation</li> </ul>	<b>Profession of Faith/Initiation</b> (Candidates) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirmation</li> <li>- Eucharist</li> </ul>

Catechumens are those who are unbaptized.

Catechumen, catechumenate, and catechism all come from the same Greek word katechein meaning "to echo".

Candidates are those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition.