

## **Rites in the Catechumenate Process**

Major and Minor Rites in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

### **For the Unbaptized**

*Catechumens*

#### **Major Rites:**

##### Catechumenate Period

- Rite of Acceptance (RCIA 48)
- Celebrations of the Word & Dismissal (RCIA 81)
- Rite of Sending (RCIA 106)

##### Period of Purification / Enlightenment

- Rite of Election (RCIA 129)
- Scrutiny 1 (RCIA 150)
- Scrutiny 2 (RCIA 164)
- Scrutiny 3 (RCIA 171)

##### Easter Vigil

- Sacraments of Baptism/Confirmation/  
First Eucharist (RCIA 206)

#### **Minor Rites:**

##### During the Catechumenate Period

- Minor Exorcisms (RCIA 90)
- Blessings of the Catechumens (RCIA 95)
- Anointing of the Catechumens (RCIA 98)

##### During the Lent:

- Presentation of the Creed (RCIA 157)
- Presentation of the Lord's Prayer (RCIA 178)
- Ephphetha Rite (RCIA 197)

### **For the Baptized**

*Candidates*

#### **Major Rites:**

##### Catechumenate Period

- Rite of Welcome (RCIA 416)
- Celebrations of the Word (RCIA 406)
- Rite of Sending (RCIA 438)

##### During Lent

- Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion (RCIA 450)
- Penitential Rite & Sacrament of Reconciliation (RCIA 61)

##### Easter Time

- Celebration of Reception (*Candidates for Full Communion only*) (RCIA 490)
- Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist (RCIA 493)