

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults For the UNBAPTIZED

Period	Name	Aim	Content	Time	Rites
1-FIRST: Period of the Precatechumenate	Inquirers	Awakening Initial Faith EVANGELIZATION	Time to build trust to share personal stories, questions; time to proclaim the message of salvation, foster initial conversion, introduce into parish life.	As long or as Short as necessary...	No specific Rites suggested
CELEBRATION	OF	THE	RITE	OF	ACCEPTANCE
2-SECOND: Period of the Catechumenate	Catechumens (UNBAPTIZED)	Deepening initial conversion and passing on Catholic tradition PASTORAL FORMATION	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)	Major Rite: -Celebration of the Word of God. (Liturgy of the Word) with Dismissal Minor Rites: - Blessings - Anointing - Exorcisms - Presentation of the Creed - Presentation of the Lord's Prayer - Rite of Sending
CELEBRATION	OF	THE	RITE	OF	ELECTION
3-THIRD: Period of the Purification and Enlightenment	Elect (UNBAPTIZED)	Eliminate what is weak and sinful; Affirm what is holy. SPIRITUAL FORMATION	Time for spiritual reflection / recollection, retreats.	Lent	Major Rites: -Celebration of the Word of God. (Liturgy of the Word) -Scrutiny 1 -Scrutiny 2 -Scrutiny 3 Minor Rites: - Presentation of the Creed - Presentation of the Lord's Prayer - Preparation Rites for Holy Saturday
CELEBRATION	OF THE	SACRAMENTS	OF	CHRISTIAN	INITIATION
4-FOURTH: Period of Mystagogy	Neophytes	Celebration of faith & mission. ONGOING FORMATION	Time for ongoing formation.	Easter to Pentecost / anniversary of initiation	-Sunday Mass -Sacrament of Reconciliation