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)