

Summary of the R.C.I.A Process

First Period: Precatechumenate and Evangelization/Inquiry.

First Step: Rite of Acceptance/ Entrance into Order of Catechumenate (unbaptized adults) or Rite of Welcoming Candidates (baptized adults).

Second Period: Catechumenate. *May take several years.*

Second Step: Rite of Election/Enrollment of names (final preparation).

Third Period: Purification and Enlightenment (Lenten/Intense/Spiritual Preparation). *It is shorter in length.*

Third Step: Rite of Initiation.

Fourth Period: Postbaptismal catechesis and Mystagogy for the Newly Initiated or Neophytes.

The Lenten Season and R.C.I.A.

First Sunday of Lent: Rite of Election.

Second Sunday of Lent: *Penitential Rite for Candidates.*

Third Sunday of Lent: First Scrutinies.

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Second Scrutinies.

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Third Scrutinies.

Easter Vigil: Rite of Initiation.