

**THE CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
A PROCESS OF PREPARING FOR
BAPTISM, EUCHARIST, and CONFIRMATION**

THE PRE-CATECHUMENATE PERIOD

- A time to “come and see”
- A time of developing the desire to know and follow Christ
- A time for meeting the Gospel message as “Good News in My Life.”
- A time to decide whether to seek Baptism and become a Christian
- A time to experience prayer
- A time to journey with companions
- A time that is unlimited

NAME: PRE-CATECHUMENS (BEGINNERS)

THE PRE-CATECHUMENATE PERIOD FOR SPONSORS

- A time to re-enter the Sunday Assembly
- A time to link up with community
- A time to hear God calling “me.”
- A time to experience prayer
- A time to tell the story and connect with the stories of others
- A time to overcome guilt
- A time to ask questions about God and the Catholic Faith.

**BRIDGE (RITUAL) RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF
CATECHUMENS (Unbaptized preparing for baptism)**

THE CATECHUMENATE

- A time to deepen conversion and studying the Catholic teachings and tradition through:
 - = studying the bible with a Catechist
 - = mingling and praying with the Community
 - = doing some good deeds

- A time to celebrate rituals of:
 - = blessings
 - = anointing
 - = Rite of Sending

NAME: CATECHUMENS

THE CATECHUMENATE PERIOD FOR SPONSORS

- A time to worship with the Sunday Assembly
- A time to deepen one's knowledge and experience of the faith through Studying the bible and Catholic tradition.
- A time to do some good deeds
- A time for daily prayer

BRIDGE (RITUAL) RITE OF ELECTION OR ENROLLMENT OF NAMES

THE PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

- A time to ask God for purifying and enlightening one's heart and mind through:
 - = Rituals of Scrutiny (This is a time of asking God to remove what is weak in us and to strengthen that which is holy in us).
 - = Rituals of Handing on the Creed and the Lord's Prayer
 - = Preparing for Easter Vigil by celebrating some rituals

NAME: THE ELECT

BRIDGE (RITUAL) THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

THE PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGIA OR POST BAPTISMAL CATECHESIS

- A time for integrating (neophytes) fully into the Community by attending the entire Mass.
- A time to continue to study the meaning of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- A time to get involved in the ministries & activities of the parish.
- A time for on-going faith formation.