

The Principles of Christian Initiation Ministry



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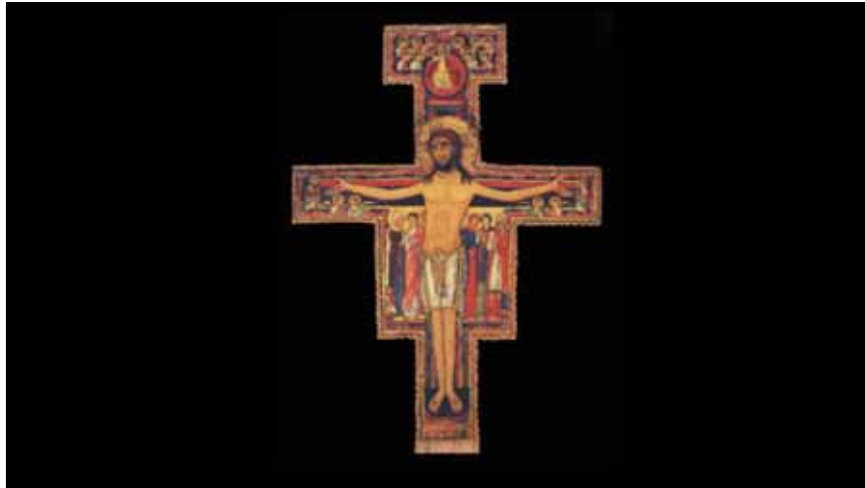
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To promote the liturgical formation “of the faithful and also their active participation in the liturgy both internally and externally, taking into account their age and condition, their way of life, and their stage of religious development” **so all the faithful may “become thoroughly imbued with the spirit and power of the liturgy.”**

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy 19, 14



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Coordinator	Adults
Catechist	Children
Team Member	Prepare Liturgies
Liturgist/Musician	Journeyed through RCIA
DRE/PCL	0-1 year
Religious	2-4 years
Deacon	5-9 years
Priest	10-19 years
Bishop	20+ years

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In less than a sentence,
(which means one or two sentences)

what do you hope for
 from our time together?

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RCIA
Rite of Christian initiation of adults

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OCIA
Order of Christian initiation of adults

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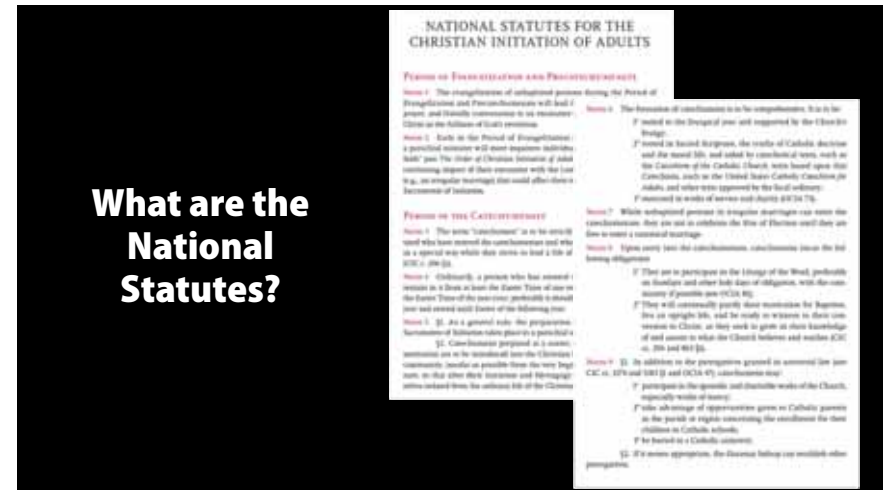
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A change to the name of a major threshold rite.

"The Catechumenate" thrust into a way of life

RCIA 41:

The rite that is called the rite of **acceptance into the order of catechumens** is of the utmost importance. Assembling publicly for the first time, the candidates who have completed the period of the precatechumenate declare their intention to the Church and the Church in turn, carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members.

OCIA 41:

The rite commonly called **"Entrance into the Catechumenate"** is most important since that is when, coming together in public for the first time, those entering the catechumenate manifest their will to the Church, and when the Church, fulfilling her apostolic office, receives those who intend to become her members.

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It lasts as long as it lasts.

RCIA 76:

Nothing, therefore, can be settled a priori.

The time spent in the catechumenate **should be long enough- several years if necessary- for the conversion and faith of the catechumens to become strong.**

By **their formation in the entire Christian life and a sufficiently prolonged probation** the catechumens are properly initiated into the mysteries of salvation and the practice of an evangelical way of life.

OCIA 76:

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The catechumenate, or pastoral formation of the catechumens, **should last long enough for their conversion and faith to mature, even over several years, if need be.**

Moreover, **by learning about the whole of Christian life over an appropriately extended apprenticeship**, the catechumens are suitably initiated by the mysteries of salvation and the exercise of an evangelical way of life...


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Spoken and Testified	Accepting or Trusting
<p>RCIA 132: Invitation and Enrollment of Names</p> <p>And now, my dear catechumens, I address you. Your own godparents and teachers [and this entire community] have spoken in your favor.</p> <p>The Church in the name of Christ accepts their judgment and calls you to the Easter sacraments.</p>	<p>OCIA 132: Questioning and Petitioning of the Catechumens</p> <p>And now, my dear catechumens, I address you. Your godparents and catechists (and the entire community) have testified favorably on your behalf.</p> <p>Trusting in their judgment, the Church calls you in the name of Christ to the Paschal Sacraments.</p>

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Call and Voice of Christ	Wish or Will
<p>RCIA 132: Invitation and Enrollment of Names</p> <p>Since you have already heard the call of Christ, you must now express your response to that call clearly and in the presence of the whole Church.</p> <p>Therefore, do you wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and the eucharist?</p>	<p>OCIA 132: Questioning and Petitioning of the Catechumens</p> <p>Now it falls to you who have long listened to the voice of Christ to respond in the presence of the Church by stating your intentions.</p> <p>Is it your will to be initiated into Christ's Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist?</p>

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Fixed!!	
<p>RCIA 154A: Exorcism</p> <p>God of power, you sent your Son to be our Savior.</p> <p>Grant that these catechumens, who, like the woman of Samaria, thirst for living water, may turn to the Lord as they hear his word and acknowledge the sins and weaknesses that weigh them down.</p> 	<p>OCIA 154A: Exorcism</p> <p>O God, who sent your Son to us as Savior, grant that these elect, who desire to draw living water like the Samaritan woman and have been converted by the word of the Lord, may acknowledge the hindrance of their own sins and weaknesses.</p> 

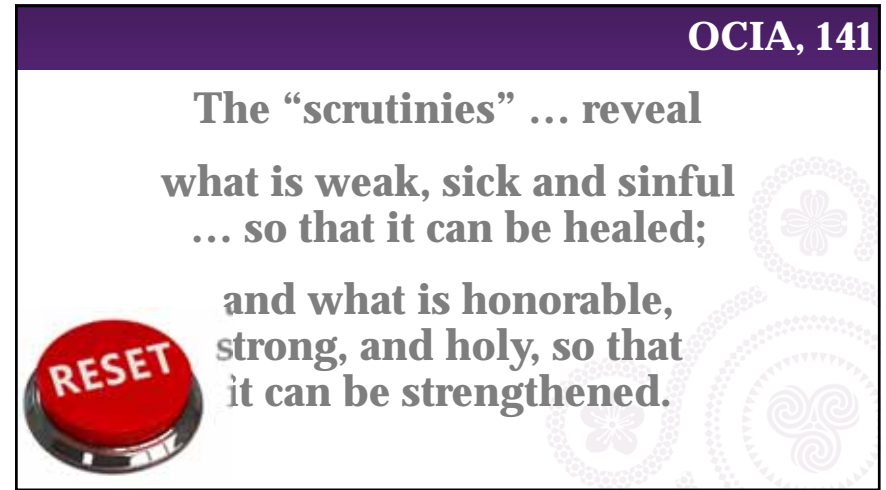
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Presentations vs Handing On	The Church (must be there) to "entrust" to enlighten
<p>RCIA 147:</p> <p>The presentations take place after the celebration of the scrutinies, unless, for pastoral reasons, they have been anticipated ...</p> <p>Thus, with the catechumenal formation of the elect completed, the Church lovingly entrusts to them the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, the ancient texts that have always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church's faith and prayer.</p> <p>These texts are presented in order to enlighten the elect.</p>	<p>OCIA 147:</p> <p>The Rites of Handing On of the Creed and of the Lord's Prayer are to be celebrated after the Scrutinies, if they have not already taken place.</p> <p>In these rites, with the formation of the elect completed or underway for a suitable time, the Church lovingly entrusts to them the texts regarded from antiquity as a summary of its faith and prayer.</p> <p>The "Rites of Handing On," by which the Church entrusts to the elect ancient texts of faith and prayer, that is, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, have the purpose of enlightening them.</p>

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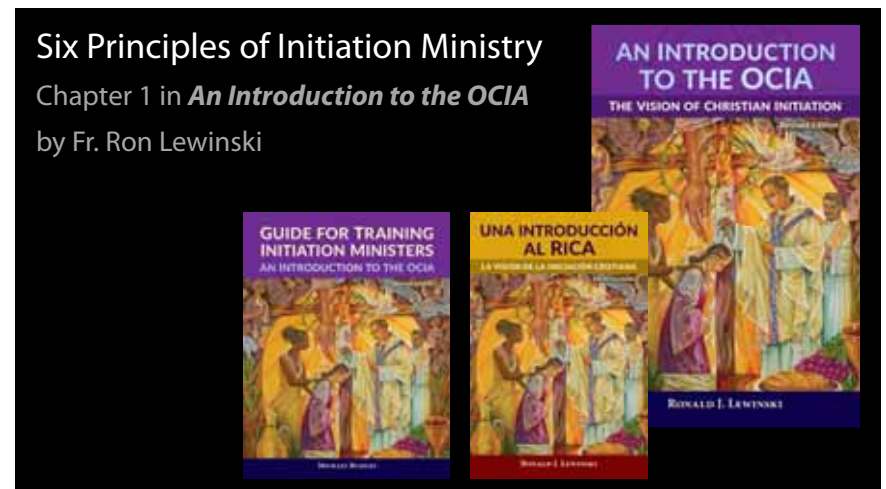
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1. Community
2. Conversion
3. Missionary Discipleship
4. Liturgy
5. Catechesis
6. Adaptability

We will ask you...

What principle/s needs most attention?

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The Irreplaceable Role of the Community



During this session, jot down ask, do, learn, discuss.

At the end, you will write down your priority.



PART 1
The Irreplaceable Role of the Community

ASK _____

DO _____

LEARN _____


DISCUSS _____

PRIORITY _____

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By its witness and its words, the community passes on its values and beliefs.

Not only do our Christian initiation ministry teams do this, but they are also called to animate the entire parish community as they pray, support, and mentor the catechumens and candidates.



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OCIA-01-community

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cognizant
"baptismally
aware"

involved

supportive,
challenging

"it takes a
village"



...the **People of God**, represented by the local Church, should always realize and show that **the Initiation of adults is its own concern and a matter for all the baptized.**

It should therefore show itself **always prepared** to fulfill its apostolic vocation by helping those who seek Christ.

In the varying circumstances of everyday life, as in the apostolate, **every disciple of Christ is individually obliged to spread the faith.**

He or she **must** therefore **help** others throughout the course of their Initiation...

OCIA, 9


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An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.

Evangelii Gaudium, 24


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Christian initiation during the catechumenate is not the concern of catechists or priests alone, but of the whole community of believers and especially of godparents, so that **from the outset the catechumens will have a sense of being part of the people of God.**

Ad gentes, 14

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COMMUNITY

Year 1 Plan

Year 2 Plan

- Start identifying possible sponsors (including them in “easy” ways)
- Include Community in Faith Formation Sessions (leading and participating (consider Catholic Social Teaching))
- Dedicated Events where parishioners and catechumens would both benefit

Year 3 Plan

- Develop a sponsor pool and training / apprentice model.

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**inquiry:
rule of 12**

evangelize within

adult faith formation

network of subcontractors

See OCIA 9.1

Welcome inquirers ...

- into their families,
- into personal conversations,
- into community gatherings



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**To become evangelizers,
we must first be evangelized.**

Disciples Called to Witness




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*If not inside,
how outside?*

**Before each meeting, rehearsal,
gathering, class – begin with the
Sunday Gospel.**

Proclaim, discuss, proclaim. 7-10 minutes.

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inquiry:
rule of 12

evangelize
within

**adult faith
formation**

network of
subcontractors


Download

Buy

Read

Pray

Discuss



"I wish I went thru the PCA"

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inquiry:
rule of 12

evangelize
within

adult faith
formation

**network of
subcontractors**

Gifts Assessment
Look at Parishioner or Religious Education
Registration Form, Make Observations,
Have Conversations

Journal of Parishioners
Names, Gifts, Stories

keep...the... stakes... low...




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**The
Irreplaceable
Role
of the
Community**



What is your biggest **obstacle** with this principle?

What is an **opportunity** for growth or change?

What **ask / do / learn / discuss** is your priority in this area?

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The Irreplaceable Role of the Community

Write down your priority.

PART 1
The Irreplaceable Role of the Community

NAME _____

AGE _____

SEX _____

LEADER _____

PROFESSOR _____

PRIORITY _____

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We will return at 10:30am.

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Conversion is at the Heart of Initiation

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Conversion is not just an intellectual act but a change in the way we live our life.

While conversion is a very personal experience, it cannot remain a private affair.

What are the ways in which we observe conversion in the Christian initiation journey? Where does discernment play a role?

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OCIA-02-conversion

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ongoing

discernment
prerequisites not requirements

transformative

humbling and
life-giving

The Initiation of catechumens takes place step by step in the midst of **the community of the faithful**, who together with the catechumens reflecting upon the value of the Paschal Mystery and **renewing their own conversion**, lead them by their own example to obey the Holy Spirit more generously.

OCIA, 4

This presumes a life of ongoing conversion.

This is not a one-time thing.

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ongoing

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life-giving

Don't Say: "of course this Easter Vigil"

Say: "of course it'll depend"

Discernment guides the timeline.

Holy Spirit, catechumen, team, clergy

1. beginnings of a spiritual life
 2. foundations of Christian doctrine to have been planted in the inquirers
 3. initial conversion
 4. desire to change their lives
 5. desire to enter a relationship with God in Christ
 6. beginning of a sense of penitence
 7. habit of calling on God and of prayer
 8. a sense of the Church
 9. a first experience of the company and spirit of Christians (community)
 10. preparation for the liturgical Rite of Entrance
- See OCIA, 42

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N. and N., you have become a new creation and have clothed yourselves in Christ.

Receive, therefore, the white garment and bring it unstained before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you may have eternal life.

OCIA, 229




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The Conversion of Saint Paul (Caravaggio)

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CONVERSION

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- Include a thorough discernment process before each major step.
- Introduce the “Easter ByPass” where catechumens experience Lent, Holy Week, and Easter as a catechumen.

Year 3 Plan

- Have internal conversations with parish leaders to determine ways that ongoing conversion is a way of life in your community -- in one’s spiritual life, the way we live out in the world, in our ministries, etc.

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internal conversations

discernment retreat

watching our language

As part of your regular team meetings
(and/or meetings with clergy),

discuss the journey of
(and pray for)
individual catechumens
and candidates.




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This is a Spiritual Journey
Engage in reflection, prayer, discussion

...listened to God’s word?

...began to walk in God’s presence?

...persevered in the communion of the faithful and in the prayers?

See OCIA 131

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internal
conversations

discernment
retreat

**watching our
language**

~~Classes
Program~~

**Christian Initiation Process
Catechumenal Process**

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conversations
internal

discernment
retreat

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language**

**OBC • OCF • OCM
Teams**

~~OCLA Team~~

**Initiation Ministry
Catechumenal Ministry**

COMMUNITY

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PART 2
Conversion is at the Heart of Initiation

NAME _____

AGE _____

SEX _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

DATE _____

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**Sacramental
Living and
Missionary
Discipleship**



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**While the celebration of
Baptism, Confirmation, and
Eucharist is a climactic point in
becoming a Catholic Christian, it
is not the end of the journey.**

**The process of Christian
initiation ultimately leads to
mission.**



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walking as
Children of
the Light

Lord, Send
Out
Your Spirit
*and renew the world
with your fruits*


Ubi Caritas
Eucharistic Living

**Share your bread with the hungry,
shelter the oppressed and the homeless;
clothe the naked** when you see them,
and do not turn your back on your own.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed;
your vindication shall go before you,
and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

If you remove from your midst oppression,
false accusation and malicious speech;
**if you bestow your bread on the hungry
and satisfy the afflicted;**

then light shall rise for you in the darkness,
and the gloom shall become for you like midday.



Isaiah 58:7-10

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walking as
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the Light

**Lord, Send
Out
Your Spirit**
*and renew the world
with your fruits*

Ubi Caritas
Eucharistic Living

Love
Joy
Peace

Patience
Kindness
Generosity
Faithfulness
Gentleness
Self-Control



See Galatians 5:22-23

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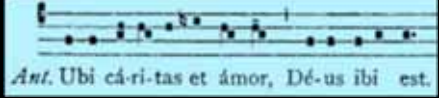
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**Each of us is truly called,
together with Jesus, to be
bread broken for the life of
the world.**

The eucharistic mystery thus
gives rise to a **service of
charity towards neighbor...**

Sacramentum Caritatis, 88

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LEADS TO MISSIONARY
DISCIPLESHIP

Year 1 Plan

Year 2 Plan

- Help parishioners understand that they have a story to share. Give them a venue to share it.
- Create formation opportunities for neophytes and the whole community.
- Reclaim the concept of sacramental living

Year 3 Plan

- The baptized have an obligation to live this identity and they have the gifts to do this!
- Reflect on RCIA 9 and 244. Review Lumen Gentium, Christifidelis Laici.

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**priest
prophet
king**

no more
volunteers

you've got
a story
to tell

dedicate a year (or three months)
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understand their **baptismal identity**





**Celebration of the Word +
Community Supper and Service Night**

ALL FOUR ASPECTS OF RCIA, 75

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**"This is what we do as
baptized Catholic Christians."**

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PPK Corner in the Bulletin

PPK Monthly Videos

Meetings, Rehearsals, Gatherings

answering...

How do you offer your life
as a sacrifice of **praise**?

How does your **voice** stand up for
the oppressed, promote peace?

How are you a **servant leader**
at home, in the community?

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**The
Transformative
Nature
of Liturgy and
the Rites**



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Ritual not only gives form to our prayer, but it also shapes our attitudes and values as well.

Ritual has the power to draw us beyond ourselves into the mystery of God who transforms us.



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OCIA-03-liturgy

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**participation =
full, conscious,
active**

**we celebrate
behind,
send forward**

**formative
beautiful**



All the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is **demand**ed by the very nature of the liturgy.

...the aim to be considered before all else...

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 14

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**Catechesis both precedes
the Liturgy and springs from it...**

Liturgy itself is inherently catechetical.

National Directory for Catechesis, 33



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**The liturgy is... the privileged
place for catechizing
the People of God.**

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1074


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Faith grows when it is well expressed
in celebration.

Good celebrations foster and nourish faith.

Poor celebrations may weaken and destroy it.

Music in Catholic Worship, #6

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LITURGICAL

Year 1 Plan

Year 2 Plan

- Take the rituals to the next level – spiritually prepare for the rites with the catechumens and ritually prepare with all liturgical ministers.

Year 3 Plan

- Celebrate the rites fully: with music, gestures, processions, ministers, “in these or similar words,” etc.
- The assembly also spiritually prepares and reflects on these rituals.
- Other parish liturgies (infant baptisms, weddings, etc.) are impacted and influenced by the way we celebrate these rites.

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reflect back

dismissal
catechesis
or
Celebrations
of the Word

**LEADS TO MISSIONARY
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National Directory for Catechesis, 33

Distribute Liturgy Journals

What did you experience? What struck you?
What does it say about God?
How does it inform how you are to live?


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of the Word



starting with the Rite for Entrance
team, lectors, deacon wives

resources make it easy

try it with your team!

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reflect back

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or

**Celebrations
of the Word**

**Song, Readings,
Psalms, Reflection,
Minor Exorcism,
Blessing, Anointing**

See OCIA 85-89

catechumenal formation is
dependent on God's Word

start or end sessions

combined with
catechetical experiences

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**The
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PART 4
For Transformational Disciples
of Christ and the Church

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

LEADER: _____

PROVIDER: _____

PRIORITY: _____

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**Catechesis that
Fosters an
Intimate
Relationship
with Christ**



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**To understand the depth and
wisdom of the Church's
teaching, one also has to relate
that teaching of the Church to
contemporary life and events.**

**In this session, we will consider
the many varied ways in which
catechesis brings us into
communion with Jesus Christ.**



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OCIA-04-catechesis

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Christ at center

**intimate,
personal**


**Scripture,
Tradition
Dogmas,
Teachings**

**accommodated
to the
liturgical year**

TASKS OF CATECHESIS

Catechesis pursues several interconnected tasks that are **inspired by the way in which Jesus formed his disciples**:

- he got them to **know** the mysteries of the Kingdom,
- taught them to **pray**,
- proposed to them **gospel values**,
- initiated them into **the life of communion** with him and among themselves,
- and into **mission**.



Directory for Catechesis, 79



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The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ.

Catechesi Tradendae, 5

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**accommodated
to the
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Appropriate catechesis... suited to the liturgical year and supported by Celebrations of **the Word**, leads them not only to a suitable knowledge of **dogmas and precepts**, but also to an intimate knowledge of the mystery of salvation, which they desire to make their own.



OCIA, 75.1

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OCIA, 75.1

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CATECHETICAL

Year 1 Plan

Year 2 Plan

- Start deriving your catechetical / doctrinal lessons from the liturgical year and lectionary

Year 3 Plan

- Include more non-“team” parishioners to lead catechumenal or dismissal catechesis.
- Continue to develop a robust adult faith formation way-of-life.


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**into
communion
and intimacy
with Christ**

catechesis
as echo'ing

catechetical
experiences

Directory for Catechesis, 79



This pedagogy of Jesus then molded the life of the Christian community:
“they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42).

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**into
communion
and intimacy
with Christ**

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as echo'ing

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We will first, like Jesus, join people in their daily concerns and walk side by side with them on the pathway of life. We will ask them questions and listen attentively as they speak of their joys, hopes, griefs, and anxieties. We will share with them the living word of God which can touch their hearts and minds and unfold the deep meaning of their experience in the light of all that Jesus said and did. We will trust the capacity of prayer and sacrament to open their eyes to the presence and love of Christ. We will invite them to live and share this Good News in the world.


Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us, 8-9

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katechein

“resound”
“make resound”
“echo”

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VS.



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...people consciously grow in the life of Christ through experience, reflection, prayer, and study...

Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us, 5-



"...routine leads to stagnation, lethargy and eventual paralysis..."


St. John Paul II, Catechesi Tradendae, 17

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Baptismal Living
recreates us to a new life in Christ



Spirit-Filled Living
strengthens us to bear witness



Eucharistic Living
nourishes us for this communal task


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PRIEST
How am I a witness to holy living and practical charity?



PROPHET
How do I accept the Gospel, so that I may proclaim in word and deed?



KING (SERVANT LEADER)
How do I build the Kingdom by serving others?



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He did not want his disciples to be burdened by memorizing his teaching; he made a complete summary of his commands such as was necessary for a trusting faith, and could be quickly learned.

--St Cyprian

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CATECHETICAL

Year 1 Plan

Year 2 Plan

- Start deriving your catechetical / doctrinal lessons from the liturgical year and lectionary

Year 3 Plan

- Include more non-“team” parishioners to lead catechumenal or dismissal catechesis.
- Continue to develop a robust adult faith formation way-of-life.

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**Catechesis that
Fosters an
Intimate
Relationship
with Christ**



What is your biggest **obstacle** with this principle?

What is an **opportunity** for growth or change?

What **ask / do / learn / discuss** is your priority in this area?

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LTP Facebook Group

*OCIA Coordinators
and Catechists*

**We will return
at 2:30pm.**

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The Catechumenal Process, Parish Life, and Adaptability



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Many of us in Christian initiation ministry are comfortable with a structured and well-ordered process.

However, pastoral adaptability presumes a flexibility that sometimes may look or feel messy.

For the benefit of each individual, we consider the ways in which we must accommodate the many needs of our catechumens, candidates, and parishioners.



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OCIA-06-adaptability

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everyone / year
is different

schedules, needs,
desires,
situations,
learning methods

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AUDITORY VISUAL KINESTHETIC

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The Order of Initiation is suited to the spiritual journey of adults, which **varies** according to the many forms of God's grace, the free cooperation of individuals, the action of the Church, and the circumstances of time and place.

OCIA, 5



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ADAPTABLE

Year 1 Plan

Year 2 Plan

- Year-Round Light: Keep catechumenal formation all year round – look at the parish calendar as a source.

Year 3 Plan

- Develop a year-round ministry – including inquiry, the catechumenate, living in the spirit of RCIA 244.

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year-round inquiry

baptized candidates

floating "class nights"

learning styles

REPEAT AFTER ME

*I will stop saying
"come back
in September...!"*

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year-round inquiry



YEAR-ROUND
Bulletin, Announcements,
Webpage, Social Media

Initial Contact
Initial Meeting
Monthly Dinners
Monthly Gatherings
Periodic Check-In's
just meet people...!

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...no further burden is imposed than what is necessary...
See OCIA 473

Catechized or Uncatechized?

Celebrate the Rite of Reception

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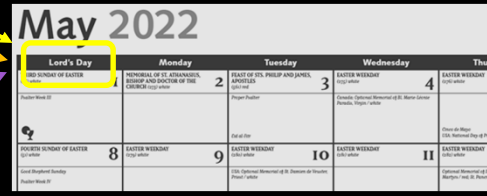
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Dies Domini Primacy of SUNDAY!



Breaking open the Word

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Parish Calendar



Mystagogy on Parish Life

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**Next Steps:
Going Forth
with a Plan**



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1. Community
2. Conversion
3. Missionary Discipleship
4. Liturgy
5. Catechesis
6. Adaptability

What principle/s needs most attention?

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The vision of the Church (OCIA) is ____.

My hope/dream is ____.

And ____ is how I think we can get there.
(1yr, 2yr, 3yr)

Discussions / Meetings

- Others on your team
- Parish Leaders
- Pastor

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Step One:
Look at your various priorities (or ask / do / learn / discuss items).

Step Two:
Share with others.
Listen for passion, excitement, frustration. Ask questions.

Step Three:
Choose your top priority.

Step Four:
Draft practical ways to achieve (and walk towards) this goal.

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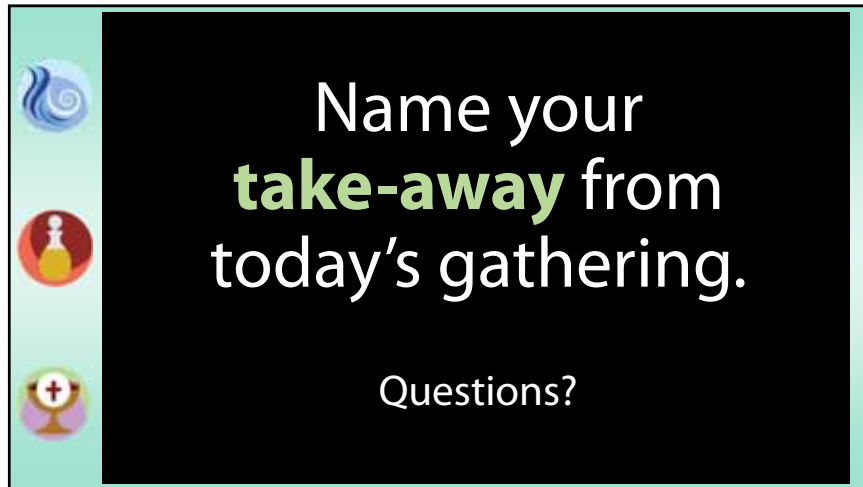


**uncover,
then heal**
all that is
**weak, defective,
or sinful...**

**bring out,
then strengthen**
all that is
**upright, strong,
and good.**

RCIA, 141

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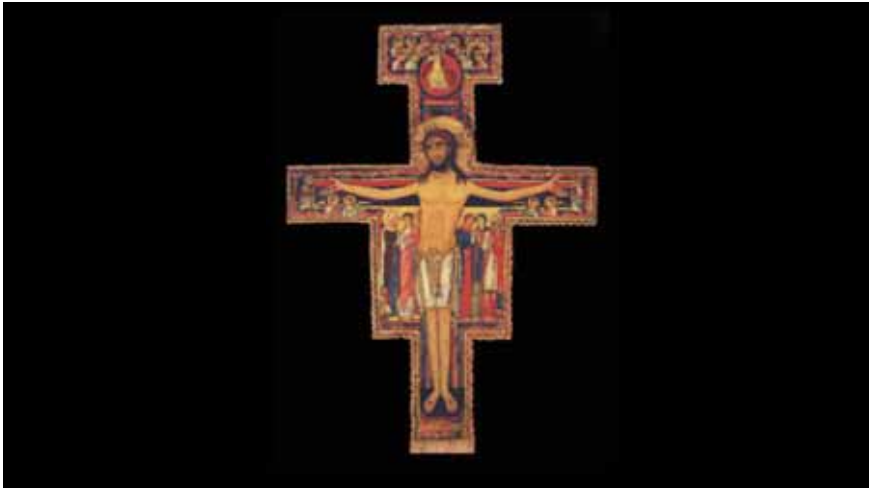
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