The Catechumenal **Process**

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Devoted to post-baptismal catechesis, this period is a time for deepening the Christian experience, for spiritual growth, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the community.



PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

Coinciding with **Lent**, this period consists more in interior reflection than in instruction. It is intended to enlighten the minds and hearts of participants with a deep knowledge of Christ the Savior.

Minor Rites in the Period of Purification and **Enlightenment**

- Penitential Rite (Candidates)
- Scrutinies (Catechumens)

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

- Presentation of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer
- Preparation Rites

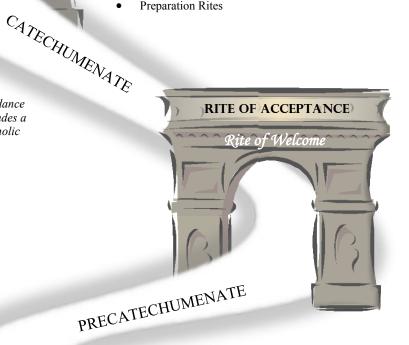
CATECHUMENATE

This is an extended period for pastoral formation and guidance aimed at training participants in the Christian life; it includes a thoroughly comprehensive catechesis on the truths of Catholic doctrine and moral life.

Call to Continuing Conversion

Minor Rites in the Period of Catechumenate

- Celebrations of the Word of God
- Minor Exorcisms (Catechumens)
- Anointings (Catechumens)
- [Presentation of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer]



PRE-CATECHUMENATE

This is a time for inquiry and evangelization, an opportunity for the beginnings of faith.



CANDIDATES

PERIODS



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