

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult Period of the Catechumenate

The Period of the Catechumenate is a time of formation to bring to maturity the faith and conversion celebrated in the rite of acceptance into the order of catechumens. This formation has four dimensions. The first dimension is an immersion into the liturgical life of the Church, which includes the liturgical year, and supported by celebration of the Word with catechesis that is “thoroughly comprehensive”. The second dimension is an immersion in the Christian way of life (community). The third dimension is the celebration of liturgical rites that assist and strengthen the catechumens. Lastly, the fourth dimension is service in the name of Christ that address the authentic needs of the world. St. Mary’s Basilica formation for catechumens contains all four dimensions.

Sunday, December 4, 2016 9 AM Mass: Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM	Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10/ Rom 15:4-9/ Mt 3:1-12 Catechumenate Session 1 The Sacraments: An Introduction
Sunday, December 11, 2016 9 AM Mass: Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM	Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11 Catechumenate Session 2 The Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, December 18, 2016 9 AM Mass: No Dismissal after the Liturgy of the Word Session: No Session	No Dismissal Time for Christmas Preparations! No Session Time for Christmas Preparations!
Sunday, December 25, 2016 9 AM Mass: No Dismissal after the Liturgy of the Word Session: No Session	No Dismissal: Experience the Christmas Liturgy! No Session: Experience the Christmas Liturgy!
Sunday, January 1, 2017 9 AM Mass: Rite of Sending for Candidates Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM	Solemnity of Mary Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Catechumenate Session 3 The Sacrament of Confirmation
Sunday, January 8, 2017 9 AM Mass: Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Catechumenate Session 4 The Sacrament of Eucharist
Sunday, January 8, 2017 3:30 PM Mass: SS. Simon & Jude Cathedral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rite of Reception for Candidates: Call to Continuing Conversion
Sunday, January 15, 2017 9 AM Mass: Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34 Catechumenate Session 4 Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

<p>Sunday, January 22, 2017 9 AM Mass Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM</p>	<p>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 Catechumenate Session 5 The Sacrament of Matrimony</p>
<p>Sunday, January 29, 2017 9 AM Mass: Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM</p>	<p>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a Catechumenate Session 6 The Sacrament of Holy Orders</p>
<p>Sunday, February 5, 2017 9 AM Mass: Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM</p>	<p>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16 Catechumenate Session 7 Christian Moral Living</p>
<p>Sunday, February 12, 2017 9 AM Mass: Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM</p>	<p>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 Catechumenate Session 8 The Dignity and Consistent Ethic of Life</p>
<p>Sunday, February 19, 2017 9 AM Mass: Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM</p>	<p>Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48 Catechumenate Session 9 Election: Saying “Yes” to Jesus</p>
<p>Sunday, February 26, 2017 9 AM Mass: Rite of Sending for Catechumen Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM</p>	<p>Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34 Catechumenate Session 10 Social Justice</p>
<p>Sunday, March 5, 2017 9 AM Mass: Dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word Session: 10:30 AM to 12 PM</p>	<p>First Sunday of Lent Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 Enlightenment Session 1 Living Lent</p>
<p>Sunday, March 5, 2017 3:30 PM Mass: SS. Simon & Jude Cathedral</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rite of Election: Enrollment of Names for Catechumenate

Goal: The Period of the Catechumenate is a time of formation to bring to maturity the faith and conversion celebrated in the rite of acceptance into the order of catechumens.

Who Are you?	Unbaptized Adult
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The Next Step in the Journey is the rite of election which usually takes place on the First Sunday of Lent, usually at the diocesan cathedral with the bishop. It is called “election” because the church chooses from among the catechumens those who will be baptized at the next Easter Vigil. The church makes this choice based on the choice God has made. The church is acting in the name of God, and therefore a prayerful discernment of those to be enrolled is essential. The church is going to make its choice based on three factors: the testimony of the godparents, the prayerful judgment of the RCIA team and parish community, and the catechumens’ reaffirmation of their intention to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

The decision to celebrate the rite of election is based on the following movements within the catechumen:

Before the rite of election is celebrated, the catechumens are expected to have undergone a conversion in mind and in action and to have developed a sufficient acquaintance with Christian teaching as well as a spirit of faith and charity.

Sunday, February 26, 2017 9 AM Mass: St. Mary’s Basilica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rite of Sending
Sunday, March 5, 2017 3:30 PM Mass: SS. Simon & Jude Cathedral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rite of Election: Enrollment of Names

Who Are you?	Baptized Christian Baptized Catholic Christian (No 1 st Communion and Confirmation)
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The Next Step in the Journey is the Rite of Reception: Call to Continuing Conversion, which usually takes place on the First Sunday of Lent, usually at the diocesan cathedral with the bishop. The bishop welcomes you and calls you to continued conversion on your journey of faith toward full initiation in the Catholic Church.

The decision to celebrate the rite of reception is a mutual decision between the inquirer and the community. They are both discerning your desire to continue to develop the seeds of faith that were given to you at baptism. Developing faith includes three distinct, but interrelated processes: developing one's individual relationship with God, developing one's sense of belonging in a Christian community, and developing one's understanding of and allegiance to the institutional church.

Sunday, January 1, 2017 9 AM Mass: St. Mary's Basilica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rite of Sending
Sunday, January 8, 2017 3:30 PM Mass: SS. Simon & Jude Cathedral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rite of Reception: Call to Continuing Conversion