

**Outline and purpose of each phase of the Christian Initiation of Adults--for a Person who is not baptized**

<b><i>Name of phase</i></b>	<b><i>Explanation</i></b>	<b><i>Time</i></b>	<b><i>Purpose</i></b>
<b><i>Inquiry</i></b>	Orientation to the Catholic Church Introduction to Gospel values,	No fixed duration or structure--Informal	Opportunity for the beginnings of faith
<b><i>Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens</i></b>	<i>The ritual which marks the beginning of the catechumenate</i>	<i>Celebrated several times a year</i>	<i>Candidates express and the Church accepts their intention to respond to God's call to follow the way of Christ</i>
<b><i>Catechumenate</i></b>	Time for nurturing and growth of catechumens' faith and conversion to God	Corresponds to the progress of the individual, usually a <i>minimum of one year or more</i> from the Rite of Acceptance	Conversion in mind and in action Sufficient knowledge of Church teachings Spirit of faith & charity Intention to receive the sacraments
<b><i>Election or Enrollment of Names</i></b>	<i>Rite which celebrates God's election</i>	<i>Usually the First Sunday of Lent in a regional celebration</i>	<i>Church ratifies the catechumen's readiness for the sacraments of initiation and catechumens express the will to receive the sacraments</i>
<b><i>Purification &amp; Enlightenment</i></b>	Time of reflection intensely centered on conversion	Usually coincides with Lent before the celebration of the sacraments	Strengthen what is good; heal what is sinful
<b><i>Sacraments of Initiation</i></b>	<i>Baptism, Confirmation &amp; Eucharist</i>	<i>Usually during Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday</i>	<i>Elect are admitted into the People of God, adopted as God's children, confirmed and share in the Eucharistic meal</i>
<b><i>Mystagogia</i></b>	Meditation on the Gospel, works of charity, Eucharist together	Usually weekly from Easter to Pentecost (8 wks) and then monthly for a year .	To deepen their understanding of the mysteries