

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH  
FRAMEWORK FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION  
RESOURCE FOR PARISH TEAMS**



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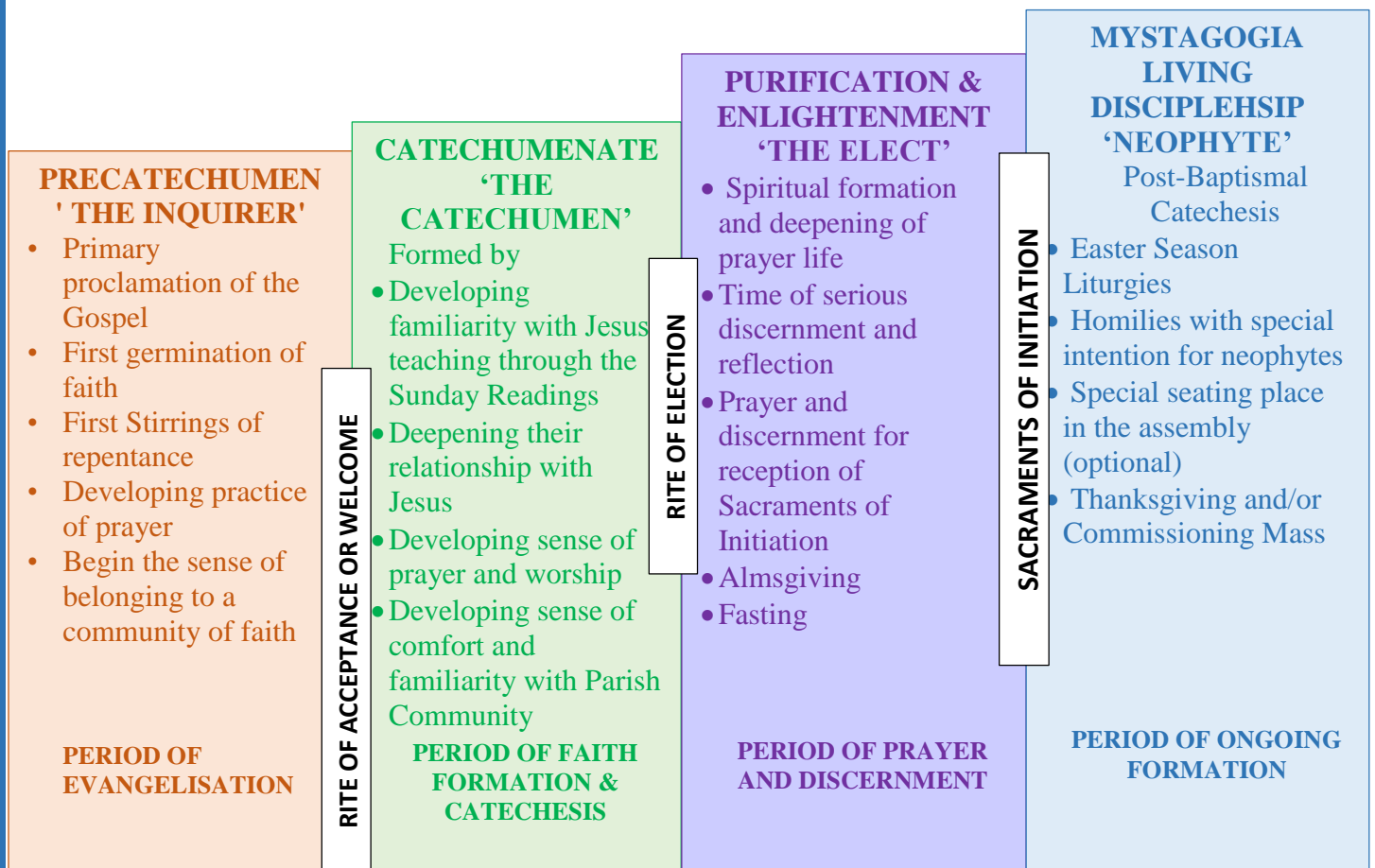
## RESOURCES:

1. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults St Paul's Publications N.S.W.
2. The Parish Companion to the RCIA James Goold House Publications Melbourne Archdiocese
3. Come & See – Elio Capra SBD Desbooks Thornbury 3071

## OPTIONAL RECOMMENDED RESOURCES:

1. At Home with God's People Brisbane Liturgical Commission
2. Path Through Catholicism Resources for Christian Living Mark Link, S.J.
3. Catechism of the Catholic Church
4. Catholic Enquiry Centre Sydney Archdiocese Call & Response
5. Catholic Enquiry Centre: Catholic Story pamphlets: [catholicenquiry.com/resources-mainmenu-18/the-catholic-story](http://catholicenquiry.com/resources-mainmenu-18/the-catholic-story)
6. The Summit Journal on-line: catechumenate journey; Gospel reflections; other: [cam.org.au/evangelisation](http://cam.org.au/evangelisation)

### JOURNEY AND PROCESS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION



## THE INTENTION OF THIS RESOURCE

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) was revived by the Second Vatican Council as a process of welcoming new members into the Catholic Church. This journey recognises a conversion of the mind and heart of each catechumen (unbaptised) and candidate (baptised in recognised Christian denomination). Each convert has a unique personal relationship with Christ, which they hope to explore and deepen within a supportive Parish community of faith; while deepening their understanding of how Catholics live, gather, pray, worship and serve others in Christ.

Within the Archdiocese of Perth, this process of welcoming new members into the Catholic faith should follow guidelines approved by the Archbishop, in keeping with The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The Archdiocese also acknowledges that each convert's journey must be acknowledged as unique and their own personal response to Christ's invitation of love to '*come and see*' what the Catholic community of faith has to offer them. A definite sense of welcome, belonging and acceptance is essential, involving the whole parish.

This resource offers a framework of topics to support the evangelical ministry of Parish RCIA groups, while offering a uniform process of initiation, approved by the Archbishop. Parishes will naturally provide welcome and hospitality that reflects the culture and environment of their particular parish community.

Care has been taken not to enforce a rigid timeline of initiation. The framework offers guidelines for Liturgical, Lectionary and Instructional Catechesis with resource materials to begin sharing the beauty and richness of the Catholic faith. It is of primary importance that the Parish RCIA Team develops a process that meets the needs of those seeking initiation.



## USING THIS RESOURCE

This framework has been developed for all converts to receive a common understanding of the essential beliefs and values of the Catholic faith. Parish RCIA Teams are encouraged to plan and offer Christian Initiation according to their strengths, abilities and resources, while meeting the needs of those on the journey of conversion.

**The topics in this resource are not offered on a weekly basis, but rather to support RCIA preparation.**

To share the fullness of the Catholic faith as much as practicable, three forms of catechesis are offered in the Archdiocese of Perth, that is: Lectionary, Liturgy and Instructional based formation.

1. Lectionary Catechesis breaks open the Sunday's Readings. The Summit Journal, which is now an online resource, is free to download and offers the Gospel with reflective questions, to encourage those in the conversion process to prayerfully consider the Sunday Gospel in their daily lives. Parishes are also encouraged to include these questions in the Parish Bulletin, enabling all parishioners to journey with the RCIA and enrich their own faith, as they live the Gospel. Parish Bulletins which include the Sunday Readings and a reflection, can also be used, and in addition introduces converts to the parish community news.
2. Instructional Catechesis introduces converts to the tenets of the Catholic faith. Reference materials to support RCIA Teams preparing for RCIA meetings are offered in the Framework. The suggested texts are already commonly used within Parishes: 'At Home with God's People'; 'Pathway Through Catholicism'; 'Call and Response'. Also, The Catholic Enquiry Centre offers a free website with brochures to download on Catholic tenets of faith. This may be of particular assistance for missed meetings. In addition, it is recommended that RCIA Teams prepare for topic discussions by reading the references from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, to familiarise the team with official Church teaching as supporting material for RCIA Teams.
3. Liturgical Catechesis shares the prayer-life, rites, rituals and worship of our faith. Experience is the best teacher. Parish RCIA Teams are encouraged to share as many prayer experiences as they are able, with the converts. Converts should be invited and encouraged to gather with the community of faith for Sunday Mass and other suitable parish celebrations. As the RCIA journey unfolds, expectation of Sunday Mass obligation should be seen to grow in the converts, who receive welcome, acceptance, belonging and prayer, offered by the parish community.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

### **Office of Christian Initiation** **[initiation.perthcatholic.org.au](http://initiation.perthcatholic.org.au)**

- Brochures for those *Thinking About Becoming Catholic*
- Sponsor information and brochure
- Parish Resources
- Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome pro-forma
- Lent Scrutiny Retreats
- Rite of Election
- Living Discipleship – *Mystagogia after initiation*
- Other

### **Catholic Archdiocese of Perth** **[www.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.perthcatholic.org.au)**

- Find Mass, by suburb
- Archbishop's Homilies
- All Catholic Agencies information
- Other

### **The Summit Journal – FREE NOW ONLINE** **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne** **[www.cam.org.au/evangelisation/Summit](http://www.cam.org.au/evangelisation/Summit)**

- Catechumenate journey
- Gospel reflections
- Children's Liturgy
- Other

### **Catholic Enquiry Centre: Catholic Story pamphlets** **[catholicenquiry.com/resources-mainmenu-18/the-catholic-story](http://catholicenquiry.com/resources-mainmenu-18/the-catholic-story)**

**18 FREE Brochures on Catholic tenets of faith for enquirers**

## MORE USEFUL WEBSITES

**The National Centre for Evangelisation**  
[nce.catholic.org.au/the-resource-centre/the-bridge-newsletter](http://nce.catholic.org.au/the-resource-centre/the-bridge-newsletter)

**Jesuit Communications – parish resources & Gospel Reflections**

**Australian Catholics: Email sign up**  
[editor@australiancatholics.com.au](mailto:editor@australiancatholics.com.au) OR  
[SundayConnection@LoyolaPress.com](mailto:SundayConnection@LoyolaPress.com)

- Parish resources
- Gospel Reflections

**Centre for Liturgy**  
**Catholic Archdiocese of Perth**  
[www.liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au)

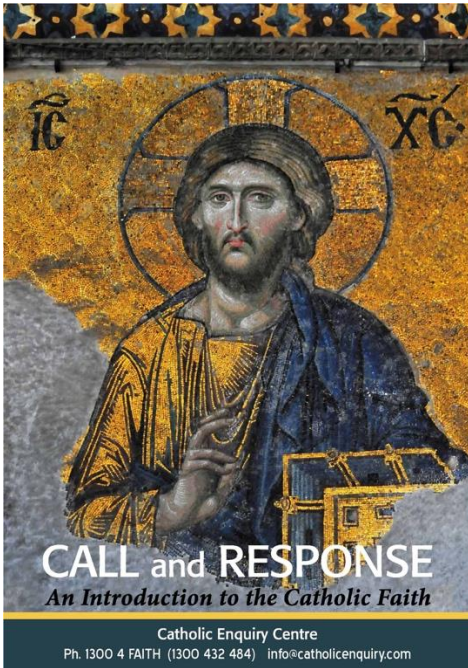
**RCIA Christian Initiation Australia Network**  
[www.cianetwork.net](http://www.cianetwork.net)

**Brisbane Liturgical Commission**  
[liturgybrisbane.net.au](http://liturgybrisbane.net.au)  
[www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au](http://www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au)

**Sunday Mass for you online**  
[tenplay.com.au/channel-ten/mass-for-you-at-home](http://tenplay.com.au/channel-ten/mass-for-you-at-home)

**The Mass**  
<http://www.ewtn.com/daily-readings/>  
▪ Includes text of Readings

## AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES



Published by: St Paul's Publications  
For more information, or to order  
please contact the Catholic Enquiry  
Centre at [info@catholicenquiry.com](mailto:info@catholicenquiry.com)  
or phone 1300 432 484

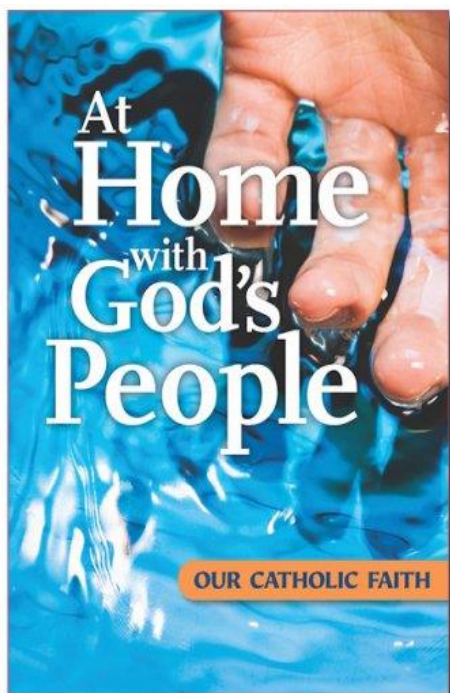
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Framework and available from the  
**ACBC Shop**

<https://www.catholic.org.au/shop/acbc-shop#!/Call-and-Response/p/28886440/category=4727032>

**Also**

### **Call & Response – RCIA Companion Manual**

The RCIA Facilitators Companion Manual for Call and Response is designed in conjunction with the book, Call and Response: An Introduction to the Catholic Faith. It is an aid for those **responsible for facilitating** catechetical formation for catechumens and candidates during the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is not necessary for RCIA participants to have a copy of the Companion Manual.

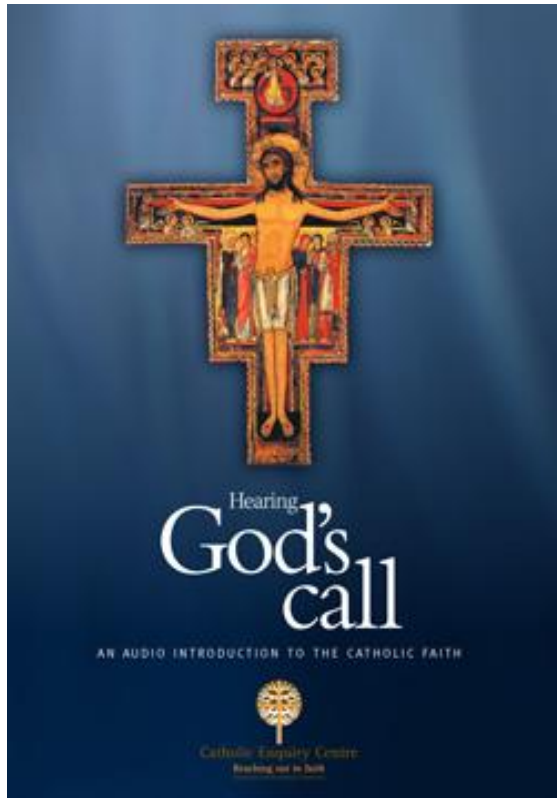


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## **AUDIO RESOURCES CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE**

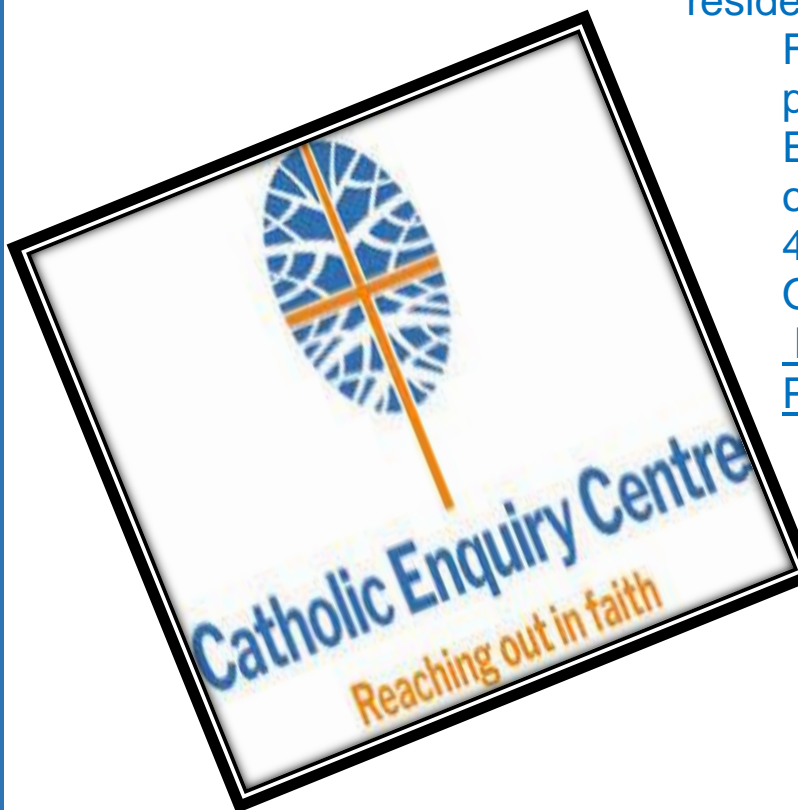
[www.catholicenquiry.com/resources-mainmenu-18/multimedia/item/162-hearing-god-s-call](http://www.catholicenquiry.com/resources-mainmenu-18/multimedia/item/162-hearing-god-s-call)

Hearing God's Call is an audio program which provides 30 ten-minute sessions, introducing a broad range of subjects on Catholic faith and practice. Presented on 4 CDs it is designed for easy listening with simple language. Initially created for use by Catholic Prison Chaplains, other audiences might benefit from Hearing God's Call including patients in hospitals, people with an intellectual disability, individuals with vision impairment or residents in nursing homes.

For more information, or to purchase *Hearing God's Call*:  
Email [info@catholicenquiry.com](mailto:info@catholicenquiry.com)  
or phone 1300 4 FAITH (1300 432 484)

Order Form:

[Download CEC Order Form in PDF Format](#)



### **Also from Catholic Enquiry Centre What do Catholics believe?**

30 short topics on the Catholic faith

<https://soundcloud.com/catholic-enquiry-centre/sets/what-do-catholics-believe>

# JOURNEY OF CONVERSION

<p><b>KERYGMA RELATIONSHIP</b></p>	<p><b>EVANGELIA SCRIPTURE</b></p>	<p><b>KONONIA COMMUNITY</b></p>	<p><b>LEITOURGIA LITURGY</b></p>	<p><b>DIAKONIA SERVICE &amp; MISSION</b>                      'Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works I will show you my faith.'                      [James 2: 18]</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are our expectations of neophytes?</li> <li>• Are our expectations to join parish ministries too high?</li> <li>• #234 'the community of the faithful ... give thoughtful and friendly help.'</li> <li>• #236 'the neophytes experience full, joyful welcome into the community, the faithful renewal of inspiration and outlook.'</li> <li>• One in Christ's family</li> <li>• We are one in the Body of Christ</li> <li>• Full initiation and Communion with the Church</li> <li>• 'The spirit in you and with you ... I will not leave you orphans'</li> <li>• 'So I am sending you'</li> <li>• 'Go and make disciples of all nations'</li> <li>• Live the Beatitudes Mt 5: 1-12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #235 'more effective understanding of the mysteries of the Gospel</li> <li>• The challenge of the Easter Readings</li> <li>• 'Go and make disciples of all nations...'</li> <li>• 'The spirit in you and with you ... I will not leave you orphans'</li> <li>• 'So I am sending you'</li> <li>• Live the Beatitudes Mt 5: 1-12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the parish expectations of neophytes?</li> <li>• Are the parish community expectations too high?</li> <li>• #234 'the community &amp; neophytes together grow in deepening their grasp of the Paschal Mystery'</li> <li>• Parish Ministries?</li> <li>• Ministries of the Mass?</li> <li>• Corporal Works of Mercy                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Refer Service &amp; Mission</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Spiritual Works of Mercy                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Refer Service &amp; Mission</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Live the Beatitudes Mt 5: 1-12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #234 'the community &amp; neophytes together grow in deepening their grasp of the Paschal Mystery ... meditating on the Gospel, sharing in the Eucharist'</li> <li>• The Liturgical Season of Easter</li> <li>• The challenge of the Easter Readings</li> <li>• Parish Ministries?</li> <li>• Ministries of the Mass?</li> <li>• Deepening grasp of the Paschal Mystery through prayer</li> <li>• 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the parish expectations of neophytes?</li> <li>• Are we expecting too much?</li> <li>• #234 'the community &amp; neophytes together grow in deepening their grasp of the Paschal Mystery ... doing works of charity'</li> <li>• Christian discipleship – service &amp; mission</li> <li>• Corporal Works of Mercy                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feed the hungry</li> <li>▪ Shelter the homeless</li> <li>▪ Clothe the naked</li> <li>▪ Give alms to the poor</li> <li>▪ Visit the sick &amp; imprisoned</li> <li>▪ Bury the dead</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Spiritual Works of Mercy <small>Evangelia Priest</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Instruct</li> <li>▪ Advise</li> <li>▪ Console</li> <li>▪ Comfort</li> <li>▪ Forgive</li> <li>▪ Bear wrongs patiently</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Live the Beatitudes Mt 5: 1-12 <small>Evangelia Priest</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'So I am sending you'</li> <li>• 'Go and make disciples of all nations'</li> <li>• 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.'</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## NECESSARY COMPONENTS OF AN RCIA MEETING

- MEETING TIME FRAME: 1 – 1.5 HOURS
  - WELCOME/HOSPITALITY:  
COFFEE/TEA/ETC
  - OPENING PRAYER (relational to Readings or Catholic tenet of faith)
  - BREAK OPEN SUNDAY READINGS
  - SHARING TOPIC OF CATHOLIC TENETS OF FAITH
  - SHARING THE LITURGY: RELATING TO THE READINGS OR TOPIC OF CATHOLIC FAITH
  - CLOSING PRAYER (relational to Readings or Catholic tenet of faith)
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- ❖ Each person's conversion journey is unique and must be respected.
  - ❖ The meeting time frame should be watched.
  - ❖ If one person dominates the group, this will require monitoring.
  - ❖ If questions arise which cannot be answered, offer reassurance they will be answered next week.
  - ❖ If a particular topic is not finished it can always be revisited the following week.



## Archdiocese of Perth Prayer

Gracious God,  
You have blessed our diocese with many gifts,  
and you call us to share those gifts with others.

We thank you for this call and commit ourselves anew to responding with courage and generosity.

In this time of challenge and hope for the Church

You invite us to start afresh from Christ Your Son, and to contemplate His face, so that we might recognise Him in others, especially those who suffer.

In doing so may we experience a new wave of grace, so that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds, to the presence of Your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationships be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice.

With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel,

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia

and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another

and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other

and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,

that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen

Our Lady help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

## RCIA DISCERNMENT – THE JOURNEY OF CONVERSION

EARLY CHURCH	KERYGMA Building a relationship with Christ Becoming one with Him	EVANGELIA Knowledge of Christ's teachings & Scripture & sharing the Good News	KOINONIA Entering faith community Building faith community Belonging to faith community	LEITOURGIA Liturgy Prayer Worship	DIAKONIA Christian service in the community Bearing witness to God
ENQUIRY PRE-CATECHUMENTATE RCIA #36-40	First faith Initial relationship forming with Jesus	Beginning to understand the fundamentals of Christ's teachings	Developing a sense of Church Some experience of the company & spirit of Christians	Developing the practice of calling on God in prayer Beginning the experience of celebrating liturgy	Initial conversion Intention to change their life Stirrings of repentance
RITE OF ACCEPTANCE RCIA #41-74	Public statement of openness to a relationship with Christ	Openness to deepen knowledge of Christ's teachings	Initial introduction to community of faith	Rite of Acceptance & Welcome	Public witness to your conversion journey
CATECHUMENTATE LEARNING QUESTIONING GROWING IN FAITH RCIA #75-104	Hopes set on Christ Sharing in the mystery of Christ's death & resurrection	Suitable catechesis Planned & gradual Complete in its coverage	Familiarity growing with the way of Christian life Supported by sponsors, & the faith community	Celebrations of the Word of God Accommodated to the liturgical year Turning more readily to God in prayer Preparing for the Eucharist	Learning to work actively with others Bearing witness in sharing the Good News & build the community of faith
RITE OF ELECTION #105-124	God's election of you into relationship with Him & the Church & your free election to do so	Discernment of Christ's challenges in Scripture	Discernment of your conversion journey supported by the faith community	Prayerful discernment of conversion & preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation Scrutinies & Presentation	Discernment of your Christian discipleship & vocation
PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT LENT RCIA #125-197	A conversion of mind A spirit of faith	Acquaintance with Christian teaching Deliberate will and enlightened faith	Testimony of sponsors and faith community The Church judges the state of readiness & expresses this publicly	The Elect and candidates must have the intention to receive the Sacraments of the Church	A conversion in action A spirit of charity
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION RCIA #198-305	Baptism	Baptism Confirmation Holy Communion	Baptism Confirmation Holy Communion	Baptism Confirmation Holy Communion	Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord
MYSTAGOGIA ONGOING CONVERSION & DISCIPLESHIP RCIA #234-241	Ongoing strengthening #234 'the community of the faithful ... give thoughtful and friendly help.' #236 'the neophytes experience full, joyful welcome into the community, the faithful renewal of inspiration and outlook'. One in Christ's family	Ongoing deepening and understanding of Scripture #235 'more effective understanding of the mysteries of the Gospel Go and make disciples of all nations...'	Ongoing strengthening and building of community relationship #234 'the community & neophytes together grow in deepening their grasp of the Paschal Mystery'	Ongoing deepening experience and encounter with Christ and the community deepening their grasp of the Paschal Mystery ... meditating on the Gospel, sharing in the Eucharist	Ongoing Christian discipleship – service & mission #234 'the community & neophytes together grow in deepening their grasp of the Paschal Mystery ... doing works of charity'

**PARISHES TO DEVELOP  
THEIR OWN RCIA  
SCHEDULE OF TOPICS**

**PRE-CATECHUMENATE/ENQUIRY FRAMEWORK  
PRE - READING  
RCIA TEXT # 1 - 40**

TOPICS	SUB-HEADINGS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our story + their story joined with Jesus' story</li> <li>• Scripture &amp; tradition</li> <li>• Covenant old and new</li> <li>• Law old and new</li> </ul>
<b>Tour of Church</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief explanation of symbols and gestures: genuflection; bowing; Sign of The Cross - introduce Trinity</li> <li>• Baptismal Font: Introduce idea of Initiation; &amp; Nurturing relationship with Christ</li> <li>• Altar: Brief explanation</li> <li>• Tabernacle: <u>briefly</u> explain symbols and Catholic belief.</li> <li>• Sanctuary Flame: you could link the secular understanding e.g. Shrine of Remembrance Memorial Flame</li> <li>• Candles and Paschal Candle: significance and meaning.</li> <li>• Stations of The Cross in brief</li> </ul>
<b>Meet the Bible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the Bible was put together?</li> <li>• Bible as library of different genres</li> <li>• Look at the Bible Contents page</li> <li>• Hebrew Scripture: The Fall; Abraham; Moses; Prophets; History; Wisdom</li> <li>• Jesus continues the Hebrew story</li> <li>• New Testament fulfils Hebrew Testament</li> </ul>
<b>Trinity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God The Father</li> <li>• God The Son: human &amp; divine</li> <li>• God The Holy Spirit</li> <li>• Outline Apostle's Creed</li> </ul>
<b>Gospels</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who wrote the Gospels</li> <li>• When were they written</li> <li>• Who were they written for</li> <li>• How were they put together</li> </ul>

**Group sharing /**

**Team reference material: Catechism references & RCIA text**

**Path Through Catholicism: 'Handing on Revelation' p. 23-27  
(ref: Luke 4:16-30)**

**At Home with God's People: In Search of God**

**Call & Response: God's Search for Us – Our Search for God**

**Life of the Church CCC # 131-132**

**Nourishment of Life CCC #141**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults #36-40**

**Offer brief explanation to demystify the actions and gestures of the Mass.**

**Complete contact details**

**Arrange meeting with Parish Priest re: details of marriage? Past marriages? Spousal past marriages? Parish Priest may need to contact or refer to the Marriage Tribunal.**

**CCC: #811; Church & unity # 814-822**

**At Home with God's People: The Bible the Word of God**

**Call & Response: The Bible; The Bible and the Catholic Church; Bibles with Different Contents; Mt 5:17; Deut 6:5**

**CCC: Word of God # 104, 135; God the author #105; 136; Truth #107;**

**Christ the fulfilment #2763;**

**Call & Response: I Believe in God, Jesus Christ, + the Holy Spirit + the Father  
initiation.perthcatholic.org.au Apostles Creed**

**CCC: Centrality # 232 – 237**

**Path Through Catholicism: New Testament**

**At Home with God's People: The Bible the Word of God**

**Call & Response: Models of Faith The New Testament**

**CCC: Gospel Formation #126; 514-515**

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**PRE-CATECHUMENATE/ENQUIRY FRAMEWORK  
PRE - READING  
RCIA TEXT # 1 - 40**

TOPICS	SUB-HEADINGS
<b>Sacraments</b>	Briefly explain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is a Sacrament</li> <li>• Scripture reference</li> <li>• Instituted by Jesus</li> </ul>
<b>Discernment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deepening relationship with Christ?</li> <li>• Developing familiarity with Gospels</li> <li>• Developing practice of prayer &amp; worship</li> <li>• Developing sense of belonging to community of faith</li> </ul>

**PRE - READING RCIA TEXT BEFORE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE  
# 41 – 47**

**PRE – READNG OUTLINE OF RITE OF ACCEPTANCE  
#48 – 74**

Refer: [Website initiation.perthcatholic.org.au](http://Website.initiation.perthcatholic.org.au)

**RE: Rite of Acceptance/Rite of Welcome pro-forma**

*CATHOLIC PARISH OF*

*RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO  
THE ORDER OF  
CATECHUMENS  
AND  
RITE OF WELCOME OF  
BAPTISED CANDIDATES*

FOR HE WHO IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE  
FULFILS ALL THEIR SPIRITUAL EXPECTATIONS, INDEED  
INFINITELY SURPASSES THEM.  
[RCIA #26; *Ad Gentes* no. 13]

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**At Home with God's People: The Sacraments of the Church**

**Call & Response: Receiving the Sacraments Introduction**

**CCC: Action of The Holy Spirit #1116; Efficacious Sign # 1127**

**Participants readiness for Rite of Acceptance/Welcome**

**RCIA Text #36-47**

**CCC: Catechumenate # 1247-1248**



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**CATECHUMENATE FRAMEWORK  
Pre - Reading: Rite of Christian  
Initiation of Adults # 75 - 101**

<b>LECTIONARY</b> The Summit Journal/ Sunday Missal	<b>LITURGY</b>	<b>INSTRUCTION</b>  <b>God's initiation of love</b>
<b>Lectionary Reading Lectionary Cycle</b>	Prayer	Prayer: conversation with God; speaking & listening; personal intentions; praise & thanksgiving Images of God
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Liturgy – cycle & seasons	Prayer/worship/colours/symbols
<b>Lectionary Reading Lectionary Cycle</b>	Explore the Mass	The God of Revelation Images of God
<b>Lectionary Reading, reflection &amp; discussion</b>	1st Reading link with Gospel	Hebrew Scripture: The Covenant Begins; Creation and the Fall: Catholic context of free will, human choice, responsibility and privilege of living the Covenant.
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Liturgical Cycle Explain different postures of prayer in the Mass	New Testament: The Covenant continues: Jesus is God's self-communication to us. Introduce 4 Gospels: main themes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• who wrote them</li> <li>• who they were written for,</li> <li>• when were they written</li> </ul>
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Liturgy of The Word 'Universal Prayer': Order <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Church</li> <li>2.Public authorities</li> <li>3.Burdens and particular difficulties</li> <li>4.Local community</li> </ol>	Mass of Catechumens The Word directs us to the Eucharist Different parts of the Liturgy of The Word

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**RESOURCE  
GROUP SHARING**

**TEAM REFERENCE/ CATECHISM REFERENCES (CCC)**

**Pathway Through Catholicism: Light of Faith; Praying**

**At Home with God's People: Prayer**

**Call & Response: God's Search for Us – Our Search for God**

**CCC: Universal Call to Prayer#2566 – 2567, Jesus hears our prayer#2616, Complaining of not being heard#2735, Persevering in Love #2742-2745**

**Pathway Through Catholicism: Liturgy**

**CCC: Liturgical Seasons #1163-1165; 1168-1169**

**Pathway Through Catholicism: Liturgy**

**At Home with God's People: The Structure of the Mass**

**Call & Response: The Mass Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Office of Christian Initiation Mass Booklet**

**CCC: Knowledge of God According to the Church#36– 38; Sacred Scripture # 101 – 104**

**Pathway Through Catholicism: Old Testament**

**At Home with God's People: The God of Revelation**

**Call & Response: Models of Faith in the Old Testament**

**CCC: The Old Testament #121-123**

**Pathway Through Catholicism: New Testament**

**At Home with God's People: The Bible the Word of God**

**Call & Response: Models of Faith in the New Testament**

**CCC New Testament # 124 – 130**

**At Home with God's People: Prayer**

**Call & Response: The Mass Liturgy of the Word**

**Office of Christian Initiation Mass Booklet**

**John 1:1**

**CCC: The Liturgy of the Word #1349**

**GIRM #70**

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<p><b>LECTIONARY</b> The Summit Journal/ Sunday Missal</p>	<p><b>LITURGY</b></p>	<p><b>INSTRUCTION</b>  <b>Our response to God's invitation of love</b></p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Mass: The Opening Prayer &amp; link to the Gospel theme</p>	<p>The Church: God's People; Prayer; Images of Church Models of Church</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>The Sign of Peace</p>	<p>The Church: Body of Christ Images of Jesus 1 Cor 12: 12-26</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Why is a Crucifix essential in a Catholic Church</p>	<p>The cross and the crucifix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crucifixion: death &amp; Resurrection - sacrifice for salvation</li> <li>• How is The Cross understood in other Christian denominations?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Sacraments: celebrations that reflect life. Instituted by Christ. Sacramental grace</p>	<p>What is a Sacrament: revisit topic from Enquiry Period? Overview of Sacraments: Living a sacramental life: pilgrim journey; discernment &amp; its challenges; walking with Jesus in discipleship; converting mind &amp; heart</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Baptismal font Baptism formulae Trinity &amp; Blessing of the Sign of the Cross.</p>	<p>Baptism – entering the Christian Family First Sacrament of Initiation – new life, mission, discipleship Why was Jesus Baptised? What is original sin? Freedom of our choices</p>

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**RESOURCE  
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TEAM REFERENCE/ CATECHISM REFERENCES (CCC)**

Pathway Through Catholicism: Liturgy; Prayer  
At Home with God's People: The Structure of the Mass  
Call & Response: The Mass  
Office of Christian Initiation Mass Booklet  
CCC: Unit of the Old and New Testaments #128-130

At Home with God's People: The Structure of the Mass  
Call & Response: The Mass  
Office of Christian Initiation Mass Booklet  
GIRM: #82 1 Cor 12: 12-26

Pathway Through Catholicism: God the Son  
Call & Response: I Believe in God and in Jesus Christ  
CCC # 561, 618, 629- 630

Pathway Through Catholicism: Light of Faith  
At Home with God's People: The Sacraments of the Church  
Call & Response: Receiving the Sacraments Introduction  
CCC: #1114-1116

Pathway Through Catholicism: Baptism  
At Home with God's People: The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism & Confirmation  
Call & Response: The Sacrament of Baptism  
CCC: # 1247-1249  
RCIA Text: #198 – 207

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<p><b>LECTIONARY</b> The Summit Journal/ Sunday Missal</p>	<p><b>LITURGY</b></p>	<p><b>INSTRUCTION</b> <b>Our response to God's invitation of love</b></p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Pentecost</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit Gifts &amp; Fruits (Virtues) of The Spirit</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Confirmation Invitation Laying on of hands Oil of Chrism</p>	<p>Chrism: new mission of witness I. Priest II. Prophet III. King</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Confirmation Bearing Witness</p>	<p>Four graces of Confirmation: I. Perfects II. Deepens III. Strengthens IV. Commission of the Spirit of Baptism</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Eucharistic Prayers Anamnesis</p>	<p>Eucharist: Passover &amp; The Last Supper</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Invocation of the Holy Spirit – (epiclesis )</p>	<p>Eucharist: Feeding the Five thousand</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Sacrifice &amp; Salvation</p>	<p>Eucharist: Jesus washes the disciples' feet Service to others</p>
<p><b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b></p>	<p>Paschal Mystery</p>	<p>Eucharist: Passion, Death &amp; Resurrection The true Bread from Heaven Real Presence</p>

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**RESOURCE  
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**TEAM REFERENCE/ CATECHISM REFERENCES (CCC)**

**Pathway Through Catholicism: Confirmation**

**At Home with God's People: The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism & Confirmation**

**Call & Response: The Sacrament of Confirmation**

**Acts 2: 1-13; Jn 14: 15-21; Mt 28: 16-20; 1 Cor 12: 4-11; Gal 5: 22-26; CCC # 1302 – 1303**

**Pathway Through Catholicism: Confirmation**

**At Home with God's People: The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism & Confirmation**

**Call & Response: The Sacrament of Confirmation**

**Acts 2: 1-13**

**CCC # 1285 – 1289 RCIA Text # 208 – 210**

**Pathway Through Catholicism: Confirmation**

**At Home with God's People: The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism & Confirmation**

**Call & Response: The Sacrament of Confirmation**

**Acts 8:5-17; Acts 10:44-48**

**CCC # 2472**

**Pathway Through Catholicism: Eucharist**

**At Home with God's People: The Sacraments of Initiation: Eucharist**

**Call & Response: The Sacrament of the Eucharist**

**Office of Christian Initiation Mass Booklet**

**Ex 20: 1-21; Mt 26: 26-29; Mk 14: 22-25; Lk 22: 14-20 CCC # 1333 - 1340**

**Pathway Through Catholicism: Eucharist**

**At Home with God's People: The Sacraments of Initiation: Eucharist**

**Call & Response: The Sacrament of the Eucharist**

**Office of Christian Initiation Mass Booklet**

**Lk 9: 10-15; Jn 6: 1-15; 1 Cor 10:17; CCC: # 1353 - 1354**

**Pathway Through Catholicism: Eucharist**

**At Home with God's People: The Sacraments of Initiation: Eucharist**

**Call & Response: The Sacrament of the Eucharist**

**Office of Christian Initiation Mass Booklet**

**Jn 13: 1-20; CCC: # 1397**

**Pathway Through Catholicism: Eucharist**

**At Home with God's People: The Sacraments of Initiation: Eucharist**

**Call & Response: The Sacrament of the Eucharist**

**Office of Christian Initiation Mass Booklet**

**Jn 6: 50-58 CCC # 1333 - 1336**

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<b>LECTIONARY</b> The Summit Journal/ Sunday Missal	<b>LITURGY</b>	<b>INSTRUCTION</b>  <b>Our response to God's invitation of love</b>
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	The Institution of the Lord's Supper	Eucharist: The Eucharistic Liturgy <i>'Do this in memory of Me'</i> Eternal Banquet Church expectation of attending this Sacrament.
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	God's mercy and love <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confession</li> <li>• Penance</li> <li>• Reconciliation</li> </ul>	Sacrament of Healing: Process of healing Different names of the same sacrament, why?
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	'Peace be with you' Jn 20:21	Sacraments of Healing: Forgiveness
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Absolution	Sacraments of Healing: Confessing to a Priest Seal of the Confessional
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	The Rite of Reconciliation	Sacraments of Healing: What happens and why Church expectation of attending this Sacrament.
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Healing; comfort; support; belonging, recognition and the community of faith	Sacraments of Healing: Anointing of The Sick
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Role of the Priest: Persona Christi	Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders



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TEAM REFERENCE/ CATECHISM REFERENCES (CCC)**

Pathway Through Catholicism: Eucharist  
At Home with God's People: The Sacraments of Initiation: Eucharist  
Call & Response: The Sacrament of the Eucharist  
Office of Christian Initiation Mass Booklet  
1 Cor 11: 23-26;  
CCC: # 1337 –1344, Sunday Obligation: # 2180

Pathway Through Catholicism: Reconciliation  
At Home with God's People: Sin & Forgiveness  
Call & Response: The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lk 15: 1-10 CCC: # 1420 – 1424, 1446

Pathway Through Catholicism: Reconciliation  
At Home with God's People: Sin & Forgiveness  
Call & Response: The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lk 15: 11-32; Lk 6: 27 – 36; Jn 8: 1-11; Mt 18: 21-22; Jn 20:22-23;  
CCC: # 1430, 1434 -1435, 1450 - 1454

Pathway Through Catholicism: Reconciliation  
At Home with God's People: Sin & Forgiveness  
Call & Response: The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lk 19: 1-10; CCC: # 1459 - 1467

Pathway Through Catholicism: Reconciliation  
At Home with God's People: Sin & Forgiveness  
Call & Response: The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lk 9: 1-6; CCC: # 1468 – 1470

Pathway Through Catholicism: Anointing of the Sick  
At Home with God's People: Anointing of the Sick  
Call & Response: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick  
John 6:54; James 5: 10, 14; CCC # 1526 – 1532

Pathway Through Catholicism: Holy Orders  
At Home with God's People: Priesthood  
Call & Response: The Sacrament of Holy Orders  
Lk 10: 1-12; Jn 13: 1-20 CCC # 1577 – 1580

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<b>LECTIONARY</b> The Summit Journal/ Sunday Missal	<b>LITURGY</b>	<b>INSTRUCTION</b>  Our response to God's invitation of love
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Eucharistic Prayer: Pope, Archbishop and Bishop named	Sacraments of Service: The Pope & infallibility
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Covenant & grace	Sacraments of Service: Marriage
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	The ritual & rite	Sacraments of Service: Marriage & Interfaith marriages
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Sacraments of Marriage	Sacraments of Service: Prerequisites of a valid marriage Annulment
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Mary Intercession Rosary	Titles given to Mary Veneration – not worship of Mary Explain & share the Rosary
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Eternal Life	Death After Life Salvation

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**RESOURCE  
GROUP SHARING  
TEAM REFERENCE/ CATECHISM REFERENCES (CCC)**

Pathway Through Catholicism: The Church  
At Home with God's People: Peter and the Church  
Call & Response: The Sacrament of Holy Orders  
Jn 13: 1-20; CCC: The teaching office #888-892; 2034- 2035

Pathway Through Catholicism: Marriage  
At Home with God's People: Marriage  
Call & Response: The Sacrament of Marriage  
Mt 19: 1-12; CCC: The Marriage Bond # 1638– 1640; 1652-1654

Pathway Through Catholicism: Marriage  
At Home with God's People: Marriage  
Call & Response: The Sacrament of Marriage  
1Cor 7: 12 – 16; CCC: The Grace #1641-1643

At Home with God's People: Marriage  
At Home with God's People: Marriage  
Call & Response: The Sacrament of Marriage  
CCC: # 1644-1651

Pathway Through Catholicism: Witnessing to Love  
At Home with God's People: Mary, Mother of God  
Call & Response: The Communion of Saints  
Mt 1:18 – 2:12; Lk 1 – 2:52; Jn 19: 26-27; Acts 1: 12-14  
CCC # 484- 489; Immaculate Conception #490-493; Divine Motherhood #495

Pathway Through Catholicism: Rejoicing in Love  
At Home with God's People: The Last Things  
Call & Response: Love is Stronger Than Death  
CCC: The Meaning of Christian Death #1010-1019

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<b>LECTIONARY</b> The Summit Journal/ Sunday Missal	<b>LITURGY</b>	<b>INSTRUCTION</b>  <b>WITNESS &amp; DISCIPLESHIP</b>
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Living in communion Beatitudes Mt 5:1-12	Christian Morality and love of neighbour
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Communion of the spirit	Christian Morality and love of God Jesus' Golden Rule Commandments 1-3
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Communion of the spirit	Christian Morality and social justice Commandments 4 – 10
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Full, active and conscious participation & discipleship	Moral Conscience
<b>Lectionary Reading reflection &amp; discussion</b>	Intercession: 'pray for us'	Saints: Example & hope for our lives Link to Baptism or Confirmation Name

**DISCERNMENT & REFLECTION**

**When:** Prior to The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Candidates.

**What:** Discernment offers time for catechumens and candidates to reflect on their conversion journey thus far, and their readiness to begin the next stage of Purification and Enlightenment.

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**RESOURCE  
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**TEAM REFERENCE/ CATECHISM REFERENCES (CCC)**

Pathway Through Catholicism: Loving Neighbour

At Home with God's People: Ministry & Mission

Call & Response: Living our Vocation

CCC: Moral Life & Missionary Witness # 2044 – 2046, Love of Neighbour # 2196

Pathway Through Catholicism: Loving God

At Home with God's People: The Moral Life

Call & Response: Life Choices: Responding to the Gift of Baptism

Genesis 1:26 'made in the image and likeness of God'; CCC # 2133 - 2140

Pathway Through Catholicism: Discerning Love

At Home with God's People: Law & Freedom

Call & Response: Word & Prayer

CCC: Common Good #1905 - 1912 Social Justice #1928 – 1933,

Pathway Through Catholicism: Discerning Love

At Home with God's People: Authority & Wisdom

Call & Response: Living our Vocation

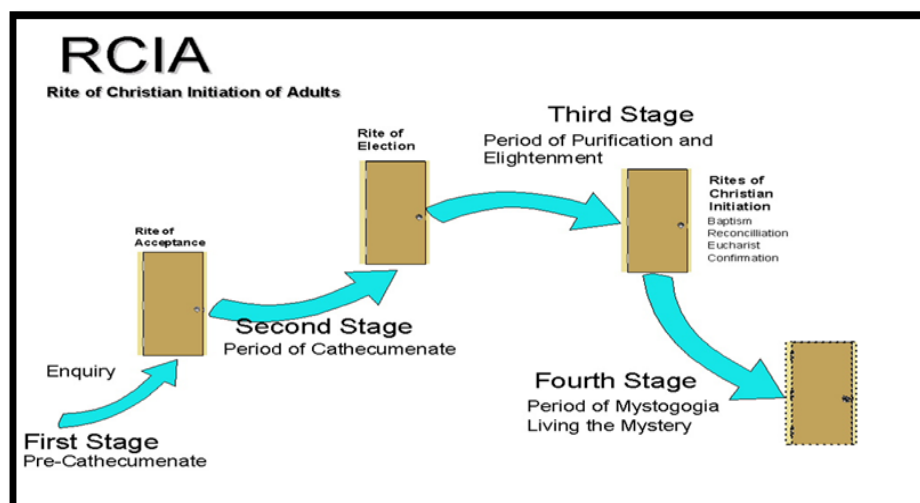
CCC: Moral Conscience & Formation of Conscience # 1776 – 1789

Pathway Through Catholicism: Witnessing to Love

Call & Response: God Active in the World, The Common Good & the World Community

RCIA Text # 208 – 210

CCC: the Church, Mother & Teacher # 2030-2031



**RCIA LENTEN CALENDAR: PERIOD OF PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT  
PER-READING RCIA TEXT #125-136**

<b>(ASH WEDNESDAY) 1ST WEEK LENT (HOPE)</b>	<b>2ND WEEK LENT (TRUST)</b>	<b>3RD WEEK LENT (INTENT) LAUDETE SUNDAY</b>	<b>4TH WEEK LENT (ATTITUDE)</b>	<b>LENT WEEK 5 FAITHFULNESS</b>
1st Sunday of Lent Parish Mass <b>RITE OF SENDING/ RECEPTION OF NAMES</b>	Other Options for Presentation of the Creed & Our Father RCIA #124 + Check <b>free</b> OCI website: <a href="http://Initiation.perthcatholic.org.au">Initiation.perthcatholic.org.au</a> Presentation Scrolls Scrutiny Retreats	<b>SCRUTINY 1</b> RCIA #128-133; 137-143 PRESENTATION OF THE CREED RCIA #144 - 150	<b>SCRUTINY 2</b> RCIA #128-133; 151-157	<b>SCRUTINY 3</b> RCIA #128-133; 158-164 WHEN??? (PRESENTATION OF THE OUR FATHER) RCIA # 134-136; 166-171
<b>SCRIPTURE</b> YEAR A: MT 4:1-11 (40 DAYS IN THE DESERT) YEAR B: MK 1:12-15 (40 DAYS IN THE DESERT) YEAR C: LK 4: 1-13 (40 DAYS IN THE DESERT)	<b>SCRIPTURE</b> YEAR A: MT 17:1-9 (TRANSFIGURATION) YEAR B: MK 9: 2-10 (TRANSFIGURATION) YEAR C: LK 9: 28-36 (TRANSFIGURATION)	<b>SCRIPTURE</b> YEAR A: JN 4:5-42 (SAMARITAN WOMAN) YEAR B: JN 2: 13-25 (JESUS ANGER IN THE TEMPLE) YEAR C: LK 13:1-9 (PARABLE OF FIG TREE)	<b>SCRIPTURE</b> YEAR A: JN 11:1-45 (RAISING LAZARUS) YEAR B: JN 12: 20-30 (‘PARABLE OF GRAIN OF WHEAT’) YEAR C JN 8: 1-11 (THE ADULTEROUS WOMAN)	
<b>ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL RITE OF ELECTION</b> RCIA #125-127	<b>PRAYER:</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS; ROSARY: SORROWFUL MYSTERIES; LECTIO DIVINA; OUR FATHER; PARISH LENT PROGRAM; OTHER	<b>PRAYER:</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS; ROSARY: SORROWFUL MYSTERIES; LECTIO DIVINA; SCRUTINY 1; PARISH LENT PROGRAM; OTHER	<b>PRAYER:</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS; ROSARY: SORROWFUL MYSTERIES; LECTIO DIVINA; SCRUTINY 2; PARISH LENT PROGRAM; OTHER	<b>PRAYER:</b> STATIONS OF THE CROSS; ROSARY: SORROWFUL MYSTERIES; LECTIO DIVINA; SCRUTINY 3; PARISH LENT PROGRAM; OTHER

**LENTEN SEASON –  
PERIOD OF PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT  
PRE – READING RCIA TEXT #125 - 136**

TOPIC	INSTRUCTION	LITURGY	LECTIONARY	RESOURCE
Discernment	I. Prayerful reflection on personal journey II. Deepening closeness to Christ III. Developed familiarity of Gospels IV. Desire to participate in the Eucharist and worship with the community of faith V. Discernment of sin and desire for repentance	Parish Rite of Sending	YEAR A: MT 4:1-11 YEAR B: MK 1:12-15 YEAR C: LK 4: 1-13	
Rite of Election		Rite of Election		RCIA #125-127
Presentation of The Creed	Meaning and understanding Discernment NB: Presentations may be scheduled during Catechumenate (Refer RCIA #79, 103-104; 134)	Presentation of the Creed		RCIA # 134-136; 144-150 Meaning: CCC #188 Components Of the Creed: CCC #190-192
Presentation of the 'Our Father' *	Discernment and preparation for Easter Vigil NB: Presentations may be scheduled during Catechumenate (Refer RCIA #79, 103-104; 134)	Presentation of the 'Our Father'		RCIA # 134-136; 166-171 Centre of Scripture CCC # 2762-2764 Church's Prayer CCC #2767-2772
1st Scrutiny	Discernment & Preparation for Scrutiny	1st Scrutiny YR A	John 4: 4 - 26 (Samaritan Woman)	RCIA #128-133; 137-143
2nd Scrutiny	Discernment & Preparation for Scrutiny	2nd Scrutiny YR A	John 9: 1 - 41 (Man born blind)	RCIA #128-133; 151-157
3rd Scrutiny	Discernment & Preparation for Scrutiny	3rd Scrutiny YR A	John 11: 1 - 45 (Raising of Lazarus)	RCIA #128-133; 158-164
Preparation for Sacraments of Initiation	<i>Ephphetha Rite 'be opened'</i> Anointing with Oil of Catechumens *NB: Presentation of the 'Our Father' is possible as part of the preparation Rites (Refer RCIA #136)	<b>1st Reconciliation (candidates)</b> <b>Rehearsal of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for The Elect</b>		RCIA #172-233 Doctrine of: CCC # 1114-1116 Grace of salvation CCC # 1127-1129

**CHECK OCI WEBSITE FOR EASTER VIGIL RCIA PRO-FORMA**  
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**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION & FULL COMMUNION INTO THE CHURCH**

Easter Vigil	Sacraments of Initiation & Full Communion	Baptismal Rite Rite of Confirmation Receiving First Eucharist	Easter Vigil Readings	RCIA #211 – 233 Roman Missal p.378 - 423
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## **Mystagogia: Living Discipleship a time of Mission and Ministry**

**Aim:** “A fuller and more effective understanding of mysteries through the Gospel – above all through *their* (neophytes) experience of the Sacraments they have received...” and welcome into the Parish.

[RCIA #235]

### **Mission definition:**

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

[Mt 28: 19-20]

### **Ministry definition:**

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people; praise God who called you out of darkness and into His marvellous light.”

[1Pt 2:9]

“Ministry is the activity of the Church as it is carried out by all members of the Church at every level, and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, enabling it to carry on the mission of Jesus Christ to the world.”

[At Home with God’s People p. 132]

### **Jesus’ Manifesto:**

- The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.
- He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
- To let the oppressed, go free,
- To proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour. [Lk 4: 18-19]





## Living discipleship with new members in our Parishes

...together we form the Body of Christ.

- ❖ No longer are the neophytes' outsiders looking in.
- ❖ Now through full initiation, they are looking from within.
- ❖ How can we as a parish community be inspired by embracing neophytes in our midst?

[Ministry & Liturgy New Tools]

“The picture that the RCIA gives is of committed Christians, living a committed Christian life, with great emphasis on community support and the joyful welcome of newcomers; a Church engaged in continuing conversion and renewal as it involves itself in the training of its inquirers, catechumens' and neophytes; a Church that is missionary in character and sees itself as the servant of the world.”

[The Parish Companion John Wilcken p. 131]

Parishes may offer an Anniversary Mass, for the previous year's RCIA group to celebrate “their spiritual experiences, and to renew their commitment.” [RCIA #240]

This is an opportunity to extend and introduce former neophytes to the current RCIA group in a relaxed and welcoming setting, which celebrates the living dynamics of the Parish mission and life.



## EASTER SEASON - SUNDAY GOSPEL SUMMARIES:

Ongoing conversion involves unfolding the experience and encounter of Easter, which holds particular elaboration for neophytes building their understanding of living Christian discipleship. Masses where neophytes are present “should take into account the presence and needs of the neophytes.” [RCIA #238]

SUNDAY	GOSPEL	SUGGESTED DISCUSSION
Sunday of the Resurrection		
2nd Sunday of Easter Year A, B, C	Jn 20: 19-31 “As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.”	Discuss the experience of the Easter Liturgies.
3rd Sunday of Easter Year A Year B Year C	Lk 24: 13-3 The Road to Emmaus Lk 24: 35 – 48 “Peace be with you!” Jn 21: 1-19 “Feed my sheep...Follow me.”	Revisit topic: Images of the Church – how may they have changed? Discuss the meaning of sharing meals: the hospitality of the Eucharist: being in communion through Communion.
4th Sunday of Easter Year A Year B Year C	Jn 10: 1-10 “I am the gate of the sheepfold.” Jn 10: 11 – 18 “I am the good shepherd.” Jn 10: 27 – 30 “The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;”	Good Shepherd Sunday Explore the neophytes’ vocations – and their journey of the process to today.
5th Sunday of Easter Year A  Year B Year C	Jn 14:1-12 “I am the way, the truth and the life” Jn 15: 1-8 “Make your home in Me, as I make mine in you.” Jn 13: 31-35 “love one another; just as I have loved you”	Discuss sainthood – The real challenges and struggles of saints. What are the consequences and responsibilities of being Catholic?
6th Sunday of Easter Year A Year B Year C	Jn 14: 15-21 “I will not leave you orphans;” Jn 15: 9-17 “Remain in my love,” Jn 14: 23-29 “peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.”	Revisit topic: Images of the Holy Spirit Unpack the gifts and fruits of the Spirit through story-telling how these can be used in life’s forward journey.
THE ASCENSION 7th Sunday of Easter Year A Year B Year C	Mt 28: 16-20 “Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations;” Mk 16: 15-20 “proclaim the Good News to all creation.” Lk 24: 46-53 “You are witnesses...”	Invite the Parish Priest or Deacon to attend. Expand on the previous week and discuss the neophytes understanding of their mission.
PENTECOST Year A Year B Year C	Jn 20: 19-23 ‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’ Jn 15: 26-27, 16:12-15 “And you too will be witnesses,” Jn 14: 15-16, 23-26 <i>The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.</i>	Commissioning of neophytes. Invite the neophytes forward for the Solemn Blessing. Invite all the assembly to place their hand on the shoulder of their neighbour invoking the communion of spirit through which we go forth as one.

**‘Celebrate the close of post-baptismal catechesis.’** [RCIA #239]

YEAR A	PRAYER	PRAYERS for EASTER MEETINGS
2 <sup>ND</sup>	Opening Prayer: The Collect  Closing Prayer: Prayer after Communion	God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the Paschal feast, kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that we may all grasp and rightly understand in what font we have been washed, by whose Spirit we have been reborn, and by whose Blood we have been redeemed. Amen [Edited] Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of the Paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen [Edited]
3 <sup>RD</sup>	Opening Prayer: The Collect  Closing Prayer: Psalm 15: 7-11	May we exult for every, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Amen [Edited] <i>R. Lord, You will show us the path of life.</i> My heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. <i>R</i> You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right-hand happiness for ever. <i>R</i>
4 <sup>TH</sup>	Opening Prayer: The Collect Closing Prayer: The Our Father	Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that we, the humble flock, may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Amen. [Edited] (You may wish to ask the neophytes to bring in their Presentation of the Our Father to pray the Closing Prayer together in reminiscence of their journey)
5 <sup>TH</sup>	Opening Prayer: Gospel Acclamation Closing Prayer: The Collect	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia! Almighty every-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism under your protected care, will bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Amen [Edited]
6 <sup>TH</sup>	Opening Prayer: The Collect  Closing Prayer: Solemn Blessing of Easter	Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of You, the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance, we may always hold to in what we do. Amen [Edited] May God, who by the Resurrection of His Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on us the gift of redemption and of adoption, give us gladness by His blessing. Amen [Edited] May He, by whose redeeming work we have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make us heirs to an eternal inheritance. Amen [Edited] And may we, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth, be united with Him in the homeland of heaven. Amen [Edited]
ASCENSION	Opening Prayer: The Collect Closing Prayer: Solemn Blessing of The Ascension	May almighty God bless us, for His Only Begotten Son, pierced the heights of heaven and unlocked for you the way to ascend to where He is. Amen [Edited] May He grant that, as Christ after His Resurrection was seen plainly by His disciples, so when He comes as Judge He may show Himself merciful to you for all eternity. Amen And may you, who believe He is seated with the Father in His majesty, know with joy the fulfilment of His promise to stay with you until the end of time. Amen
PENTECOST	Opening Prayer: The Collect  Closing Prayer: Pentecost Prayer	O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast, sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth so that the Birthday of the universal Church is celebrated by every heart and in every corner of your creation. Amen [Edited] Lord help me to use the grace & gift of (name...) to boldly witness to the faith. <i>(Each person names a grace &amp; gift they recognise in themselves.)</i> All: God our Father, You sent Your Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and through them and their successors You give the Spirit to Your people. May His work begun at Pentecost continue to grow in the hearts of us all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen [Edited]

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION JOURNEY: FROM ENQUIRY – FULL INITIATION

STAGE OF RCIA	RCIA TEXT	KERYGMA RELATIONSHIP	EVANGELIA SCRIPTURE	KOINONIA COMMUNITY	LEITOURGIA PRAYER & WORSHIP	DIAKONIA MISSION
EARLY CHURCH		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building a relationship with Christ – becoming one with Him</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge of Christ's teaching and Scripture. Witnessing to others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entering Community + Building Community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liturgy</li> <li>Prayer</li> <li>Worship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Doing God's work in the wider Community.</li> </ul>
ENQUIRY	#36 - 40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First response to Christ's calling to 'come and see'</li> <li>discovery of relationship with Christ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fundamentals of Christian teaching</li> <li>primary proclamation of the Gospel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a sense of Church</li> <li>introduction to members of the parish community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass of the Catechumens</li> <li>Introducing prayer experience</li> <li>the practice of calling on God in prayer.</li> <li>Liturgical Rites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial conversion</li> <li>Called to contemplate the mystery of God's love and how this impacts their life.</li> </ul>
RITE OF ACCEPTANCE/ WELCOME	#41 - 74	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction of catechumens/candidates to the Parish Community</li> <li>Welcome by Parish community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#60 '... share with us the table of God's word.'</li> <li>#64 'Presentation of a Bible'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduced to the Parish Community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rite of Acceptance / Welcome</li> <li>Prayer over the Catechumens</li> <li>Blessing</li> <li>General Intercession</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#67 'Go in peace, and may the Lord remain with you always.'</li> </ul>
CATECHUMENATE	#75 - 104	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#75.2 'social consequences'</li> <li>#75.3 'The Church, like a mother, helps ...on their journey, hope set on Christ sharing in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#75.3 Celebrate Liturgy of the Word.</li> <li>#75.1 'suitable catechesis gradual and complete in its coverage'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#75.2 'helped by the example and support of sponsors, godparents, and the entire Christian community.'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#75.3 Celebrate Liturgy of the Word.</li> <li>#75.2 'Turn more readily to God in prayer.'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#75.1 Develop 'a profound sense of the mystery of salvation in which they desire to participate.'</li> <li>#75.2 'Bear witness to the faith, ... hopes set on Christ, ... practice love of neighbour'</li> <li>#76 'led into the life of faith, worship, and charity belonging to the people of God.'</li> </ul>

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RITE OF ELECTION	#105 - 124	#108 The Church community 'arrive at a judgement about the state of formation and progress.' Discernment by RCIA Team and catechumens/candidates	#107 'the catechumens/candidates are expected to have ... developed sufficient acquaintance with Christian teaching'	#106 testimony of godparents, sponsors, catechists, Parish Priests, ... the Church judges their state of readiness.	Rite of Election of Catechumens & Formal Recognition of Candidates Catechumens now called the elect or illuminandi (those who will be enlightened) #112 The significance of the Homily	#107 'the catechumens/candidates are expected to have undergone a conversion of mind and in action ... as well as a spirit of faith and charity.'
PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT	#125 - 197	#125 'renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery	Celebrating the Lenten Readings. Scrutinies Presentations	#125 'renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery	#125 Liturgies of Lent reminder of Baptism already received or preparing with intention to receive the Sacraments of Initiation	#126 'a period of intense preparation, interior reflection' #125 'preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION & FULL COMMUNION	#198 - 305	Baptism Confirmation Eucharist Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.	Baptism Confirmation Eucharist Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.	Baptism Confirmation Eucharist Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.	Baptism Confirmation Eucharist Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.	Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
ONGOING DISCIPLESHIP	#234 - 241	Ongoing strengthening #234 'the community of the faithful ... give thoughtful and friendly help.' #236 'the neophytes experience full, joyful welcome into the community, the faithful renewal of inspiration and outlook'. One in Christ's family	Ongoing deepening and understanding of Scripture #235 'more effective understanding of the mysteries of the Gospel' 'Go and make disciples of all nations...'	Ongoing strengthening and building of community relationships #234 'the community & neophytes together grow in deepening their grasp of the Paschal Mystery'	Ongoing deepening of experience and encounter with Christ and the community through prayer and worship #234 'the community & neophytes together grow in deepening their grasp of the Paschal Mystery ... meditating on the Gospel, sharing in the Eucharist'	Ongoing understanding and activity of mission #234 'the community & neophytes together grow in deepening their grasp of the Paschal Mystery ... doing works of charity' Christian discipleship – service & mission

## Consequences of becoming Catholic ...

### Parish Ministry:

The parish community should affirm the presence of the neophytes in their midst, offering them an example of support during the period of post-baptismal catechesis during the Easter Season through:

- I. Full, conscious, and active participation in the Liturgy of the Word
- II. Through Him, with Him and in Him by their surrender to the Eucharist
- III. Live the example of charity through their own mission, service, and care of others.

By living the tenets of faith, the parish community offers renewal of empirical prayer life, which has received rejuvenation over the Lent, Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, that is expressed in the attention and vitality they show to:

- a) Faith
- b) The Church
- c) The world

[RCIA # 234 -235]

*As a parish community, including godparents and sponsors, what impact has the celebration of Easter had upon or lives in how we bear witness to the celebration of our greatest Feast of Easter?*

*Consider what impact we may have on the neophytes in our midst. As a living reality of the Body of Christ in our local communities, are we animated by the salvific joy of salvation we have been gifted Through Christ's Resurrection?*

*Remember, for the parish community who have already experienced "a fuller and more effective understanding of the mysteries of the Gospel through Easter", we are gifted with further reminder, to pull ourselves out of complacency, as we live our discipleship more faithfully. Moreover, communion through shared sacramental experience is strengthened by godparents who offer personal invitation and introduction to the wider Church community, as they too "in turn, have received renewal of inspiration and of outlook."*

[RCIA # 236]

What possible Parish ministries could the neophytes be invited to join, which ‘increases their contact with the rest of the faithful and has an impact on the experience of the community’? [RCIA #236]

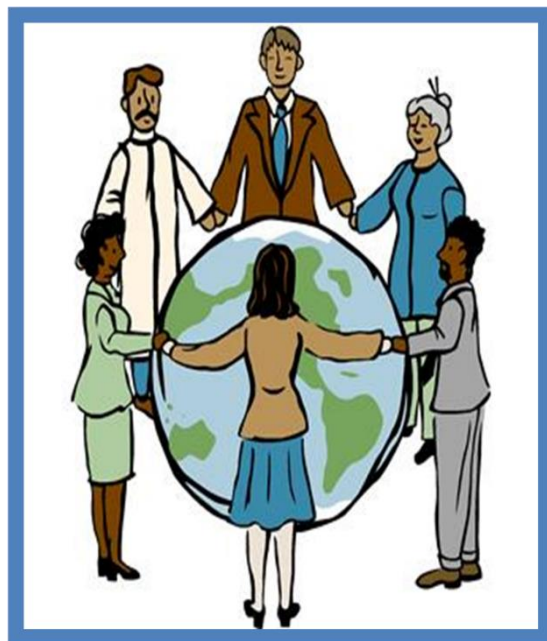
*Live the Gospel, and if necessary use words.*

[Attributed to St Francis of Assisi]

- 1. Meditation on the Gospel
  - 2. Sharing in the Eucharist
  - 3. Doing works of charity
  - 4. Other
- } RCIA #234

Ongoing conversion continues in all our lives. How the neophytes choose to live their discipleship is not restricted to Parish ministries, but may serve others in many and varied ways in the wider community. In particular, the neophytes may be interested in supporting the new RCIA journey.

**Remember, we are “a Pentecost people with a mission to the world.”**  
[Alain Corne, RCIA Coordinator Broken Bay, *Ten Reasons Why My Parish Needs a Catechumenate*]



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