

## Stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

	<b>When Begins</b>	<b>Who Involved</b>	<b>Events During this Period</b>
<b>Inquiry</b>	Any time	Inquirers	Ask questions; discern God's work in the soul of the inquirer
<b>Illumination / Catechumenate</b>	Rite of Welcome	Catechumens	Receive formation and catechesis, Breaking Open the Word, anointings
<b>Purification and Enlightenment</b>	Rite of Election (1st Sunday of Lent)	Elect	Transformation of their lives, rooting out old ways, fostering the desire to continue to grow in holiness, scrutinies, exorcisms, receptions of the Creed, and Our Father
<b>Mystagogy</b>	Easter Vigil until Pentecost	Neophytes (Newly-baptized)	Ongoing catechesis so that when they come to the Lord's table they are more disposed to receive all the graces He offers