

	When is it celebrated?	Where is it celebrated?	Who are the actors?	What do they do?	What is its significance?
<b>Meetings during the Period of Evangelization (Pre-Catechumenate)</b>	As individuals show interest (“initial conversion” – RCIA #37)	Informal setting.	Inquirers. Catechists. Members of the faithful.	suitable explanation of the gospel; given help and attention to cooperate with grace; meet others (38)	“name grace already in their lives” = God already present and active
<b>Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens</b>	When there is evidence of “first faith” and conversion (#42)	At Mass (or Liturgy of the Word)	Inquirers, Sponsors, the Faithful, the Celebrant, other ministers.	Gather at the Door Signing with Cross Entrance Hear the Word Dismissal	Become catechumens (part of the Church)
<b>Rites during the Catechumenate</b>	Whenever catechumens gather: -special celebrations of the Word for cat. -Sunday liturgy -in context of catechesis	In church or wherever catechumenal sessions take place.	Catechumens, (deputed) catechists, sponsors; priests and deacons only may anoint.	Song Proclamation of the Word (readings, homily) Concluding Rites -minor exorcism -blessing -anointing with OC	Provide a context for what is happening: 4 types of catechesis listed in #75 (ritualize the formation that is taking place in other ways).
<b>Rite of Election</b>	First Sunday of Lent	Cathedral (or other church); in context of Mass or outside of Mass.	Catechumens; godparents; the faithful; the Bishop; other ministers.	Calling of Catechumens Affirmation Enrollment Election	The Bishop declares that, given the testimony of those who know them, God elects (chooses) them for final preparation.
<b>Scrutinies</b>	Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent	Parish church (Mass)	Elect; godparents; the faithful; celebrant; other ministers.	Liturgy of the Word Invitation (kneel or bow heads) Intercessions (stand) Exorcism Dismissal	Uncover and then heal all that is weak/sinful and bring out, strengthen all that is good (#141)
<b>Presentations</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent 5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent	In church (if Mass) or wherever catechumenal sessions take place.	Elect; godparents; catechists; celebrant; other ministers.	Creed presented after readings. Lord’s Prayer is presented as the Gospel reading. Prayer / Dismissal	Handing over ( <i>traditio</i> ) of the tradition; entrustment with ancient texts that express the heart of the Church’s faith and prayer (#147)

<b>Rites on Holy Saturday</b>	Holy Saturday	In church or wherever catechumenal sessions take place.	Elect; godparents; catechists; celebrant; other ministers.	Song / Greeting Readings / Homily (Ephphetha) Prayer Recite Creed (Choose name)	Ritually, this is a way to mark the day as a special one and to give the elect a chance to gather one last time to reflect on what they are about to undertake.
<b>Sacraments of Initiation (Easter Vigil)</b>	Holy Saturday night – after dark (and before sunrise).	Parish church in 4 stations: fire / ambo / font / altar.	Entire community: faithful, elect, godparents, celebrant, other ministers.	Ceremony of light Liturgy of the Word Sacraments of initiation: Baptism and Confirmation Liturgy of the Eucharist	Overall structure summarizes the process of initiation.
<b>Rites during Mystagogy</b>	Sunday Masses during Eastertime; Celebration around Pentecost; Anniversary of Baptism; Special gathering with Bishop.	Church and elsewhere.	Neophytes; godparents; faithful; catechists; celebrant; other ministers.	Neophytes and faithful growing together; Meditation of the Gospel; Sharing in the Eucharist; Doing works of charity.	Incorporate deeper into community and assist with transition to daily living the Christian life