

## **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

An overview of the process

### **The Pre-Catechumenate**

- \* Jesus has whispered your name and you answer his call
- \* Lead by the Holy Spirit
- \* A time to tell your “stories”
- \* A time to ask questions
- \* Making new friends with similar needs and inquiries at this point in time.

### **The Rite of Acceptance**

In this Rite you seek and gain the acceptance of the worshipping community. You are one step closer to God and initiation.

### **The Catechumenate**

- \* Sharing traditions
- \* Sharing customs
- \* Sharing practices
- \* Exploring prayer
- \* Scripture
- \* Worship
- \* And the apostolic life

### **The Rite of Election**

You are “sent” as the apostles were sent, to be received by the Bishop and the worshipping community. Today you are “elected” to receive the Easter sacraments.

### **Lent**

- \* Our call to conversion and repentance
- \* A time of retreat
- \* A time to reflect and “scrutinize” our lives
- \* A time for fasting
- \* Almsgiving
- \* And prayer

## **Easter Vigil ~ Sacraments of Initiation**

- \* The Waters of Baptism
- \* The Anointing Oil and Gifts of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation
- \* The Eucharistic meal
- \* The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord
- \* Sent on mission to Love and Serve our Lord

## **Mystagogy**

### **CELEBRATE!**

We immerse ourselves into the work and mission of Jesus Christ.  
We are “sent”.