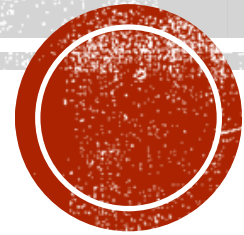


**PERIOD OF EVANGELIZATION AND
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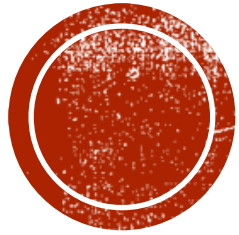
AKA: INQUIRY



WHAT IS THE PERIOD OF EVANGELIZATION AND PRECATECHUMENATE?

RCIA RITUAL BOOK

“This is a time, of no fixed duration or structure, for inquiry and introduction to Gospel values, an opportunity for the beginnings of faith”



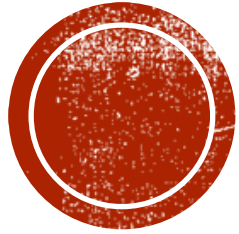
- ❖ Inquiry
- ❖ Introduction to Gospel Values
- ❖ Opportunity for the beginnings of faith
- ❖ No fixed duration
- ❖ No fixed structure

Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE?

RCIA RITUAL BOOK: paragraph 36

“It is a time of evangelization: faithfully and constantly the living God is proclaimed and Jesus Christ whom he has sent for the salvation of all. Thus those who are not yet Christians, their hearts opened by the Holy Spirit, may believe and be freely converted to the Lord and commit themselves sincerely to him.”



RCIA RITUAL BOOK: paragraph 37

“From evangelization, completed with the help of God, come the faith and initial conversion that cause a person to feel called away from sin and draw into the mystery of God’s love. The whole period of the precatechumenate is set aside for this evangelization, so that the genuine will to follow Christ and seek baptism may mature.”

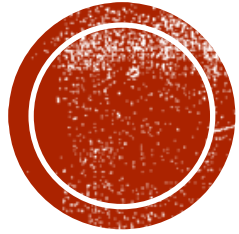
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HOW DO WE DO THIS?

- ❖ Story Telling

The Good News of Jesus Christ

- ❖ Conversion
Not Catholic doctrine or teaching

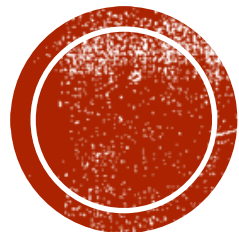


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FORMATION

Paragraph 38:

“During this period, priests and deacons, catechists and other laypersons are to give the candidates a suitable explanation of the Gospel (see no. 42). The candidates are to receive help and attention so that with a purified and clearer intention they may cooperate with God’s grace. Opportunities should be provided for them to meet families and other groups of Christians”

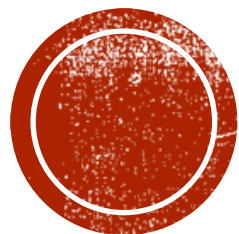


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Paragraph 42

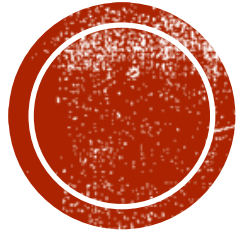
- ❖ Beginnings of the spiritual life
- ❖ Fundamentals of Christian teaching
- ❖ Evidence of first faith
- ❖ Initial conversion
- ❖ Intention to change one's life
- ❖ Intention to enter into deep relationship with God in Christ
- ❖ First stirring of repentance
- ❖ Sense of Church
- ❖ Experience of community



Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate

WHO BELONGS IN THE PRECATECHUMENATE?

- ❖ Uncatechized (unevangelized) and unbaptized
- ❖ Uncatechized and baptized
- ❖ Uncatechized, baptized Catholics who have yet to complete their initiation



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WHERE?

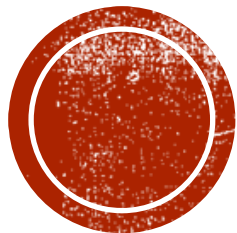
- ❖ Coffee shop, bar, their home, your home, church

HOW?

- ❖ Small groups
- ❖ One-on-One
- ❖ Weekly or semi-regularly
- ❖ Some other way

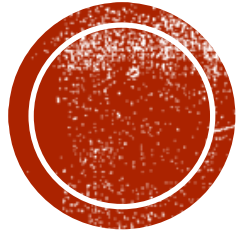
WHEN?

- ❖ Anytime



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DISCERNMENT



Messy

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