

RCIA Timeline for the Academic Year
(please adjust for year round programs)

November – August	†Period of Inquiry: inquiry team meets with catechumens and candidates at least once a month until they can join the RCIA.
July- August	†One on one interviews conducted by RCIA team member using diocesan provided form †Verification of Baptism requested and received †Status of marriage and current living arrangements verified. †Annulment paperwork begun, if necessary
August-November	†Evangelization/Pre-Catechumenate, weekly gatherings †Dismissals during Sunday Liturgy
November-December	†Interviews of each catechumen/candidate to ascertain readiness for Rite. †Celebration of the Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming (can occur 3-4 times throughout the year) Record reception of this in your Rite of Acceptance register. This Rite may not be repeated for an individual. (RCIA #48-74 or combined #507-529)
November-February	Catechumenate Dismissals
December 15	†Annulment paperwork must be complete and at the Tribunal to be considered received at the Easter Vigil.
Mid- December	†Paperwork on those to be presented at the Rite of Election due to the Office of Christian Formation

†Interviews to ascertain readiness for Lenten Rites

January

Contact OCF to remove any names from Rite of Election lists. Bishop cannot receive anyone who is in need of an annulment at the Rite of Election, wherein there is no reasonable expectation that an affirmative answer will be in by the Easter Vigil

First Sunday of Lent
(or Second Sunday)

Rite of Sending/Recognition celebrated at parish
(RCIA # 106-117 or combined RCIA #536-546)

Second Sunday of Lent

Penitential Rite for Candidates (RCIA # 464-472)

Third, Fourth, Fifth Sundays

†Scrutinies for Catechumens (RCIA # 150-177)
†Presentation of the Creed (RCIA #157-163)
†Presentation of the Lord's Prayer (RCIA #178-183)

Holy Saturday

†Preparation Rites (RCIA # 115-122)
†Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation
(RCIA # 218-243 or combined RCIA #566-594)

Easter – Pentecost

†Period of Mystagogy
(RCIA #244- 251)