

HOW TO NAVAGATE THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

	<u>What it is</u>	<u>What it tells me</u>	<u>Who it's for</u>
<i>General Introduction</i>	A concise and general overview of the Church's vision of initiation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - defines Christian initiation - gives a basic theology of baptism - identifies the ministries of baptism (assembly, catechists, godparents, sponsors, those who can baptize, etc.) - requirements for the celebration of baptism - what, if any, adaptations are allowed 	Liturgical and Catechetical leaders of the parish
<i>Introduction to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</i>	A general overview of the Church's vision of the initiation of adults.	- the same as the General Introduction only specifically for initiation of Adults	
<i>Part I: Christian Initiation of Adults</i>	The theology, guidelines, directives, and ritual texts used in the initiation of adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - gives the <i>normative</i> structure, context and order for initiation - outlines the periods of the process - provides the rituals for the steps of the process 	For use with the <i>unbaptized</i>
<i>Part II: Rites for Particular Circumstances</i>	Guidelines and ritual texts used in very specific, non-normative circumstances:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the process for initiation of children 	- outlines the adaptations of the steps and periods for initiating children	- Any child of catechetical age
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - initiation of adults in exceptional circumstances 	- gives guidelines for an abbreviated process, condensed into a single ritual	- those whose circumstances prevent them from taking part

			in the normal course of the RCIA (the sick, the elderly, etc.)
	- initiation in danger of death	- a shortened rite to be used by lay persons or catechists (priests and deacons are to use the rite for adults in exceptional circumstances)	- people who are in danger of death (but not at the point of death)
	- Preparation of uncatechized adults for confirmation and eucharist	- guidelines and rites to be used for those adults who need to complete their initiation.	- Those baptized but, uncatechized, non-Catholic & Catholic
	- Reception of baptized Christians into full communion of the Catholic Church	- guidelines and rites to be used, both within the order of Mass and when reception takes place outside of Mass	- those <i>baptized</i> in a separated ecclesial community (non-catholic).
Appendix I	- Combined Rites	- guidelines and norms for use when both catechumens and candidates are in the same process. - outlines the periods of the process - provides the rituals of the process	- those who are <i>unbaptized</i> and those who were baptized in a separated ecclesial community <i>or</i> those who were baptized catholic but uncatechized and need to complete their initiation with confirmation and eucharist.
Appendix II	- Acclamations, Hymns and Songs	- lists optional texts to be used throughout the process	
Appendix III	- National Statutes for the Catechumenate	- additional guidelines, background, and directives governing initiation <i>in the United States</i> (from the NCCB, 1986)	