

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**  
**OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
**Catechumenate Process 2025/2026**

*Gateways and Sources  
of Grace for Conversion*

MYSTAGOGY AND THE NEOPHYTE YEAR

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*Dedicated to post-baptismal catechesis, this period is a time for deepening the Christian experience, for spiritual growth, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the community.*

**NEW Name:**  
**Neophyte**

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

**Sat, April 4, 2026**  
**Holy Saturday**  
**Evening Mass Before**  
**Easter**

PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

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*Coinciding with Lent, this period consists more in interior reflection than in instruction. It is intended to enlighten the minds and hearts of participants with a deep knowledge of Christ the Savior.*

**Minor Rites in the Period of Purification and Enlightenment**

- Penitential Rite (Candidates)
- Scrutinies (Elect)
- Presentations of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer
- Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday

**NEW Name:**  
**Elect**

**RITE OF ELECTION**

**Mid Feb 2026**  
**With Bishop**  
**Sacramento Cathedral**  
**or Alt Location**

CATECHUMENATE

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*This is an extended period for pastoral formation and guidance aimed at training participants in the Christian life; it includes a thoroughly comprehensive catechesis on the truths of Catholic doctrine and moral life.*

**Minor Rites in the Period of the Catechumenate**

- Celebrations of the Word of God
- Minor Exorcisms
- Anointings (Catechumens)
- Blessings

**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE**

**End of April 2025**  
**STM at Mass**

**NEW Name:**  
**Catechumen**

**PRECATECHUMENATE**

*This is a time for inquiry and evangelization, an opportunity for the beginnings of faith.*

**Name: Inquirer OR**  
**Cand for Cat Proc**

PRECATECHUMENATE

**Start**