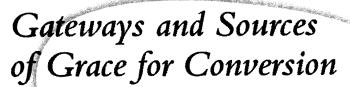
St. Thomas More Catholic Church **OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** Catechumenate Process 2025/2026



AVSTAGOGY AND THE NEOPHYTE YEAR

MYSTAGOGY AND THE NEOPHYTE YEAR

Devoted 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.

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

RITE OF ELECTION

Mid Feb 2026 With Bishop Sacramento Cathedral or Alt Location

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

URIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

PURIFICATION AND EMILIAN PURIFIC Coi 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)

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

End of April 2025

STM at Mass

- · Scrutinies (Elect)
- · Presentations of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer

NEW Name: Catechumen

· Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday

CATECHUMENATE

CATECHUMENATE 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

PRECATECHUMENATE

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

Start

Name: Inquirer OR Cand for Cat Proc