

RCIA RESOURCES

PRIMARY SOURCES

PRIMARY SOURCES FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Second Edition, 1997.
Available in English and in Spanish. The second edition includes a glossary of terms. See also the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, USCCB, 2006; and the *Compendium of the Catholic Church*, USCCB, 2006 (available in English and in Spanish).
- *General Directory for Catechesis*, 1997.
Available in English and in Spanish. See also the *National Directory for Catechesis*, USCCB, 2005 (available in English and in Spanish).
- *Lectionary for Mass*, Second Typical Edition, NCCB, 1998.
Available also in Spanish. N.B. If child catechumens participate in Masses that use the *Lectionary for Masses with Children*, this Lectionary is also a necessary reference book.
- *New American Bible*, with Revised Book of Psalms and Revised New Testament, 1991.
This is the edition of the Bible used in the current Lectionary for Mass. Other Catholic editions of the Bible may be used in catechesis, preferably recent translations. Paraphrased editions are to be avoided.
- *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, US edition, (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1988).
This edition contains the full text, National Statutes, and documentation. Available also in Spanish.

GENERAL RESOURCES

RESOURCES FOR GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE RCIA

- *An Introduction to the RCIA: The Vision of Christian Initiation*, by Ronald J. Lewinski (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2017)
- *DVD-Come to the Water: The Adult Journey to Baptism*, (Washington D.C.: USCCB, 2005).
- *The RCIA: Transforming the Church, A Resource for Pastoral Implementation*, revised and updated, by Thomas H. Morris (Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1997).
- *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: A Pastoral-Liturgical Commentary, revised edition*, by J. Michael McMahon (FDLC Publishing, 2001, 2007).

- *The Way of Faith: A Field Guide for the RCIA Process*, by Nick Wagner (New London: Twenty-Third Publications, 2008).

RESOURCES ON RCIA WITH CHILDREN

- *A Child's Journey: The Christian Initiation of Children*, by Rita Burns Senseman (Cincinnati: St. Anthony Messenger Press, 1997).
- *Guide to Adapting the RCIA for Children*, by Rita Burns Senseman (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2017).
- *When Your Child Becomes Catholic*, by Rita Burns Senseman (Cincinnati: St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2000).

RESOURCES ON SPECIFIC TOPICS

- *A Harvest for God: Christian Initiation in the Rural and Small-Town Parish*, by Michael Clay (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2003).
- *Apprenticed to Christ*, by Jerry Galipeau (Franklin Park: World Library Publications, 2007).
- *Discerning Disciples: Listening for God's Voice in Christian Initiation*, by Donna Steffen (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2004).
- *Enter the Rose: Retreats for Unfolding the Mysteries of Faith with Catechumens, Candidates, and All Believers*, by Miriam Malone (Franklin Park: World Library Publications, 2004).
- *The Catechumenate and the Law: A Pastoral and Canonical Commentary for the Church in the United States*, by John M. Huels (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1994).
- *One at the Table: The Reception of Baptized Christian*, by Ronald A. Oakham (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1995).
- *Year-Round Catechumenate*, by Mary Birmingham (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2003).

CATECHETICAL RESOURCES

INTRODUCTION

There are an abundance of resources published for Christian Initiation today. The following list is by no means exhaustive. It is provided to highlight some of the better resources, which reflect the vision of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It will be updated on the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis website (www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org) periodically. It is arranged according to subject.

RESOURCES FOR CATECHESIS

- *Apprentices in Faith*, an on-line catechetical resource by Steve Lanza and Gael Gensler, available through Resources for Christian Living, 2010. This compact, doctrine-oriented resource includes liturgically based sessions and stand-alone session plans on doctrinal topics. A participant handout summarizing the content is available for each session, along with a one-page guide for the catechist.
- *Catholic Faith, Life, and Creed*, an on-line catechetical resource by Mary Birmingham, available through Twenty-Third Publications, 2010. Building on her earlier work, this resource includes session plans, links to doctrinal subjects, liturgical content, and stories from human experience which relate to the topics being explored. The content is full-color, and features art reproductions.
- *Children's Catechumenate*, by Thomas Long and Emily Filippi (Orlando: Harcourt Religion Publishers, 1999). Includes Director's Guide, Catechist's Guide, and booklets for primary, intermediate, and upper level children.
- *Deepening the Mystery: A Journal Through Mystagogy*, by Blessie Lascola (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2008).
- *Formed in Faith*, by Mary Birmingham (WLP, 2012). This catechetical resource offers sessions for Inquiry, Catechumenate and ongoing Faith Formation. All sessions are reproducible from the included CD-ROM which contains handouts, discussion /reflection questions and other materials.
- *Foundations in Faith, Resources for Christian Living*, Allen Texas, 1998–2001. Authors: Bob Duggan, Carol Gura, Rita Ferrone, Gael Gensler, Steve Lanza, Donna Steffen, and Maureen A. Kelly.
 - *Precatechumenate Manual*: An introduction and twenty-eight session plans for use during the first period of initiation: the Period of the Precatechumenate. Set up to be used flexibly for the year-round process, the sessions can be taken in any order. It also includes an appendix of FAQs about Catholicism. This book is for the catechist, and includes reproducible handouts for participants.
 - *Catechist Manual, Year A, B, or C*: Three volumes, following the liturgical cycle, for use during the second period of initiation: the Catechumenate Period. For each Sunday and feast, two background pages are provided on the liturgy, Catholic doctrine, and Catholic culture relating to that celebration, followed by two pages of session plans for dismissal catechesis and extended catechesis. This book is for the catechist. There is also a companion volume for each year, with work sheets and take home materials, called the *Participant Book*.
 - *Resource Book: Purification and Enlightenment, Year A, B, C*: One volume, which includes an explanation of the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, pastoral strategies, session plans for the Sundays of Lent, preparation and liturgical catechesis for the rites of this period, retreats, and reproducible handouts for participants. This book is for the catechist.
 - *Resource Book: Mystagogy, Year A, B, C*: One volume, including an explanation of the period; resources to prepare for it, including handouts; a variety of session and activity plans, including mystagogy on Eucharist; and resources for ongoing mystagogy. This book is for the catechist.

- *Handbook for Inquirers, Handbook for Sponsors*: The Foundations series includes handbooks for the various participants in the initiation process. The most popular of them are these two. They explain the process and the qualities needed to get the most out of the experience. Reflection questions are included for each section that may be used for personal reflection, team training, or one-on-one sharing between inquirers and their sponsors.
- *Friends on the Way, Children’s Catechumenate Resource*, by TeamRCIA.com. This online resource provides dismissal sessions, catechetical sessions, and family take home sessions for every Sunday of the Liturgical year for each Cycle, A, B and C.
- *Journey of Faith*, by Liguori Publications. These forty-four four-page session handouts in full color are the simplest in their approach to catechumenal catechesis, geared to conveying basic Catholic teaching in elementary language and popular style. They are not liturgically-based, but organized by topic. Available also in Spanish.
- *RCIA Catechists Manual, Second Edition*, by Association of Catechumenal Ministry (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications).
- *Seeking Christ: First Steps Toward Catholic Faith*, Frank DeSiano, CSP (PNCEA, 2010). This precatechumenate resource provides eight sessions that explore basic faith questions. It includes scripture, discussion questions, DVDs, take-home reflections, and suggestions for prayer and journaling.
- *The Heart of Faith: A Field Guide for Catechumens and Candidates*, by Nick Wagner (New London: Twenty-third Publications, 2010).
- *The RCIA Journey: A Resource for the Catechumenate*, by Deborah M Jones (Mystic: Twenty-third Publications, 1999).
- *The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, (Washington, D.C.: USCCB, 2006).
- *Word and Worship Workbook for Year A, B, and C*, by Mary Birmingham (Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1998–2000). This three-volume resource offers in-depth explorations of the Sunday scripture readings. It also provides guidance and samples for connecting doctrine to the Sunday Word in catechumenal catechesis.

LITURGICAL RESOURCES

RESOURCES FOR LITURGY

- *Celebrating Initiation: A Guide for Priests*, by Paul Turner (Franklin Park: World Library Publications, 2007). This book is written specifically for priests. It is a detailed commentary on how to celebrate the rites, organized according to the paragraph numbers in the ritual book. This book offers solutions to common problems and pastoral challenges, and shows how the rites can be integrated into the liturgical cycle of parish life without losing their strong and specific focus.
- *Chosen in Christ / Elegidos en Cristo*, by Jerry Galipeau (Franklin Park: World Library Publications, 2001). This is a collected resource, by various composers, of music for the rites of the RCIA for English, Spanish, and bi-lingual parish communities.

- *Glory in the Cross: Holy Week in the Third Edition of the Roman Missal*, by Paul Turner (Collegetown, MN: Liturgical Press, 2011). The principal liturgies of Holy Week underwent a series of revisions between 1951 and 2011. In this book, noted liturgist Paul Turner charts the rubrics and prayers of the current rites paragraph by paragraph, explaining the historical development of individual components, how and why the post Vatican II liturgical reform made its revisions, and where the Roman Missal, Third Edition has added nuances. This book will help ministers, liturgists, catechists and all the faithful enter more deeply into the mystery of the cross of Christ, their glory and their hope.
- *Guide for Celebrating Christian Initiation with Adults*, by Victoria Tufano, Paul Turner, D. Todd Williamson (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2016).
- *Guide for Celebrating Christian Initiation with Children*, by Rita Burns Senseman (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2016).
- *Liturgical Catechesis in the 21st Century: A School of Discipleship*, by James C. Pauley (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2017).
- *Understanding the Sacraments of Initiation: A Rite-Based Approach*, by Randy Stice (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2017).
- *We Send You Forth*, by Jerry Galipeau (Franklin Park: World Library Publications, 2005). This book is a collection of brief texts to be spoken at the dismissal rite at Sunday Mass, for years A, B, and C.

RCIA MINISTER RESOURCES

RESOURCES FOR RCIA MINISTERS

- *Disciples Making Disciples: The Role of the Assembly in Christian Initiation*, by Victoria Tufano (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2017).
- *Guide for Sponsors, 4th Edition*, by Ronald Lewinski (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2008).
- *Guide for Training Initiation Ministers: An Introduction to the RCIA*, by Michael Ruzicki (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2017)
- *How To Form a Catechumenate Team*, by Karen M. Hinman, (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1986).
- *RCIA Spirituality: Formation for the Catechumenate Team*, by Barbara Hixon (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1997).
- *The Role of the Coordinator in Christian Initiation: A Pastoral and Practical Guide*, by Donna Eschenauer (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2017).
- *The Role of the Priest in Christian Initiation*, by Stephen S. Wilbricht, CSC (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2016).
- *When You Are An RCIA Sponsor*, by Rita Burns Senseman (Cincinnati: Saint Anthony Messenger Press, 2001).

WEB BASED RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATIONS

ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLISHERS, RESOURCES, AND TRAINING

- The Association for Catechumenal Ministry: www.acmrcia.org
- Dynamic Catholic: www.dynamiccatholic.com
- The Liturgical Catechist: www.theliturgicalcatechist.weebly.com
- Liturgy Training Publications: www.ltp.org
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.usccb.org
- STEP (Satellite Theological Education Program) at the University of Notre Dame: www.step.nd.edu
 - Online Course: *The RCIA: Can We Get the Rite Right?*
- Team RCIA: www.teamRCIA.com
- Word On Fire: www.wordonfire.org