

## LITURGICAL RITES

### What is a Rite?

A ceremonial act or procedure prescribed or customary in religious or other solemn use.

### Why does the Church require that liturgical rites be an essential element of the Rite of Christian Initiation?

The rites are foundational in the formation of participants for in these liturgies they encounter Christ and are transformed by His grace.

Baptized and not baptized must show:

- ✓ Evidence of the initial conversion/intention to change
- ✓ Desire to enter into/grow a relationship with God in Christ
- ✓ Evidence of the stirrings of repentance
- ✓ Call upon God in prayer
- ✓ A sense of Church
- ✓ Experience of the company and spirit of Christians by contact with a priest and members of the Catholic Community.

### TWO RITES . . . NEW TITLES . . .

STATUS		RITE		NEW TITLE
Not baptized	➡	Rite of Acceptance		
Ashley Koleman William Dyana Hannah Bryce Franki	✓	Catechumens assemble publicly for the first time to declare to the Church their intentions to become its members.		
	✓	In turn the Church accepts.		➡ Catechumen
	✓	God showers His grace on the Catechumens		
	✓	Rite manifests Catechumens' desires publicly		
	✓	Marks their reception and first consecration by the Church.		
Baptized in other faiths	➡	Rite of Welcome		
	✓	Publicly announce their desire to seek full communion with the Catholic Church.		
	✓	In turn the Church acknowledges.		
Chesney Grant Tiana	✓	Candidates are already part of the community because they have been marked by baptism.		➡ Candidate
	✓	Church surrounds them with special care and support as they prepare to be sealed with the gift of the Spirit in confirmation and take their place at the banquet table of Christ's sacrifice.		
		God showers His grace on the Candidates.		

## **JOHN 1:35-42 JOHN'S DISCIPLES FOLLOW JESUS**

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES WILL BE ASKED questions BY THE PRIEST...

Take a few moments to reflect on the reading...

### **CATECHUMENS' DIALOGUE WITH PRIEST**

Q. What do you ask of God's Church?

A. FAITH

Q. What does the faith offer you?

A. ETERNAL LIFE

Q. What does this period of formation offer you?

A. A fuller sharing in the life of the Church.

### **CANDIDATES' DIALOGUE WITH PRIEST**

Q. Those of you who seek to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church, are you prepared to listen to the Apostle's instruction, gather with the church for prayer, and join the Church in the love of service of others?

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