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This presentation is based upon the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) together with additional rites approved for use in the diocese of the United States of America (USA).

The numbers shown in the presentation relate to the relevant sections of the USA RCIA document.

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The Second Step: **Election or Enrolment of Names {Catechumens} [118 – 128]** and **The Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion** **{Candidates} [446 - 449]**

The Election or Enrolment of Names and the Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion are celebrations that are usually held at the Diocesan Cathedral on a particular date, presided over by the local Bishop. Those wishing to be baptised or received into full communion with the Catholic Church come together, often on the same day. Their names are publicly declared to all present. This signifies their intention to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. The Bishop joyfully welcomes those to be baptised as children of God, as well as those who have already been baptised but seek full communion with the Catholic Church.

The Catechumens are now referred to as The Elect.



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The Second Step: Election or Enrolment of Names [118 – 128]

The outline of this rite is as follows [129 - 137]:

Liturgy of the Word

- Homily
- Presentation of the Catechumens
- Affirmation by the Godparents [and the Assembly]
- Invitation and Enrolment of Names
- Act of Admission or Election
- Intercessions for the Elect
- Prayer over the Elect
- Dismissal of the Elect

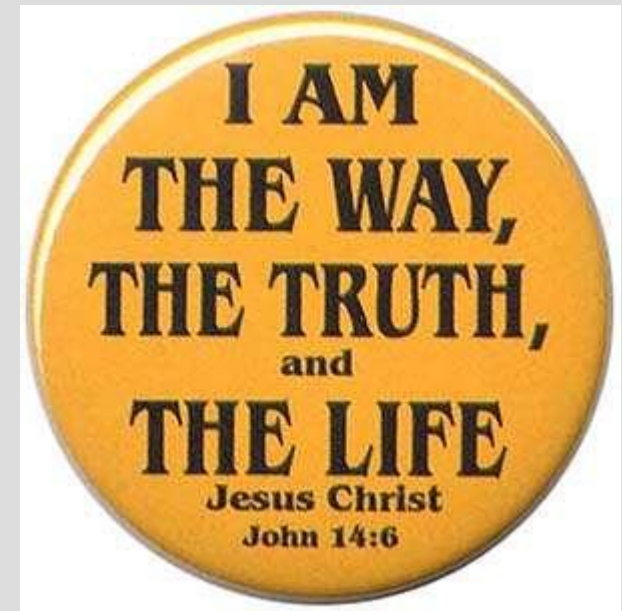
Liturgy of the Eucharist



Step Summary

The Second Step: Election or Enrolment of Names

<u>Periods and Steps</u>	2nd Step = Election / Enrollment of Names [for non-baptised]
<u>Titles Used</u>	The Catechumens are now called the Elect
<u>General Theme</u>	Calling
<u>Keyword /s</u>	Readiness
<u>Leading Party</u>	The local Bishop
<u>Length of Time / Dates</u>	Usually celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent
<u>Aim</u>	The Church formally ratifies the Catechumens readiness for the Sacraments of Initiation; and they publicly express their wish to receive them
<u>Content</u>	A formal liturgical rite, which is often celebrated at the local Diocesan Cathedral, led by the Bishop
<u>Rites</u>	Election or Enrolment of Names



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The Second Step (a): **The Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion** **[446 - 449]**

The outline of this rite is as follows [450 - 458]:

Liturgy of the Word:

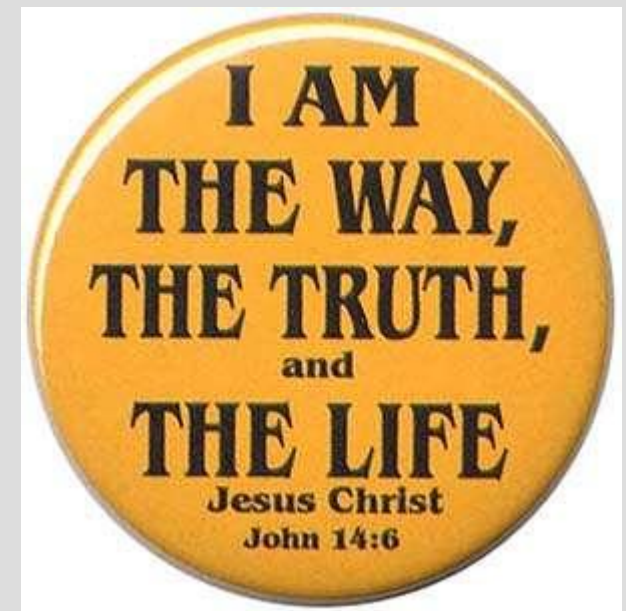
- Homily
- Presentation of the Candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist
- Affirmation by the Sponsors [and the Assembly]
- Act of Recognition
- General Intercessions
- Prayer over the Candidates
- [Dismissal of the Assembly]

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Step Summary

The Second Step (a): The Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion

<u>Periods and Steps</u>	2nd Step (a) = Call to Continuing Conversion [for those already baptised]
<u>Titles Used</u>	Candidates are still known as Candidates
<u>General Theme</u>	Continuing Conversion
<u>Keyword /s</u>	Conversion
<u>Leading Party</u>	The local Bishop
<u>Length of Time / Dates</u>	Usually celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent
<u>Aim</u>	The Church formally ratifies the Candidates readiness to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church; and they publicly express their wish to do this
<u>Content</u>	A formal liturgical rite, which is often celebrated at the local Diocesan Cathedral, led by the Bishop
<u>Rites</u>	The Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion towards full Communion of the Catholic Church



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The Second Step (b):

The (Combined) Celebration of the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates Who are Preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist or Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church [547 – 549]

The outline of this Rite is as follows [550 – 561]:

Celebration of Election

- Presentation of the Catechumens
- Affirmation by the Godparents [and the Assembly]
- Invitation and Enrollment of Names
- Act of Admission or Election

Celebration of the Call to Continuing Conversion

- Presentation of the Candidates
- Affirmation by the Sponsors [and the Assembly]
- Act of Recognition

Prayers

- Intercessions for the Elect and the Candidates
- Prayer over the Elect and Candidates
- Dismissal of the Elect

Liturgy of the Eucharist

An aerial, grayscale photograph of a city, likely Rome, showing a large stadium in the foreground. The stadium has a prominent circular structure and a large, ornate facade. The surrounding city is densely packed with buildings and streets.

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