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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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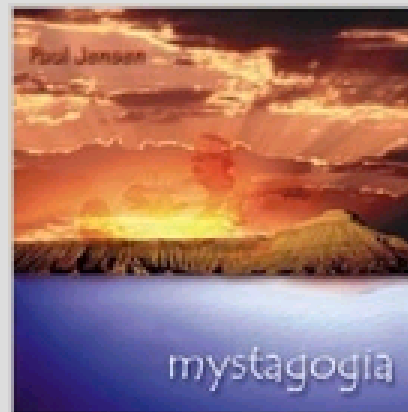
The Period of Mystagogia is also known as the Period of Postbaptismal Catechesis.

It is a time for:

- Living a sacramental life
- Living out the gospel way of life
- Becoming more involved in the parish

Topics often discussed at this stage are:

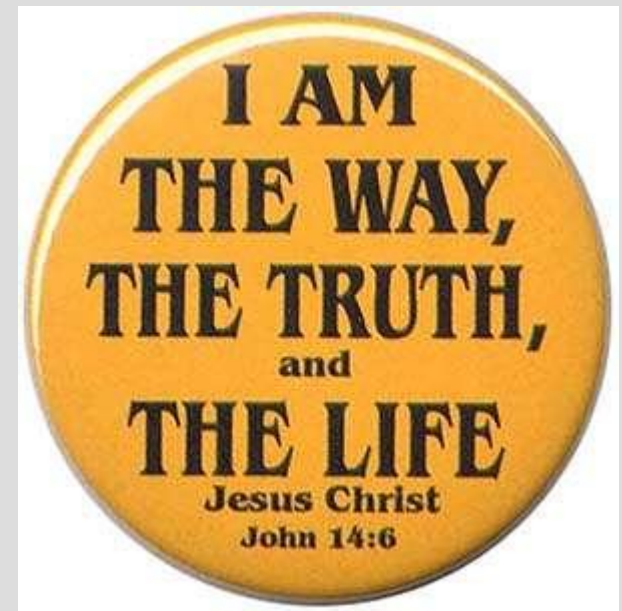
- Evangelization
- Stewardship
- Lay Ministry



Period Summary

<u>Periods and Steps</u>	4th Period = Mystagogia (also known as the Period of Postbaptismal Catechesis)
<u>Titles Used</u>	The Elect are now referred to as Neophytes
<u>General Theme</u>	New Beginning
<u>Keyword /s</u>	Application
<u>Leading Party</u>	Holy Spirit
<u>Length of Time / Dates</u>	The Easter Season
<u>Aim</u>	Becoming fully part of the of the Christian community
<u>Content</u>	Easter Gospel reflection; Eucharistic celebration; works of Charity; Introduction to Parish Groups and / or Organisations
<u>Rites</u>	Attendance and Participation at Holy Mass

The Fourth Period: Mystagogia



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Conclusion

The end of the Period of Mystagoga marks the end of the formal instruction for new members of the Church community. This milestone is often marked by Holy Mass for New Catholics at the local Diocesan Cathedral.

With the foundation laid, and the tools provided, now begins a new life, a lifelong period of discovery and renewal.



An aerial, grayscale photograph of a city, likely Rome, showing a dense urban landscape with numerous buildings and streets. In the lower foreground, a large, oval-shaped stadium with a prominent roof structure is visible. The text is overlaid on the city scene.

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