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# RCIA 2017

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Upcoming dates related to the Rite of Initiation of Adults – *Paragraph numbers from the Rite of Christians Initiation for Adults text have been included for your convenience.*

- **Rite of Sending and Rite of Election** - Sunday, March 5, 2017 - 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. [n. 106-117] [n. 6.2, 118-137]
- **Rite of Sending** (optional) **and Call to Continuing Conversion**— at the beginning of Lent [n. 434-445] [n. 448]
- **The Penitential Rite** – Sunday, March 12, 2017 (Second Sunday of Lent) [n. 459-472]
- **First Scrutiny** - Sunday, March 19, 2017 (The Third Sunday of Lent) [n. 150-156]
- **Presentation of the Creed\*\*** – During the Third Week of Lent [n. 157-163]
- **Second Scrutiny** - Sunday, March 26, 2017 (Fourth Sunday of Lent) [n. 164-170]
- **Third Scrutiny** - Sunday, April 2, 2017 (Fifth Sunday of Lent) [n. 171-177]
- **Presentation of the Lord's Prayer\*\*** – During the Fifth Week of Lent [n. 178-184]  
\*\*[Presentations may be used with candidates – n. 407]
- **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** [Ap. III, n. 27, 36]
- **Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday** [n.22, cf. n.185; Ap. III, n. 15]
  - **Recitation of the Creed** [n. 193-196]; **Ephphetha Rite** [n. 197-199];  
**Choosing a Baptismal Name** [n. 200-202]
- **Easter Vigil** - Saturday, April 15, 2017 [n. 219-246]
- **Neophyte Mass** – May 6, 2017 - 5:30 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral) [n. 250-251]
- **Reception of Baptized Christians into Full Communion of the Catholic Church and Confirmation, Eucharist** - Sunday, May 21, 2017 – 3:00 p.m. (and 6:00 p.m. *only should there be a need for a second liturgy.*) [Ap. III, n.32-34; n.487-504][Ap. III, n. 26-29; n. 409]

\*Candidates for Confirmation and First Eucharist may also receive the sacraments on a Sunday during the Easter season at the parish if they do not go to the Rite of Reception.

\*Candidates for Confirmation **only** are to await the scheduled arrival of the Archbishop/Bishop to receive the sacrament. If necessary, they may come to the Cathedral for the liturgy on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

\* “Since children who have reached the use of reason are considered, for the purposes of Christian initiation, to be adults (canon 852:1), their formation should follow the general pattern of the ordinary catechumenate as far as possible, with appropriate adaptations permitted by the ritual. They should receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, together with the older catechumens.” *[Appendix III, n. 18]*

\* **Seven as the age of reason.** [O]n completion of the seventh year [...] the minor is presumed to have the use of reason. *[see Can. 97:1, 2]*