

1 CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE
INTO THE ORDER OF CATECHUMENS AND OF
THE RITE OF WELCOMING BAPTIZED BUT
PREVIOUSLY UNCATECHIZED ADULTS WHO ARE
PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION AND/OR EUCHARIST
OR RECEPTION INTO THE FULL COMMUNION
OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

USA

I am the good shepherd: I know my sheep and mine know me

505 This rite is for use in communities where catechumens are preparing for initiation and where baptized but previously uncatechized adults are beginning catechetical formation either prior to completing their Christian initiation in the sacraments of confirmation and eucharist or prior to being received into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

506 In the catechesis of the community and in the celebration of these rites, care must be taken to maintain the distinction between the catechumens and the baptized candidates.

OUTLINE OF THE RITE

RECEIVING THE CANDIDATES

Greeting
Opening Dialogue with Candidates for the
Catechumenate and with the Candidates for
Post-baptismal Catechesis
Catechumens' First Acceptance of the Gospel
Candidates' Declaration of Intent
Affirmation by the Sponsors and the Assembly
Signing of the Catechumens and
of the Candidates with the Cross
Signing of the Forehead of the Catechumens
[Signing of the Other Senses
of the Catechumens]
Signing of the Forehead of the Candidates
[Signing of the Other Senses
of the Candidates]
Concluding Prayer
Invitation to the Celebration of the Word of God

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Instruction
Readings
Homily
[Presentation of a Bible]
Intercessions for the Catechumens and Candidates
Prayer over the Catechumens and Candidates
Dismissal of the Catechumens

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST