

Ritual Shape of Catechumenal Ministry

Initiation Rites

Welcoming Inquirers or Families as Apprentices

Within the Gathering Rite on any convenient Lord's Day,

- presentation of Inquirer:
 - presentation by sponsor
 - presider's welcome
 - questions: What do you seek? What do you ask?
- covenant of apprenticeship
- prayer for a new Apprentice
- signing with the cross
- invitation to share in hearing the Word

After the Proclamation of the Word,

- gift of Scripture
- naming in the Prayers of the People on that day

Calling Hearers to be Baptismal Candidates

On the first Lord's Day in Lent, or at another appropriate time, after the Proclamation of the Word,

- commendation of the Apprentices
 - presider's introduction
 - commendation by sponsors
- examination
- calling and enrollment
- prayer over the candidates
- naming in the Prayers of the People every Sunday until Baptism

Holy Baptism

at the Great Vigil of Easter, or on the occasion of some other principal festival.

Note: Presentation and Examination are redundant; instead there may be

- presider's introduction

Rites of Turning Again to Christ

Welcoming those who are Turning Again to Christ

Within the Gathering Rite on any convenient Lord's Day,

- presentation of those turning again to Christ:
 - presentations by sponsors
 - questions: What do you seek? What do you ask?
- calling to reexamine the baptismal covenant
- prayer for a those turning again to Christ
- invitation to share in hearing the Word

After the Proclamation of the Word,

- gift of Scripture
- naming in the Prayers of the People

Call to the Life of Conversion

On Ash Wednesday, after the Proclamation of the Word,

- commendation of those turning again to Christ
 - presider's introduction
 - commendation by sponsors
- examination
- invitation

At the imposition of ashes,

- ashes imposed first on those turning again to Christ
- these then share in administering ashes to others

Restoring Communion in Mutual Service

On Maundy Thursday, at the foot washing,

- foot washing offered first to those turning again to Christ
- these then share in administering foot washing to others

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

After welcoming the newly baptised (or after the renewal of baptismal vows),

- those turning again to Christ make a memorial of their baptism at the font