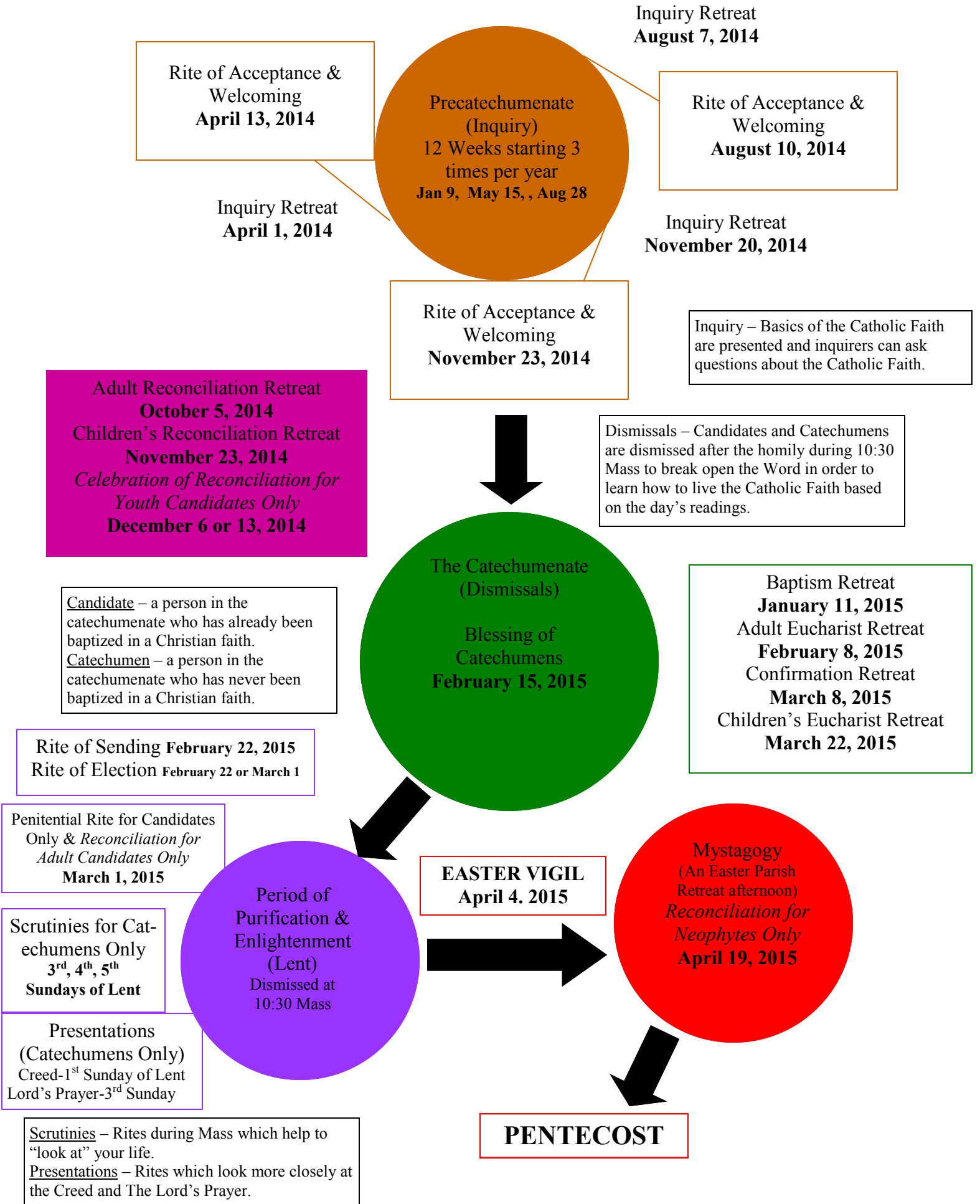


THE RCIA PROCESS



RCIA CALENDAR of Major Dates

January 9, 2014*	Session 1 Inquiry begins
April 1, 2014+	Session 1 Inquiry Retreat
April 13, 2014+	Session 1 Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming
May 15, 2014*	Session 2 Inquiry begins
August 7, 2014+	Session 2 Inquiry Retreat
August 10, 2014+	Session 2 Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming
August 28, 2014*	Session 3 Inquiry begins
October 5, 2014**	Adult Reconciliation Retreat for everyone (12:00-2:00 pm)
November 20, 2014+	Session 3 Inquiry Retreat
November 23, 2014+	Session 3 Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming (10:30 Mass)
November 23, 2014*	Children's Reconciliation Retreat for Youth Candidates Only (12:00-2:00 pm)
December 6 or 13, 2014*	Rite of Reconciliation for Youth Candidates Only (10:00 am)
January 11, 2015**	Baptism Retreat for everyone (12:00-2:00 pm)
February 8, 2015**	Adult Eucharist Retreat for everyone (12:00-2:00 pm)
February 15, 2015+	Blessing of Catechumens
February 22, 2015+	Rite of Sending for everyone(10:30 Mass)
February 22 or March 1, 2015+	Rite of Election for everyone (TBA)
March 1, 2015+	Penitential Rite for Candidates Only & Reconciliation for Adult Candidates Only (10:30 Mass & 12:00-1:00 pm)
March 8, 2015+	1st Scrutiny & Presentation of the Creed (For Catechumens Only)
March 8, 2015**	Confirmation Retreat for everyone (12:00-2:00 pm)
March 15, 2015+	2nd Scrutiny (For Catechumens Only)
March 22, 2015+	3rd Scrutiny & Presentation of the Lord's Prayer (For Catechumens Only)
March 22, 2015*	Children's Eucharist Retreat for everyone (9:00 am– noon)
March 29, 2015+	Easter Vigil Rehearsal for everyone (12:00—1:00 pm)
April 4, 2015+	Easter Vigil for everyone (8:00 pm)
April 19, 2015**	Mystagogy Retreat (for everyone) & Reconciliation for Neophytes

+Sponsors or a proxy MUST be present

*Sponsors need NOT be present

**Sponsors are encouraged but not required

Candidates and Catechumens should choose a confirmation name, which can be your given baptismal name, a saint's name whose life you admire, or the name of another holy person whose life you admire.

Sponsor Requirements:

1. Must be at least 16 years of age.
2. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.
3. Must be confirmed themselves.
4. Must be someone other than a parent.