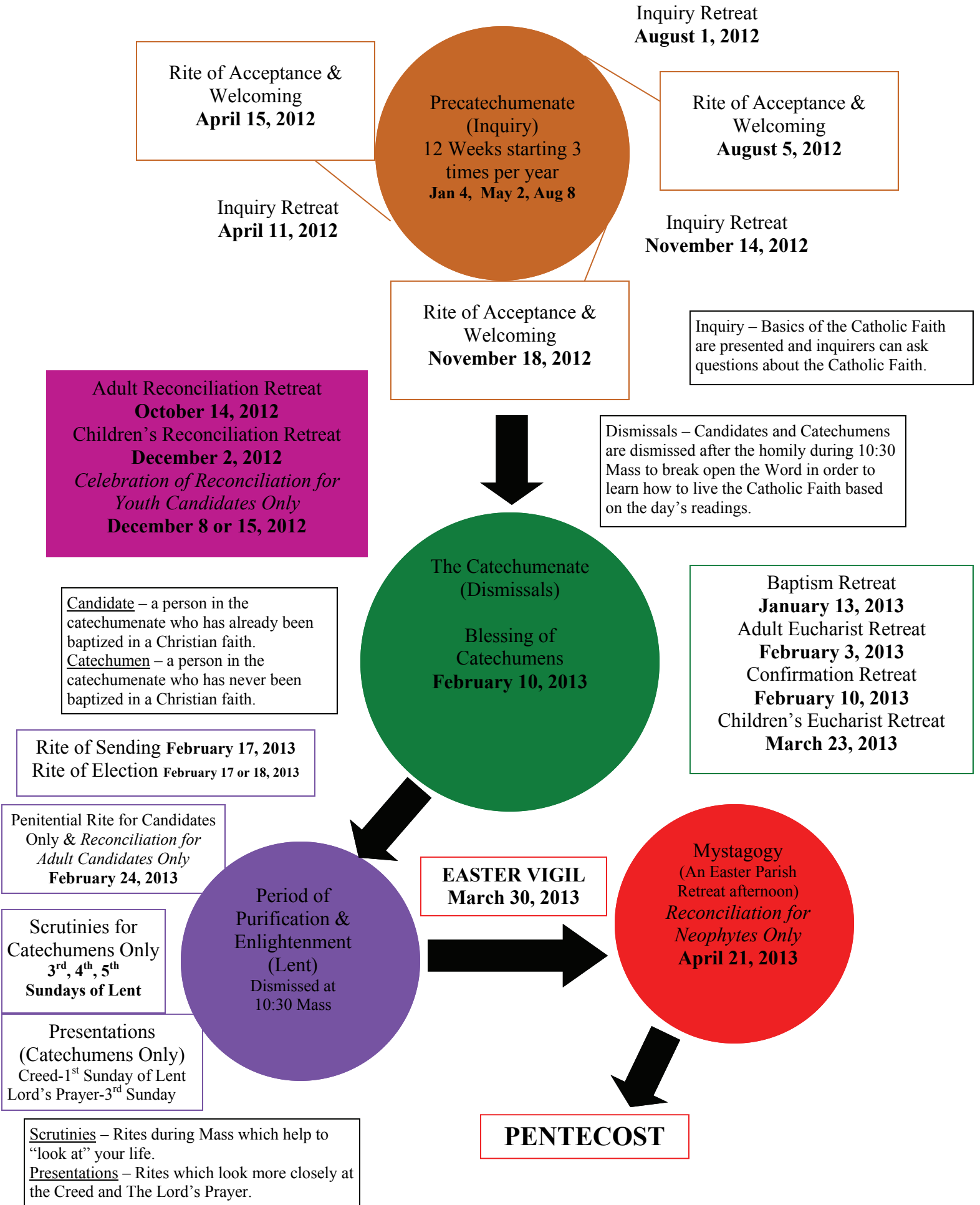


THE RCIA PROCESS



RCIA CALENDAR of Major Dates

January 4, 2012*	Session 1 Inquiry begins
April 11, 2012+	Session 1 Inquiry Retreat
April 15, 2012+	Session 1 Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming
May 2, 2012*	Session 2 Inquiry begins
August 1, 2012+	Session 2 Inquiry Retreat
August 5, 2012+	Session 2 Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming
August 8, 2012*	Session 3 Inquiry begins
October 14, 2012**	Adult Reconciliation Retreat for everyone (11:30 am-1:30 pm)
November 14, 2012+	Session 3 Inquiry Retreat (7:00-8:30 pm)
November 18, 2012+	Session 3 Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming (10:30 Mass)
December 2, 2012*	Children's Reconciliation Retreat for everyone (11:30 am-1:30 pm)
December 8 or 15, 2012*	Rite of Reconciliation for Youth Candidates Only (10:00 am)
January 13, 2013**	Baptism Retreat for everyone (12:00-1:30 pm)
February 3, 2013**	Adult Eucharist Retreat for everyone (11:30 am-1:30 pm)
February 10, 2013+	Blessing of Catechumens
February 10, 2013**	Confirmation Retreat for everyone (12:30-2:00 pm)
February 17, 2013+	Rite of Sending for everyone(10:30 Mass)
February 17 or 18, 2013+	Rite of Election for everyone (TBA)
February 24, 2013+	Penitential Rite for Candidates Only & Reconciliation for Adult Candidates Only (10:30 Mass & 12:00-1:00 pm)
March 3, 2013+	1st Scrutiny & Presentation of the Creed (For Catechumens Only)
March 10, 2013+	2nd Scrutiny (For Catechumens Only)
March 17, 2013+	3rd Scrutiny & Presentation of the Lord's Prayer (For Catechumens Only)
March 23, 2013*	Children's Eucharist Retreat for everyone (9:00 am– noon)
March 24, 2013+	Easter Vigil Rehearsal for everyone (12:00—1:00 pm)
March 30, 2013+	Easter Vigil for everyone (8:00 pm)
April 21, 2013**	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.