

**APPROPRIATE TOPICS AND ATTITUDES
for the
PERIOD OF EVANGELIZATION AND PRECATECHUMENATE**

FOCUS OF THE PERIOD:

“...faithfully and constantly the living God is proclaimed and Jesus Christ whom he has sent for the salvation of all...” [RCIA, no. 36]

“...the beginnings of the spiritual life and the fundamentals of Christian teaching have taken root...” [RCIA, no. 42]

CRITERIA , TOPICS, AND ATTITUDES:

The prerequisite for celebrating **Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens** or **Welcoming the Candidates** is a discernment based on the following

See RCIA, nos. 36 and 42.

Items not listed in priority order. Other items may be added as needs require.

- ◆ Proclamation of the living God
- ◆ Proclamation of Jesus Christ
- ◆ Proclamation of salvation for all
- ◆ Hearts opened by the Holy Spirit

- ◆ Beginnings of the spiritual life have taken root
- ◆ Fundamentals of Christian teaching have taken root
- ◆ First faith
- ◆ Initial conversion to the Lord
- ◆ Intention to change life
- ◆ Intention to enter into a relationship with God in Christ
- ◆ First stirrings of repentance
- ◆ Start in the practice of calling upon God in prayer
- ◆ Sense of the Church
- ◆ Some experience of the company and spirit of Christians

PROCESS TO USE:

Begin with the experience and the life questions of the inquirers.

Using that, move to what Scripture and our Tradition have to offer in light of RCIA nos. 36, 42.

Do this in the prayerful attitude of “To what may God be calling you?”