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## A Word from the ACN Chair HOW DO YOU SOLVE A PROBLEM LIKE MYSTAGOGIA!?!

After a long and intense preparation, the celebration of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil comes as a great time of celebration for the whole community. This is followed by the period of Mystagogia. Haven't we done work? Haven't the neophytes experienced enough catechesis? Hasn't the scriptural, the instructional, the liturgical, the ecclesial catechesis in the previous months been enough? What are we meant to do during the period between Easter and Pentecost?

The rite asks us to continue to build on the catechesis given during the previous stages of the initiation journey. The emphasis during this period is on mystagogical catechesis. But what is mystagogical catechesis?

"My reflection is based on two fundamental documents:

1) the Rite itself; 2) Pope Benedict XVI's Encyclical, *Sacramentum caritatis*"

### 1) IN THE RITE

This is how the RCIA describes the period of Mystagogia:

"This is the time for the community and the neophytes together to grow in deepening their grasp of the paschal mystery and in making it part of their lives through meditation on the Gospel, sharing in the Eucharist and doing works of charity." (RCIA 234)

- **THE PASCHAL MYSTERY:** Mystagogia is a time of deepening the neophytes' grasp on the paschal mystery. This is not a purely intellectual or academic exercise. As they reflect on the events of the Easter Vigil, they become aware of the link between the death and resurrection of Jesus and their own initiation. The death and resurrection of Jesus still bear fruit in the lives of the neophytes. They entered into the tomb with Jesus and they now share in the new life of the resurrected Christ (see (Rom 6:1-11). During this period they are called to deepening their grasp of this wonderful gift so that their lives continues to be lives on the pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus: dying to oneself in order to live more fully in Christ, with Christ and for Christ.

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- **SHARING THE EUCHARIST:** During their journey they have received strength and courage from the celebration of the catechumenal rites: In the celebration of the Word of God, in the rites of blessings, healing and anointings, in the celebration of the scrutinies. All these rituals led to and prepared for the source and summit of all liturgies: the celebration of the Eucharist. The focus of mystagogia must be on the Eucharist: deepening their understanding, eagerness and desire to participate with the rest of the community in the celebration of the Eucharist. Several of the Gospels of the Easter period point towards the Eucharist (the story of the Emmaus disciples, the breakfast on the beach, the risen Christ asking the disciples: Do you have anything to eat?)
- **DOING WORKS OF CHARITY:** This is not new. During their catechumenal journey they have been encouraged to use their gifts and talents as a service to the church and to the community. Now they are called to share more deeply into the very mission of the Church towards all humanity. Jesus' disciples are called to become the messengers of Jesus' message; they are called to become the witnesses of Jesus' love for all human beings.

### 2) SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS

In Pope Benedict XVI's Encyclical, *Sacramentum caritatis*, the purpose of Mystagogical Catechesis has a threefold aim:

- a) It interprets the rites in the light of the events of our salvation ...
- b) ... must be concerned with presenting the meaning of the signs contained in the rites. ...
- c) ... must be concerned with bringing out the significance of the rites for the Christian life in all its dimensions.” (Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum caritatis*, 64)

The time of Mystagogia is therefore a time of reflecting on “the awe-inspiring rites of Christian Initiation” celebrated during the Easter Vigil. We are called to gather the neophytes and with them reflect on the actions, the words, the symbols and the rituals of the Easter Vigil. We are called to take the neophytes on a journey of re-visiting the celebration of the Easter Vigil, step by step, moment by moment. For each of the Easter Vigil rituals we are called to reflect on the following three questions:

1. What did you experience during the ritual?
2. What was God/Christ/the Holy Spirit doing for you through those rituals?
3. What is God/Christ/the Holy Spirit sending you forth to proclaim and to witness through the ritual?

The emphasis and the focus of mystagogia are service, commitment and mission. That is why mystagogia is not only for the neophytes but for every member of the parish. Like the Apostles after their Pentecost experience, we are all sent to proclaim the good news and to become the witnesses of Christ's death and resurrection to the whole world.

I started this reflection with the question: “How do you solve a problem like Mystagogia?” To help you solve the problem I have prepared a resource on mystagogia.

It consists of a book for the RCIA leader and a journal for the neophytes' reflections. This is the link to this resource:

**[CALLED GIFTED SENT:  
The Sacraments of the Christian Initiation of the Triduum.  
Catechists Manual and Catechumens Journal](#)**

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# CELEBRATING THE RITES OF THE CATECHUMENATE

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## Introduction

Initiating adults into the Catholic Church is a balanced process involving catechetical formation, conversion to the Christian way of life and liturgical celebration. That the latter is of great importance is evidenced by the ritual book of the Catechumenate – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – which sets out numerous liturgical celebrations that are integral to the catechumenate. The more familiar rites are those that mark the transition from one phase of the journey to the next: Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, Rite of Election and Enrolment of Names, and Sacraments of Initiation. Part I of the Rite, however, contains very many more liturgical celebrations than these, including rites described as ‘belonging to’ or ‘optional’ for each phase of the journey. It is on these liturgies that this series of articles in *Network News* during 2011 will focus.

It is only right that the process of initiation has liturgy at its heart. After all:

“The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fount from which all the Church’s power flows. For the aim and object of apostolic works is that all who are made children of God by faith and baptism should come together to praise God in the midst of his Church, to take part in the sacrifice, and to eat the Lord’s Supper.”(SC 10)

The outline of the Process set out in the ritual book leaves no doubt that liturgy is of great importance during the journey:

### PERIOD OF THE CATECHUMENATE

This is the time for the nurturing and growth of the catechumens’ faith and conversion to God; celebrations of the word and prayers of exorcism and blessing are meant to assist the process.

### PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

This is a time of reflection, intensely centred on conversion, marked by celebration of the scrutinies and presentations and of the preparation rites on Holy Saturday.

### PERIOD OF POSTBAPTISMAL CATECHESIS OR MYSTAGOGY

This is the time following the celebration of initiation during which the newly initiated experience being fully a part of the Christian community by means of both pertinent catechesis and particularly by participation with all the faithful in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration.

During the Period of the Catechumenate, celebrating liturgical rites is one of the four ways by which candidates for initiation are brought to maturity of faith (the others being catechesis, lived experience of the Christian way of life, and apostolic works):

“The Church, like a mother, helps the catechumens on their journey by means of suitable liturgical rites, which purify the catechumens little by little and strengthen them with God’s blessing. Celebrations of the word of God are arranged for their benefit, and at Mass they may also take part with the faithful in the liturgy of the word, thus better preparing themselves for their eventual participation in the liturgy of the Eucharist.” (RCIA 75.3)

It would be an interesting exercise for parish adult initiation teams to check that their practice reflects this emphasis on liturgy by comparing the amount of time given to preparing for and celebrating the various liturgical rites with the time spent on catechetical formation of catechumens during the initiation process.

All the activity of the catechumenate process is meant to flow from and lead back to the liturgy. Catechesis assists catechumens to participate fully, consciously and actively in liturgy; celebrating liturgy forms them into the paschal way of life by transforming hearts and minds. This close relationship between liturgy and catechesis implies that all liturgical celebrations involving catechumens need to be carefully prepared and well celebrated.

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Catechetical and pastoral formation which flows from the liturgy depends on celebrations in which the signs and symbols, music and silence, words and gestures clearly and strongly evoke the presence and action of God in our midst.

At its heart, the Christian initiation of adults is a ritual process celebrated through liturgical rites: those that mark the transition from one phase of the journey to the next, rites that belong to the various phases of the journey as outlined above, and the regular liturgical life of the parish. It is important that RCIA ministers trust the power of these liturgies to draw candidates and catechumens into the mystery of God, to teach, to form and to transform.

Of course, all of the RCIA liturgies/rites are in the RCIA 'bible', the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults", the ritual book for the Catechumenate. Anyone involved in RCIA ministry should have their own copy!

With this issue of *Network News* being published as Easter approaches, we begin the series with:

### **Rites Pertaining to the Period of Postbaptismal Catechesis or Mystagogy**

The main setting of the final period of the catechumenate is the Sunday Masses of the Season of Easter. Every effort should be made to have the neophytes and newly received present each week, preferably as a group but at different Mass times, so that every member of the parish community has contact with its new members on as many occasions as possible.

By now, the newly initiated will be more at home in the liturgy and more comfortable with being the centre of attention, so it should not be difficult to arrange for them to sit in the front rows of the church with their godparents, families and other supporters during the Sundays of Easter. They should be included in the homily and the General Intercessions, not just for a week or two after the Easter Vigil but on every Sunday up to and including Pentecost.

These new members of the parish can begin to take on roles in the liturgy, such as bringing up the bread and wine in the procession of gifts or reading the petitions during the Prayer of the Faithful. Some of the newly initiated could be invited to offer a brief reflection on the journey of faith that they have been travelling, either personally after communion at Mass or printed in the parish bulletin.

"To show his pastoral concern for these new members of the Church, the bishop should arrange to meet the recently baptised and to preside at a celebration of the Eucharist with them." (RCIA 241) If the bishop visits the parish for the confirmation of children during the Easter Season, as is often the case, he should be invited to preside at a celebration of the Eucharist with the neophytes and be personally introduced to them.

### **Article of Interest**

Many parishes now receive baptised Christians into full communion at times other than the Easter Vigil which is reserved for initiating catechumens. In a recent article entitled "Missing Mystagogia – The Fate of Newly Received Persons" in the journal *Catechumenate* (Vol 32 No 6 Nov 2010), Sylvia DeVillers analyses the implications of this commendable practice for the Period of Mystagogy. The author offers some excellent practical and pastoral suggestions for making the mystagogical period an inspiring experience whenever it occurs.

## Mystagogy - What skills do the neophytes need to practise?

From <http://teamrcia.com/2009/03/15/rcia-teams-8-ways-to-make-mystagogy-work-in-your-parish/>

### Here are two essential skills for the neophytes:

#### Develop a sacramental imagination

We cannot “see” God the way we see a photograph. We “see” God through sacramental signs. Saint Augustine focused on four major sacramental signs that he expected the neophytes to master: the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, the font, and the altar. Augustine would hand on the first three during the period of purification and enlightenment. The last, the altar and all that takes place there, he would hand on in a series of “mystagogical catecheses” during the Masses of the Easter Season. This was not catechesis as we might think of a religious education class. It was a specialized preaching that would draw upon the symbols of the liturgy – especially the bread and wine that would later become the Body and Blood of Christ – to lay out for the neophytes and the rest of the faithful the full cosmic import of Jesus death and resurrection.

#### Act on the faith

In his homily, Augustine would point out to the neophytes that, just as the bread and wine were to be changed, so too had they been changed. The neophytes, now part of the Body of Christ, have the responsibility of being Christ in the world. Of course, they have been practicing this skill throughout their catechumenate, but now they have the fullness of Christ within them. Their proclamation of the good news to the oppressed of the world is a direct result of their sacramental sacrifice of dying and rising to Christ in the liturgy.

### Here are eight things the team needs to do:

1. Throughout the catechumenate, focus on the symbolic imagination of the faith, helping the catechumens to “see” God in all the activities of their daily lives.
2. Throughout the catechumenate, help the catechumens understand they are not “becoming Catholic.” They are dying to themselves and converting to a new lifestyle. They are not “getting baptized.” They are learning a new way of living.
3. Make it clear to the neophytes and their godparents that they must be at all the Sunday Masses of the Easter season. This should be one of the criteria for “readiness” before the catechumens are discerned to be eligible to become elect.
4. Prepare a series of Easter homilies that lead the neophytes through an exploration of the sacramental signs of the liturgy. The readings for Year A in the Easter Season are especially suitable for this. (See RCIA 247).
5. Prepare a special place in the worshiping assembly for the neophytes to sit with their godparents. On Easter Sunday, introduce the neophytes by name to the assembly. (See RCIA 248.)
6. Provide a time soon after the Easter Vigil for the neophytes to reflect with their godparents and other members of the parish on their experience of the Triduum.
7. Ask some of the neophytes who were particularly insightful in their reflections to share some of their thoughts with the assembly at the next Sunday liturgy.
8. Keep Pentecost Sunday focused on the neophytes. Hold a parish-wide celebration for them. Invite the neophytes from the previous Easter Season to join the festivities as honoured guests (See RCIA 249-250.)

## Happy Retirement & Thanks

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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Certificate of Appreciation presented to Len by President, Annette Ryan, at the November 2010 meeting of the Sandhurst Diocese RCIA Forum

At this meeting, Wednesday 24 November, 2010 we farewell Len Fitzgerald.

Len was a foundation member of the National R.C.I.A. Forum remaining a member for over 20 years; during his time on the National Forum he had been a Treasurer and a Chairman.

Len was also a foundation member of the Sandhurst Diocese RCIA Forum along with Carmel, Alma and Dorothy Farrant from Numurkah, Terese Hamel, Euroa, Ray Lawler, Benalla and Fr Peter Quinn.

Len was the Sandhurst spokesman who approached the Bishop for sponsorship for members to attend National RCIA Conferences. Often 12 people from Sandhurst attended the Conference thanks to the Bishop.

During Len's time as Treasurer for the Sandhurst Diocese RCIA Forum he managed to raise the bank balance considerably by his leadership and prudent control of finances. I have been informed that Len doesn't like handling money – so congratulations Len for a job well done.

For many years Len and Carmel have been an integral part of Conferences and Workshops held by the Sandhurst Forum and we thank them so

much for their contribution and hard work which have been greatly appreciated and so rewarding to others.

Len, you have had an interesting life, starting off as an apprentice Motor mechanic, then a Policeman, retiring from that profession at 55, and have been a very active member and leader of the Knights of the Southern Cross, contributed in church life as Sacristan at two churches, Eucharistic Minister and a Lector.

We believe you hold the distinction along with Archbishop Desmond Tutu in retiring (from the forum) on the eve of your 79<sup>th</sup> Birthday, we congratulate you and wish you a very Happy Birthday. You will now have more time to spend with Carmel, your 12 grandchildren and great grandchild.

We wish you and Carmel well for the future! Enjoy whatever you may do and thank you for your many years on the Sandhurst Diocese RCIA Forum. You will be greatly missed.

Love from all on the RCIA Forum

## **After that first elation: why new Catholics stop coming to Mass**

by Susanne Kowal (MA in Pastoral Theology, coordinates the RCIA for Plymouth Diocese)

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It is now a few months since a number of new Catholics (neophytes) were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil, and, with the period of post-baptismal catechesis (or *mystagogia*) now finished as far as the parish process is concerned, it is time for parishes to re-evaluate the process and look ahead.

I was surprised to hear from a woman who was received a few years ago that she now doesn't come to Mass any more. Her parish is known for being a welcoming and active parish and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) team is friendly. She told me how the highlights of her journey in faith had been the Rite of Election and the Easter Vigil and she talked about how enthusiastic she had been on experiencing the teachings of the Church and how to live them out. She said that the parishioners had been very encouraging to her during the whole process; but, she said, this changed after the Easter Vigil. She told me that she felt absolutely elated at her baptism- full of hope and expectations of what it was going to be like in her new "spiritual home" and she could not stop talking about it. Only a few weeks later, however, she felt isolated and abandoned; the community appeared to show no further interest in her. She struggled for four years, and then just gave up.

The RCIA reminds us that "the entire community must help the candidates and the catechumens throughout the process of initiation" (RCIA9). After my conversation with this woman, I had to ask myself when people think this process ends. Perhaps they think that, after the baptism at the Easter Vigil or after the post-baptismal catechesis at Pentecost, the neophytes are fully initiated members of the community and they no longer need to be invited to join in any parish activity. How different it might have been for this woman if the parish had a "new Catholics" group — where they could continue to meet until they had gradually become involved in the activities of the parish.

A major concern expressed by priests, catechists and sponsors alike is why so many people who seem committed to taking this step on their faith journey then fall away from practice (or, to use the more common term, lapse). The figure is thought by some parish priests to be about 20 per cent.

Maybe we should begin by asking why the vast majority of new Catholics stay — and appear to settle happily in our parishes and engage energetically in the mission and ministry within the parish. Indeed, it is widely known that their contribution to the life of the local and wider Church is immense. A recent study undertaken in the Plymouth Diocese considered these questions. Interviews with more than 30 "new" Catholics who had been received into the Church between four and 15 years ago revealed interesting responses. All of them confirmed that they had valued the RCIA process. Most of them found the parish congregation encouraging and interested. Only one interviewee felt that the sessions included too much doctrine; and only one felt that there was too little doctrine. Candidates found it encouraging to be asked to share their faith journey with the catechists and sponsors. They responded favourably to hearing the beliefs and teachings of the Church.

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When we spoke to those who now feel they belong to the community each one was keen to stress that the inclusive spirit of welcome both during and after the process had been of paramount importance and was, in fact, the overriding factor in their settling into the community. Many of them had become engaged in parish ministry or in some activity ranging from taking a turn on the tea and coffee rota to being ordained to the permanent diaconate.

Having interviewed a number of the lapsed “new” Catholics, it would appear that the reasons for their not practising are many and varied. One woman we spoke to was in her early 30s. She had married young; she was expecting her first child when her husband of a few months left her. She never saw him again and the marriage ended in divorce. With her son later at a Catholic primary school, she was drawn to and later initiated into the Catholic Church. Some eight years later, she met someone, and wanted to marry him. Realising the difficulty she faced, she approached her parish priest; but he had no time to see her. After two more unsuccessful attempts, she was never seen again at Mass.

A more uncommon dilemma is when one partner in a marriage decides to become Catholic — but without the full consent of their non-Catholic or anti-Catholic partner — only to discover later that the fact of coming to Mass on a Sunday drives a wedge in their marriage.

These cases may sound extreme; they are just a few of the situations that the local study uncovered after interviewing people who had lapsed. The most overwhelming reason for not settling into the Church was the lack of welcome from the parish community. According to the people interviewed, the adjustment from being part of a small intimate RCIA group into being part of the larger parish community was like being thrown to the lions. Some felt that we invite them to the feast but forget the after-dinner conversation.

No questions were needed to prompt these people to explain why it had not worked out for them and to hear them express their sadness. They were seemingly anxious to help the Church get it right in the future. A few had returned to their previous denomination; others were disillusioned, angry and hurt.

In conclusion, we believe that we have to ask ourselves some uncomfortable questions about how we welcome people and how we invite people to be involved in our parishes — especially when it concerns those we meet on the threshold.

### **TO DO:**

- Consider starting a “new Catholics” group to help people make a gradual adjustment into parish life
- Make sure there is a sound process of discernment for people asking to become Catholic
- Be deliberate and welcoming in the way that you invite new Catholics to become involved in the various aspects of parish life

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## Australian Catechumenate Network

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The ACN is actively working on your behalf with the Australian Council of Bishops through the Mission and Faith Formation Commission. Through our web site we also provide access to resources shared from communities in Australia and world-wide.

Membership is available to all who are working with RCIA in their parishes.

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## RCIA RESOURCES

1. **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**  
*St Paul's Publication* ISBN 1 876295 71 6 (Cased Edition)  
ISBN 1 876295 72 4 (Study Edition)
2. **THE PARISH COMPANION TO THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**  
Terry Wade Editor - Publisher: *Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne*  
ISBN 0646025325
3. **Catechism of the Catholic Church**
4. **Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church**
5. *So You are Seeking to Renew Your Faith, Tony Doherty, John Garrett Publication*
6. *The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Catholic Catechism*
7. *How to Survive Being Married to a Catholic, a Redemptorist Resource, Majellan Publications*
8. *On the Journey Series, ACM Publications:*  
**RCIA Leader's Manual (\$US 39.95)**  
**RCIA Catechist Manual (\$US 39.95)**  
**RCIA Participant's Book (\$US 289.95)**
9. **PATH THROUGH CATHOLICISM**, Mark Link, SJ  
*Publisher: Resources for Christian Living* ISBN 078290971
10. **AT HOME WITH GOD'S PEOPLE**  
Fr Bill O'Shea & Peter Gagen – *Publisher: Catholic Adult Education, Brisbane*  
**PARTICIPANT'S BOOK** ISBN 0947282130  
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11. **FOUNDATIONS IN FAITH** *Publisher: Catholic Adult Education, Brisbane*  
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**CATECHIST MANUAL YEAR B** ISBN 07829 07601  
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**PARTICIPANT BOOK YEAR C** ISBN 0782907679  
**PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT YEAR A, B, C.** ISBN 0782907636
12. **HOW TO TEACH WITH THE LECTIONARY**  
Phillip J McBrien – *Publisher: Twenty Third Publications* ISBN 0896225224
13. **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD OF GOD: Resources for Using the Lectionary for Catechesis in the RCIA** Karen Hinman & Joseph Sinwell  
*Publisher: Paulist Press*  
**CYCLE A** ISBN 0809128225  
**CYCLE B** ISBN 0809128942  
**CYCLE C** ISBN 0809129736

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14. **THE SUMMIT MAGAZINE** *Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation*  
(Subscriptions.....Ms Suzanne Hermon - Ph: 03 9926 5761; Fax: 03 9926 5767)
15. **COME AND SEE: Resources for the Precatechumenate - Dr Elio Capra**  
SDB – Publisher: Desbooks ISBN 0949824410
16. **FORMING YOUR PARISH TEAM - Lyn Kane**  
Publisher: *The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation* ISBN 09581 02406
17. **CALLED GIFTED SENT: The Sacraments of Christian Initiation and the Triduum. Catechist's Manual and Catechumen's Journal - Dr Elio Capra**  
*James Goold House Publications* - Website: [www.kwl.com.au](http://www.kwl.com.au)
18. **LIVING EASTER ANEW - Dr Elio Capra** *John Garratt Publishing* Ph: 1300 650 878
19. **THE WAY OF FAITH: A Field Guide for the RCIA Process – Nick Wagner**  
*Twenty-third Publications* ISBN 978–1 58595-710-1
20. **THE SPIRIT AT WORK: Conversion and the RCIA – Michael H. Marchal**  
*World Library Publications* ISBN 978-1-58459-484-0
21. **THE CATHOLIC STORY - Publisher: The Catholic Enquiry Centre Sydney**
22. **BASICS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH**  
Bill, Patty & Lisa Coleman – Publisher: *Twenty third Publications* ISBN 1585951099
23. **GUIDING YOUR PARISH through the CHRISTIAN INITIATION PROCESS**  
William R Bruns – Publisher: *St Anthony Messenger Press* ISBN 0867161884
24. **BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Journeys of Faith**  
Teresa Pirola – Publisher: *Collins Dove* ISBN 1863711104
25. **WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CATHOLIC**  
Joseph M Champlin – Publisher: *Franciscan Communications*
26. **YOUR FAITH: A Popular Presentation of Catholic Belief**  
Publisher: *Redemptorist Publications* ISBN 0852311400
27. **WHY DO CATHOLICS...? Catholic Culture Explained**  
Paul Stenhouse – Publisher: *Chevalier Press NSW*
28. **THE HALLELUJAH HIGHWAY: A History of the Catechumenate**  
Paul Turner – Publisher: *Liturgy Training Publication* ISBN 1568543204
29. **"Living Easter Anew"** by Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB - four page pamphlet outlining the mystagogical journey through the Triduum  
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- 2. TO KNOW, WORSHIP AND LOVE - Catholic Education Office, Melbourne K-12**
- 3. BREATHING LIFE INTO THE R.E. CLASSROOM -**  
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- 4. RELIGION IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – The National Centre for Religious Studies, NZ**  
[www.ncrs.org.nz/schools.htm](http://www.ncrs.org.nz/schools.htm)  
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- 5. UNDERSTANDING FAITH - Previous R.E. Program from NZ**  
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4. **GLORY IN THE CROSS, Music for the Triduum**
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6. **SINGING OUR FAITH, Music for Young Catholics** – *G.I.A. Publications*
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[www.fraynetwork.com.au](http://www.fraynetwork.com.au)

## Important New Article

Ross Privitelli has prepared a written article to support the presentation he made at the National Conference.

This is a very informative and valuable article for practitioners of RCIA.

This article can be found in the

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