

How to Read a Rite: Entrance into the Catechumenate



Know the purpose of the Entrance into the Catechumenate	
1. Who is the rite is for? Who is the “candidate” for the rite? (41)	
2. What does the rite expect has happened before it is celebrated? (42, 43, 9.1)	
3. What does the rite ritualize? What is God doing in the rite? (18, 41-74)	
4. What does the rite expect will happen after it is celebrated? (46, 47)	
5. When does the rite happen in the liturgical year? (18)	
Understand the deep structure of the Entrance into the Catechumenate	
6. How and where (location) does the rite begin and why? (18)	
7. What is the climax of the rite? What is the “flow” to get there? (54-56)	
8. How and where (location) does the rite end and why? (67)	
9. What questions are asked in the rite? Who asks and who answers? (50)	
10. How do you prepare the assembly to participate fully?	
Highlight the primary symbols of the Entrance into the Catechumenate	
11. What are the primary symbols of the rite? (48, 54, 60, 62)	
12. How does the rite highlight the primary symbols?	
13. What is the role of the Word (Scripture, Gospel, homily)?	
14. What is the role of those entering the catechumenate? sponsors? assembly?	