



LITURGY

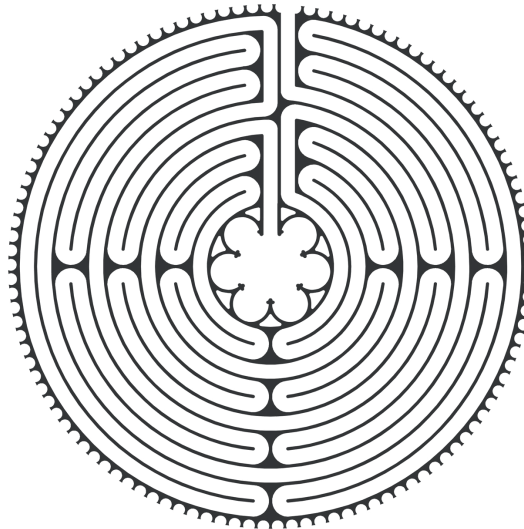
an encounter with God

CONVERSION

responding to the encounter and what the Spirit is calling me to do; why it matters

CONNECTION

to my daily life, my circumstances and relationships, to the world



RECOLLECTION

of the encounter's symbols, actions, texts

REFLECTION

sharing what was most memorable, engaging, discomfoting; what it means to me

CATECHESIS

*what Scripture and Tradition teach us;
what Christ teaches us through the symbol, action, text*

What mystagogy is:

- scripturally based
- takes place within a liturgical setting
- addressed exclusively to the Christian community
- goal is formation of Christians rather than providing religious information to Christians

*Ambrose of Milan's Method of Mystagogical Preaching,
Craig Alan Satterlee, Liturgical Press, 2002*

- corresponds interior disposition with our words and gestures
- enables us to live what we celebrate
- is an encounter with Christ that
 - interprets rites in light of events of our salvation
 - presents the meaning of the signs in the rites
 - brings out significance of the rites for Christian life

Sacramentum Caritatis, #64, Pope Benedict XVI

Some mystagogical questions:

- What was your most memorable moment?
- What was your favorite part?
- What did you see/hear/do/feel?
- What did it mean to you?
- What does it remind you of from the Bible or from our Christian traditions?
- What does it tell you about God?
- What does it say about Christ?
- How did the rite communicate that?
- If that symbol could speak, what would it say to us about our faith?
- How does this change you?
- How is the Spirit calling you to respond?