

# Catechumenate Model and the Primacy of Adults

## PREVIEW SHEET

The faith journey that engages all of us is guided by the pastoral principles resulting from the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. The same pastoral principles that characterize this initiation process are also valid for the process of religious instruction and communal experience of the entire parish.

While the catechetical documents of the Church acknowledge the catechumenal model as the preferred framework for religious instruction, they also promote adult catechesis as the principal form of learning that is an essential component of the Church's pastoral ministry.

For the session, Catechumenate Model and the Primacy of Adults, we will explore the periods and stages of the Catechumenate as the framework for a dynamic and effective process of adult faith formation, emphasizing its holistic community driven approach to spiritual growth.

### **To prepare for this session, please complete the following:**

1. Read the USCCB document on adult education *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*. Pay special attention to Part I: A New Focus on Adult Faith Formation and Part III: A Plan for Ministry – Goals, Principals, Content, and Approaches for Adult Faith Formation.

You can find the reading [HERE](#)

2. View the YouTube video by Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal entitled *RCIA Mystagogy*, paying special attention to how they suggest we catechize mystagogically.

You can find the video [HERE](#)

3. Bring a list of all the ways you currently catechize adults in your parish.

