

**DISMISSAL SESSION OUTLINE  
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

**CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

- Following the Homily, after the silence has been observed, the Catechist and Catechumens step into the center aisle of the Basilica. The priest celebrant dismisses the Catechumens with the form found in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. After the Dismissal, all sing the acclamation.
- The Catechist and the Catechumens recess to the Neumann Room. On very few occasions the session takes place in another setting. Once in the Neumann Room, the Catechist invokes the aid of God, the Holy Spirit, while everyone is still standing.

*Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.*

- Once everyone is seated, the Catechist, having prepared in advance, gives a summary of the biblical texts proclaimed at Mass, including the Responsorial Psalm. He/she also gives a brief summary of the Homily. After this, the Catechumens may reflect aloud on the same biblical texts and pertinent points from the Homily.
- Then the Catechist makes connections for the Catechumens between the biblical texts and/or the liturgical commemoration, and/or articles from the Creed, and/or the Tradition, especially living the moral Christian life, and/or the practice of the Catholic, and/or Catholic customs.
- Then the Catechist asks the Catechumens to make some resolution from this further explanation of the biblical texts to continue the journey of conversion into Christ and preparation for the Sacraments.
- The Catechist concludes the session, with all standing, with this prayer:

*Lord,  
form these catechumens by the mysteries of the faith,  
that they may be brought to rebirth in baptism  
and be counted among the members of your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*