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Growth in Faith: Catechumenate, Illumination, Sacramental Initiation

The Catechumenate initiated the stage during which catechumens familiarized themselves with the Faith and prepared for Baptism. Before the actual Baptism, the status of catechumens was changed to “those being enlightened” [i.e., the stage of illumination]. During pre-baptismal catechesis, they were taught the Symbol of Faith and the Lord's Prayer, the “Our Father.” The pre-baptismal catechesis culminated in the *catechetical instruction* delivered by the bishop himself. (#64)