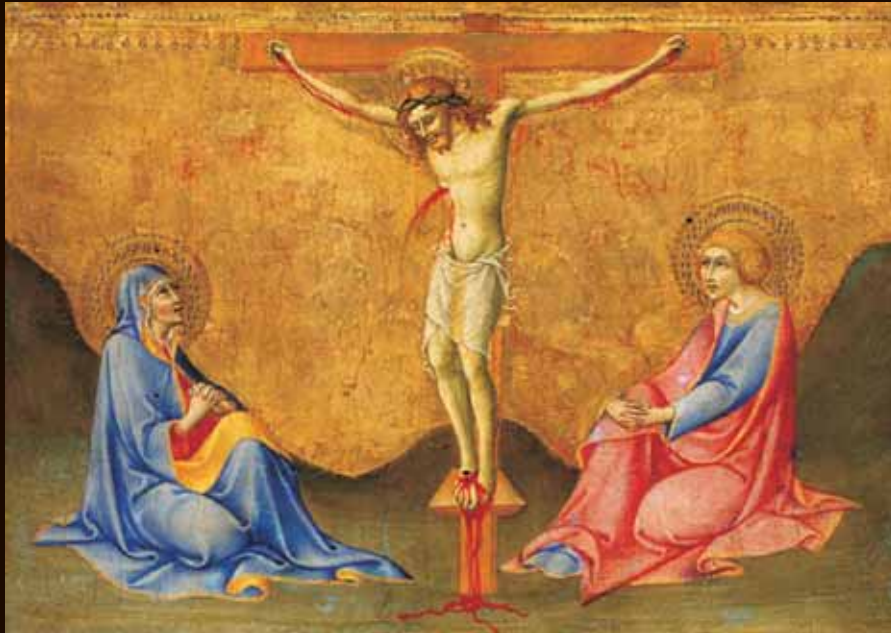


PRECATECUMENADO

The pre-catechumenate / Le pré-catéchuménat



Diócesis de Getafe



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Madrid - Spain

1. What is the Pre-catechumenate of Getafe?

It is an instrument for the missionary announcement and the first evangelisation:

- It offers a living and present Jesus Christ in his Church, God with us.**
- To start an initial conversion and faith.**
- Necessary fundament in the way of faith in the Catechumenate.**

2. What aspects of Baptism does it point out?

The offer of the Gospel in the Pre-catechumenate points out that the Baptism is:

- not a right that the man can demand and live according to their own understanding and will.**
- not a religious meaning that the man gives to himself.**
- on the contrary, an initiative and a gift of God. It needs to be announced, begged, given and welcomed.**
- the sacrament of faith. The Pre-catechumenate, with its announcement of the Gospel to cause the answer of faith, points out that the faith, ecclesial and personal, is an internal element of the sacrament.**

3. How is it developed?

- **With the Christian testimony.**
- **With the explicit announcement of Christ to all the no-Christians.**
- **With the proximity and availability of catechists who, personally, show, guide and accompany them in search of God.**
- **With the first explanation of the Gospel: the catechesi of the Pre-catechumenate.**



**Sympathizers with
their catechists**

4. What does the catechetical process consist of?

- 1. It is an ecclesial testimony that highlights the relationship between each sympathizer and Christ.**
- 2. The person of Jesus and his work are the nucleus of the catechesis of the Pre-catechumenate.**
- 3. It offers the person of Christ, the key of understanding the mystery of human being and the fundament of the achievement of life.**
- 4. It is proposed as the beginning of the personal knowledge of Christ, his following and his company.**
- 5. The paschal mystery demands the decision of an initial faith.**
 - a) Welcoming Christ as the Saviour. Welcoming his love, his forgiveness and his project in relation to human being.**
 - b) Joining the Christian Community in the listening of the Word, in the prayer, in the liturgy and in life.**

5. What is its goal?

The Pre-catechumenate finishes with the admission in the order of catechumens, carried out in the correspondent rite, which means fundamentally:

A) The fortress of God to renounce to idols and overcome the sin.



*“Rechaza, Señor,
con el soplo de tu boca
a los malignos espíritus:
Mándales que se aparten,
porque se acerca
tu reino”*

B) Agreement of love. The new catechumens are signed with the cross of Christ. It is the sign of an alliance that brings the Baptism forward and shows the way towards Him.

“Recibe la cruz en la frente: Cristo te fortalece con la señal de su caridad. Aprende ahora a conocerle y a seguirle. Recibe la señal de la cruz en los oídos, para que oigas la voz del Señor.



Recibe la señal de la cruz en los ojos, para que veas la claridad de Dios.

Recibe la señal de la cruz en la boca, para que respondas a la palabra de Dios.

Recibe la señal de la cruz en el pecho, para que Cristo habite por la fe en el corazón.

Recibe la señal de la cruz en la espalda, para que lleves el suave yugo de Cristo”

C) The admission in the Church, with the attitude of the person who wants to be taught and modelled, to listen to the Word.

*“Entrad en la Iglesia,
para que tengáis parte
con nosotros
en la mesa de la Palabra de
Dios”*



*“Dichoso el Pueblo
que el Señor se escogió como
heredad”
(Sal 32)*



*“Recibe el Evangelio
de Jesucristo,
Hijo de Dios”*



THE CATECHESI OF THE PRE-CATECHUMENATE

*Presentation of the person of Jesus Christ
and his Body, the Church,
the mystery of God,
hidden and shown in his humanity,
the call to conversion and salvation,
his forgiveness, his company and his following,
his divine affiliation
and his mission.*

1. **“Change your ways: the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”**

2. **“What is this? With what authority he preaches! He even orders evil spirits and they obey him!”**

3. **“Come, follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”**





4. **“Your sins are forgiven.”**

5. **“Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me.”**

6. **“Zaccheus, come down quickly for I must stay at your house today.”**

7. “Fortunate are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.”

8. “If you only knew the Gift of God! If you knew who it is that asks you for a drink, you yourself would have asked me and I would have given you living water.”

9. “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We now believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”





10. “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

11. “I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down freely. It is mine to lay down and to take up again: this mission I received from my Father”.

12. “He had loved those who were his own in the world, he would love them with perfect love.”

13. “Touch me and see for yourselves that a ghost has no flesh and bones as I have.”

14. “This Jesus whom you killed has raised up...

Each of you must repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”



In Christ, we have everything...

If you want to heal your wound, he is the doctor.

If you are burning with fever, he is the fountain.

If you are in need of help, he is strength.

If you are in dread of death, he is life.

If you are fleeing the darkness, he is light.

If you are hungry, he is food.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Happy are they who take refuge in him.

SAINT AMBROSE OF MILAN

