

Thank you for your recent inquiry about The WAY at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle. In response, I'm pleased to provide you a list of the following resources that I believe you will find helpful as you become further acquainted with the ministry of the Adult Catechumenate that has transformed congregational life for us over the course of the past 18 years.

By its very nature the Catechumenate is sparse on written/printed resources. The ancient Church coined the term that comes from the Greek meaning, "to resound in the ear." The process takes seriously Paul's words to the Romans, "faith comes from what is heard..." (Romans 10:17)

The essence of the Catechumenate is person-to-person ministry more like an apprenticeship in faith than membership in a pastor's training class. We like to say its curriculum is *Lectionary and Life*.

Nonetheless, here are some resources to enrich your journey of inquiry...

Print Resources:

[Go Make Disciples: An Invitation to Baptismal Living](#)

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Print Manual and DVD

The newest ecumenical resource offered by Augsburg Fortress

[Welcome to Christ](#)

The ELCA's introductory materials to the Catechumenate. Solid, Lutheran understanding of the process and its rites. Several volumes and a video. See either the ELCA or the Augsburg Fortress Website to order.

[Welcome to Christ: Lutheran Rites for the Catechumenate](#)

[Welcome to Christ: A Lutheran Introduction to the Catechumenate](#)

[Welcome to Christ: A Lutheran Catechetical Guide](#)

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[Welcome to Christ: Welcoming the Adult Inquirer](#)

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[Welcome to Christ: Sponsors Guide](#)

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[The Catechumenal Process](#)

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An Episcopalian resource similar to the Lutheran ones listed above, authorized by the 1988 General Convention in Detroit.

[The Hallelujah Highway: A History of the Catechumenate](#), Paul Turner

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A brief, readable survey of the Catechumenate in the church's history.

From Nomads to Pilgrims, edited by Diana Butler Bass and Joseph Stewart-Sicking

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Chapter five has a brief but thorough discussion of the Catechumenate's ministry in our congregation in Seattle.

Christianity for the Rest of Us, Diana Butler Bass,

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A broader discussion (than Nomads to Pilgrims) of 10 parishes across North America who are striving for transformational ministry through a variety of disciplines. The Catechumenate as practiced at Phinney Ridge in Seattle is sprinkled throughout.

By Water and the Word: The Scriptures of Baptism, Daniel B. Stevick

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A concise Biblical and liturgical study of all the scripture passages appointed for use at baptism in the Book of Common Prayer.

The Baptismal Mystery and the Catechumenate, edited by Michael W. Merriman

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A collection of the eight papers presented at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco in February 1988 at a conference by the same name.

The Awe-Inspiring Rites of Initiation, Edward Yarnold, S. J.

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Dating as far back as the Fourth Century, this book offers four sets of sermons from the church's life around the topics of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.

Living Water, Sealing Spirit, edited by Maxwell E. Johnson

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A much more scholarly collection of essays in which ancient sources are evaluated and analyzed.

The Shape of Baptism, The Rite of Christian Initiation, Aidan Kavanagh

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A theological and pastoral commentary on the history and reform of the rites of initiation, particularly the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in the Roman Catholic tradition.

Video/DVD Resources:Welcome to Christ

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A “nuts and bolts” explanation of the Catechumenal process from the ELCA perspective in the early days of this ministry. This is a companion piece to the print resources of the same name.

This Is the Night

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The story of one blue-collar Roman Catholic Church in Texas whose ministry is transformed by the Adult Catechumenate and the re-discovery of baptismal living.

Welcoming New Christians

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A Mennonite resource, this helpful video demonstrates the ease with which the Catechumenate can be a valued resource for parish renewal in small, non-liturgical church settings.

Web Resources:

ELCA Website www.elca.org

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Look for resources by searching “Catechumenate”

NAAC Website www.naac.org

North American Association for the Catechumenate

Look for ecumenical and training event resources

Training events:

Training events are the best way for a congregational team to get started in the Catechumenate and begin a local strategy.

Various Training Events are held across the country, are often ecumenical, and are designed for a pastor and a team of lay persons to attend.

Be watching for details about the next *Faith and Font* training event. You will be included in our mailing list and will get information about this event as the schedule develops.

On-site Training Events are available through our congregational team of pastors and laypersons who come to you and can be tailor presentations to your needs and situation.

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