

that Catholic feeling

Whether or not you have been baptized, the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* outlines a process for growing in faith. Here are four statements from the introduction to the rite that describe characteristics of the process. After each statement, answer the question as it could be applied to you.

1. "The rite of initiation is suited to a spiritual journey of adults that varies according to the many forms of God's grace, the free cooperation of the individuals, the action of the Church, and the circumstances of time and place" (number 5).

How would you describe where you are in your spiritual journey?

2. "The rite of Christian initiation . . . is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts" (number 1).

What steps might you take to "consciously and freely seek the living God"?

3. "The initiation of catechumens is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful" (number 4).

What actions could the Christian community take to help you grow in faith?

4. "The steps lead to periods of inquiry and growth; alternatively the periods may also be seen as preparing for the ensuing step" (number 7).

Name one thing that could happen in your life right now that might lead to your experiencing a growth spurt in your spiritual development.
