

Catholic Mystagogy



Part II – April 17, 2018
Living the Mystery



Putting the Experience into Words

- ❖ **How would you describe your RCIA experience from the beginning to the Easter Vigil?**
- ❖ **How do you view life differently because of this experience?**

The image shows the interior of a church, viewed from the back of the sanctuary looking towards the altar. A central aisle of light-colored wood or stone tiles leads from the foreground to the altar area. On either side of the aisle are rows of dark wooden pews. At the far end, the altar is visible, featuring a large crucifix on the wall. The church has a high ceiling with several chandeliers. The overall atmosphere is solemn and quiet.

Where was this picture taken?

This pathway begins and ends where?

So what does this tell us about our mission?

A religious painting depicting the biblical scene of Jesus washing the feet of a man. Jesus, with a halo, is kneeling on the left, pouring water from a golden basin over the foot of a man seated on the right. The man has a long white beard and is wearing a dark robe. In the background, other people are seated at a table with a white tablecloth, some looking on. The scene is set in a room with warm, golden light.

Our Mission: Evangelization and Service

BASIN THEOLOGY



Evangelization...

- ❖ ...is **not** primarily our initiative; **it is God's work**, and **we** seek to **respond as instruments** of the *Missio Dei*, God's eternal mission continued through our discipleship.
- ❖ ...**is** essentially **the way Jesus** not only proclaims but also **embodies the Good News**.



This raises serious questions for each of us.

- ❖ **Do we encounter people like Jesus did? Whom do we love? Whom do we avoid?**
- ❖ **Jesus was radically inclusive. How about us?**
- ❖ **Whose feet do I wash, literally or figuratively? Whose feet do I never think to wash? Who do I allow to wash my feet?**



OLA Ministries

Liturgical Ministries: All aspects of liturgy, including types of liturgies and types of ministers **Next week**

Adult Ministries: Women's, Men's, Living Matrimony, OLA Classics

Faith Formation: Religious education and sacramental preparation for all ages

Spirituality & Fellowship: Examples include prayer groups and hospitality events

Service & Outreach: Examples include Many Meals, support groups, connection to the larger community

Two weeks from tonight