

Sacraments of Initiation for Adults

Quick Reference Guide



Unbaptized Adult

Rites from *OCIA* Part I

- Lengthy preparation (1 year +)
- Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil
 - Baptism
 - Confirmation
 - Eucharist
- **No delegation required**



Baptized Adult (Eastern Orthodox/Catholic)

- **STOP!**
- **Call the Chancery**

Baptized Adult (Uncatechized, Non-Catholic)

Rites from *OCIA* Part II, Chapter V

- Lengthy preparation (1 year +) that mirrors the catechumenate (*OCIA* 401)
- Reconciliation before Reception
- Reception into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil with:
 - Confirmation
 - Eucharist
- **No delegation required**

Baptized Adult (Catechized, Non-Catholic)

Rites from *OCIA* Part II, Chapter VI

- No further burden than necessary to restore communion and unity (*OCIA* 473)
- Reconciliation before Reception
- Reception into Full Communion at the same celebration with:
 - Confirmation
 - Eucharist
- **Any Sunday or Feast Day**
- **No delegation required**

Baptized Adult (Catholic, No First Communion)

Rites from *OCIA* Part II, Chapter V

- Lengthy preparation (1 year +) that mirrors the catechumenate (*OCIA* 401)
- Reconciliation before Sacraments
- Reception into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil with:
 - Confirmation
 - Eucharist
- **Delegation required**

Baptized Adult (Catholic, First Communion)

This is an Adult Confirmation candidate

- Prepare for Confirmation and fill in gaps of catechetical formation
- Confirmed by Archbishop at Pentecost **OR**
- By pastor on Divine Mercy Sunday or another appropriate Feast
 - **Do not confirm at Easter Vigil**
 - **Delegation required**

Sacraments of Initiation for Children

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Unbaptized Child

Age 0-6 (the first day of 2nd Grade)

- Infant baptism according to typical norms
- **Do not form or assess “readiness” of child**
- **No delegation required**
- Prepare for Eucharist, Confirmation on “typical” timeline

Age 7+ years old (after first day of 2nd grade):

- Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil or other suitable time:
 - Baptism
 - Confirmation
 - Eucharist
- Use adaptations of *Order of Initiation* as outlined in *OCIA* 252ff.
- **Easter Vigil or another appropriate time**
- **No delegation required**

Baptized Child (Non-Catholic)

Age 0-6 years old

- Received into Full Communion at the will of the parents
- **Any time**
- **No delegation required**
- Prepare for Eucharist, Confirmation on typical timeline

Age 7-18 years old

- Receive into Church with Profession of Faith
- **When the Candidate is ready**
 - Public (during First Eucharist Mass)
 - Private (any time before First Eucharist Mass)
- **No delegation required**
- Prepare for Confirmation on typical timeline

Baptized Child (Catholic), not yet received First Holy Communion

Age 0-6 years old

- Prepare for Eucharist, Confirmation on typical timeline

Age 7-18 years old

- Reception of First Holy Communion
- **When the child is ready**
- **No delegation required**
- Prepare for Confirmation on typical timeline

In Danger of Death (all ages, situations)

- Utilize the rites in *OCIA* Part II, Chapter IV and *Pastoral Care of the Sick*, Chapter 8
- **No delegation required**

