

Got Questions? Ask the Panel: Q & A on God, Faith, and Morality
An Apostolate of Holy Family Church in Luling, LA

Question: Can a baby baptized in the United Church of Canada go on to be a full member in the Roman Catholic Church?

Answer: Yes, the Catholic Church recognizes baptism in the United Church of Canada as valid.

When considering the validity of non-Catholic baptism, the *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism* instructs “*Baptism by immersion, or by pouring, together with the Trinitarian formula is, of itself, valid.*”

When entering into full initiation (baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) to the Catholic Church, the details of the baptism (which Christian division, date, location etc.) should be presented to the Catholic Church. This is usually presented to the priest of the individual church that will Sacramentally initiate the candidate, or can be provided to any appropriate priest of the governing diocese. That will allow the priests of the Catholic Church to confirm that the baptism is considered valid before proceeding with the other Sacraments of Initiation into the Roman Catholic Church.

To see the full list of baptisms considered valid visit,
<https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/tribunal/valid-baptisms>

Also see this article for further information: [Why does the Church recognize Protestant baptism if Protestantism has no valid priesthood? | Catholic Answers](#)