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**Christian Initiation Pathways**

# Sacraments of Initiation for Adults | Quick Reference Guide

## **Baptized Adult**

*Uncatechized, Catholic*

- Rites from OCIA Part II, Chapter V
- Lengthy preparation (1 year+) that mirrors the catechumenate
- Reconciliation before Sacraments
- Reception into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil with:
  - Confirmation
  - Eucharist
- **Delegation required**

## **Baptized Adult**

*Catechized, Catholic*

- This is usually an adult Confirmation candidate who has already received First Communion, though occasionally the reverse (especially for some Hispanics)
- Prepare for Confirmation (and / or First Communion) and fill in gaps of catechetical formation
- Confirmed by pastor on an appropriate Feast (e.g. Pentecost) or by Bishop with other Confirmandi
- Do NOT confirm at Easter Vigil
- **Delegation required**

## **Baptized Adult**

*Uncatechized, Non-Catholic*

- Rites from OCIA Part II, Chapter V
- Lengthy preparation (1 year+) that mirrors the catechumenate
- Reconciliation before Reception
- Reception into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil with:
  - Confirmation
  - Eucharist
- No delegation required
- Entered into Baptismal register as Received into Full Communion

## **Baptized Adult**

*Catechized, Non-Catholic*

- Rites from OCIA Part II, Chapter VI
- No further burden than necessary to restore communion & unity
- Reconciliation before Reception
- Reception into Full Communion at the same celebration with:
  - Confirmation
  - Eucharist
- Any Sunday or Feast Day
- No delegation required
- Entered into Baptismal register as Reception into Full Communion

## **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*



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### **In danger of death** (all ages, situation).

- Utilize the rite in OCIA Part II, Chapter IV & Order of the Anointing of the Sick and Their Pastoral Care
  - Baptism, Confirmation, & First Communion if any not yet received
- No delegation required

# Sacraments of Initiation for Children | Quick Reference Guide

## **Unbaptized Child**

*Age 0 - 6*

- Infant baptism according to typical norms (Order of Baptism of Children)
- Do not form or assess "readiness" of child
- No delegation required
- Prepare for Eucharist, Confirmation on "typical" timeline

## **Unbaptized Child**

*Age 7 - 17*

- Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil or other suitable time:
  - Baptism
  - Confirmation
  - Eucharist
- Use adaptations of Order of Initiation as outlined in OCIA Part II, Chapter II
- No delegation required

## **Baptized Child**

*Non-Catholic, Age 0 - 6*

- Received into Full Communion at the will of the parents
- Chapter VI of Order of Baptism of Children: "Order of Bringing a Baptized Child to the Church"
- Anytime
- No delegation required
- Entered into Baptismal register as Reception into Full Communion
- Prepare for Eucharist, Confirmation on typical timeline

## **Baptized Child**

*Non-Catholic, Age 7 - 17*

- See above "Baptized Adult, Non-Catholic"
- Receive into Church with Profession of Faith
  - Confirmation
  - Eucharist
- When the candidate is ready
- Public or Private
- No delegation required
- Entered into Baptismal register as Reception into Full Communion
- Should still participate in normal catechesis after reception of Sacraments

## **Baptized Child**

*Catholic, First Communion not received, Age 0 - 6*

- Prepare for Eucharist and Confirmation on typical timeline

## **Baptized Child**

*Catholic, First Communion not received, Age 7 - 17*

- 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, situation).

- Utilize the rite in OCIA Part II, Chapter IV & Order of the Anointing of the Sick and Their Pastoral Care
  - Baptism, Confirmation, & First Communion if any not yet received
- No delegation required

# OCIA Pathways | Unbaptized

## Unbaptized Adults Ages 18 +

### Period 1 Evangelization & Precatechumenate

Name: "Inquirer / Seeker"

#### Step 1

Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate

### Period 2 Catechumenate

Name: "Catechumen"

#### Step 2

Rite of Sending  
Catechumens for Election

Rite of Election or  
Enrollment of Names

### Period 3 Purification & Enlightenment

Name: "Elect"

#### 1st Scrutiny

Handing on of the Creed

#### 2nd Scrutiny

#### 3rd Scrutiny

Handing on of the Lord's Prayer

Rites of Immediate  
Preparation

#### Step 3

Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation

### Period 4 Mystagogy

Name: "Neophyte"

## Unbaptized Children Ages 7 - 17

### Period 1 Evangelization & Precatechumenate

Name: "Inquirer / Seeker"

#### Step 1

Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate

### Period 2 Catechumenate

Name: "Catechumen"

Rite of Election or Enrollment of Names  
(optional for minors)

### Period 3 Purification & Enlightenment

Name: "Elect"

#### Step 2

Scrutinies or Penitential Rites

(at least 1 required for minors)

#### Step 3

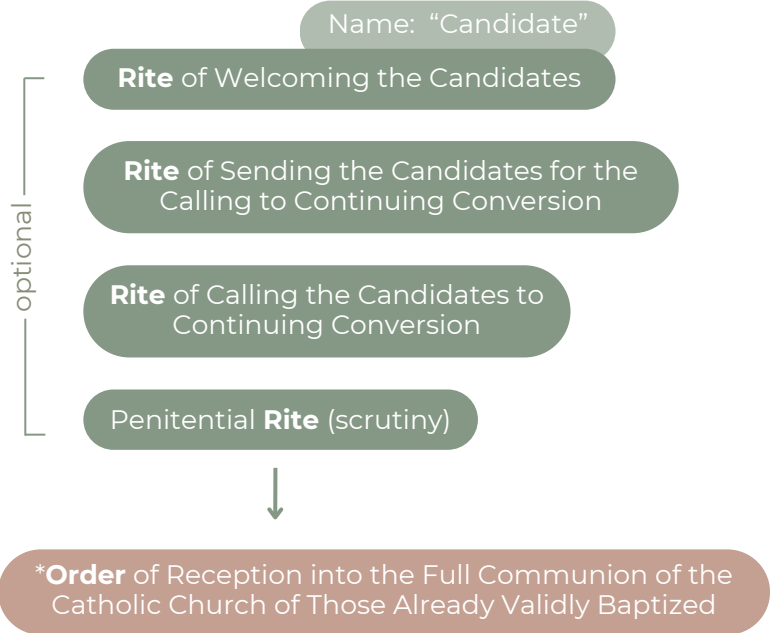
Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation

### Period 4 Mystagogy

Name: "Neophyte"

# OCIA Pathways | Baptized

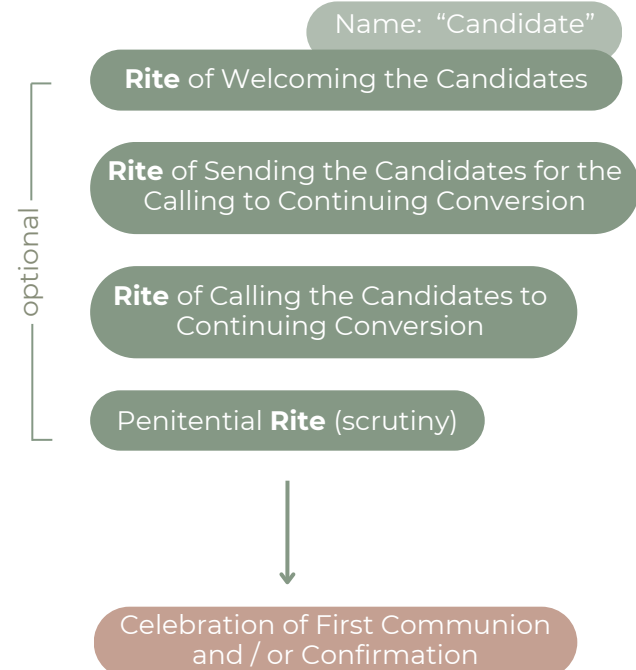
## Baptized non-Catholic Adult/Child Full Communion with Church Ages 7+



\*If under 7, still need to be received and recorded as having been received publicly, but uses the ritual in Chapter VI of the Order of Baptism of Children: Order of Bringing a Baptized Child to the Church, which includes the explanatory rites and blessings, as well as receiving Catholic sponsors/godparents)

## Baptized Catholic Adult not yet fully initiated

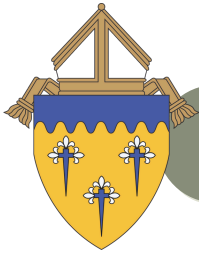
**Missing 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and / or Confirmation beyond normal age of reception**



# RESOURCES

For online access to these resources:

[catholicdos.org/what-makes-us-catholic](http://catholicdos.org/what-makes-us-catholic)



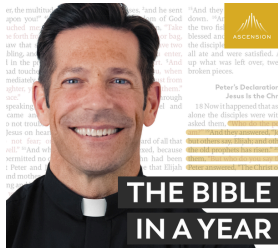
**Diocese of Superior  
OCIA Manual**

[catholicdos.org/order-of-christian-initiation-for-adults](http://catholicdos.org/order-of-christian-initiation-for-adults)



**Franciscan University of Steubenville  
Catechetical Institute OCIA Track**

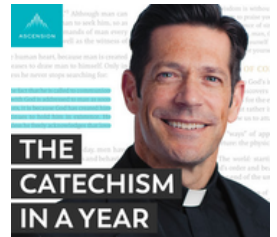
[franciscanathome.com/register](http://franciscanathome.com/register)



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Explanations of complex topics in bite-sized pieces.

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Asks the beginning question, “Why do we pursue faith at all?”

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**Symbolon**

**16 Episodes**

Dives into the Catholic Faith by breaking down the Creed.

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# RESOURCES

## Forgiven

### First 5 Episodes

Gives an introduction to the Sacrament of Confession.

[app.formed.org/app/collections/115608](http://app.formed.org/app/collections/115608)



## The Wild Goose

### 14 Episodes

Explains our relationship with the Holy Spirit, who we receive in a new way in Confirmation. Explores how we understand and live our identity as Christians in a deeper way.

[app.formed.org/app/collections/116526](http://app.formed.org/app/collections/116526)



## Sent By The Spirit

### 3 Episodes

Unlocks the truth and power of Confirmation by exploring our relationship with the person of the Holy Spirit, the biblical history of Pentecost, and the significance of the rite of Confirmation in the life of the Church, and every believer.

[app.formed.org/app/collections/765936](http://app.formed.org/app/collections/765936)



## Confirmation

### 9 Episodes

Delves into the riches of Scripture and Tradition to shed light on this all too often misunderstood sacrament

[app.formed.org/app/collections/1091660](http://app.formed.org/app/collections/1091660)



## Presence

### First 4 Episodes

Introduces the Holy Eucharist.

[app.formed.org/app/collections/116241](http://app.formed.org/app/collections/116241)



## Eternal Rest

### 4 Episodes

Explores the Christian understanding of death and what happens after - covering topics like heaven, hell purgatory and judgment.

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“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the  
holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.  
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

- Matthew 28:19-20 -

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