

Pathways toward Sacraments



Accompanying people in the sacramental life of the Church recognizes the gift of God's free and loving invitation to share in his life (grace and discernment), takes place within the parish community as we strive to imitate Christ in our daily lives (worship and discipleship), and forms individuals toward responding to this gift fully, consciously, and actively (prayer and catechesis).



Has this person been baptized already?

The Sacrament of Baptism cannot be repeated! Pastor verifies absence or validity of prior baptism and freedom of any impediment (like an irregular marriage) before continuing in a formation or ritual path.

BAPTIZED CHRISTIAN



Catholic

Participate in parish life & faith formation, especially Sunday Mass. After "age of reason" (around age 7) may begin immediate preparation toward other sacraments as appropriate



non-Catholic

candidate for reception into full communion

RCIA 473-501

Participate in parish life & faith formation "to deepen inner adherence to the Church where he or she will find the fullness of his or her baptism."

NEVER BAPTIZED



Is the person at least 7 years old?

If younger, form parents/child for baptism asap then proceed down "Baptized Catholic" path



Evangelization and Precatechumenate

RCIA 42

signs of initial conversion, intention to change personal life, and enter into a relationship with God in Christ

Rite of Acceptance

Catechumenate

catechumen

RCIA 75

Extended period of pastoral formation guidance to become familiar with the Christian way of life and liturgical rites to help catechumens in their journeys toward maturing initial faith

neophyte

RCIA 244-251

Time for community and neophytes together to grow in deepening their grasp of the Pascal Mystery, meditating on the Gospel, sharing the Eucharist and doing acts of charity.

Mystagogy

Baptism, Confirmation and 1st holy Communion at Easter Vigil with parish priest

Third Scrutiny

Second Scrutiny

First Scrutiny

Rite of Election

Purification and Enlightenment

Elect

RCIA 139

Lenten period of more intense spiritual preparation consisting more of interior reflection than catechetical instruction.

Penance

Confirmation by bishop

1st holy Communion

Continue practicing and growing in the Catholic faith by being active in a local parish, especially Sunday Mass, lifelong faith formation, and living faith in the world.

Sunday Eucharist

Penance

Holy Orders

Holy Matrimony

Anointing of the Sick

