

## Sacraments of Christian Initiation of Children

	<b>Formation</b>	<b>Sacraments Celebrated</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>
<b>Baptized Catholic Child seeking Confirmation and Eucharist</b> (ages 6-7 )	Two - Year Process Involving Parents  (Year One & Two Sacrament Preparation)	(Reconciliation) Confirmation and Eucharist	Parish Celebration with Bishop	Bishop
<b>Baptized Catholic Child seeking Confirmation and Eucharist</b> (ages 8-12 )	Two - Year Process Involving Parents  (Year One & Two with peers)	(Reconciliation) Confirmation and Eucharist	Parish Celebration with Bishop	Bishop
<b>Baptized Catholic Teen seeking Confirmation (Eucharist)</b> (age - 13 or older)	Participate in YM along with Preparation for Confirmation	(Reconciliation) Confirmation (Eucharist)	Diocesan Celebration with Bishop	Bishop
<b>Baptized Non-Catholic Child seeking Confirmation and Eucharist</b> (age - below 7)	Two - Year Process Involving Parents  (Year One & Two Sacrament Preparation)	(Reconciliation) Confirmation and Eucharist (*See notes on back about reception into Church)	Diocesan Celebration with Bishop	Bishop
<b>Baptized Non-Catholic Child seeking Confirmation and Eucharist</b> (age - 7 and older)	RCIA – Candidate Participate in age and time appropriate formation	(Reconciliation) (Rite of Reception Required) Confirmation and Eucharist	Upon completion of formation	Priest
<b>Unbaptized Child seeking Confirmation and Eucharist</b> (age - below 7)	Baptized according to <i>Rite of Baptism for Infants</i> Formation with peers	Baptism (+See notes on back)  Confirmation and Eucharist	As soon as possible  With Peers	Priest
<b>Unbaptized Child seeking Confirmation and Eucharist</b> (age - 7 and older)	RCIA – Catechumen Participate in age and time appropriate formation	Rite of Acceptance, Rite of Election Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist	Easter Vigil, Sunday of Easter	Priest

The following notes are taken from the Liturgical and Canonical Guidelines for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Diocese of Portland, 2006

**\*Baptized (not Catholic) children younger than seven whose parents are being received into the Catholic Church do not participate in the catechumenate process.** They are received into the Church on the same date as their parents with **no rite required** of them. Notation of their reception and record of the date and place of their baptism should be made in the parish baptismal register at the time of their parents' reception. They are to participate in catechesis for the sacraments and are to receive the remaining sacraments of Initiation with their Catholic peers.

**\*Baptized children younger than seven who were baptized in another Christian Denomination and whose parents are Catholics,** are considered to be received into the Church at the time of their reception of Confirmation/First Eucharist, with **no rite required** of them. The date of their Confirmation/First Eucharist should be noted in the parish baptismal register as their date of reception into full communion. A record of the date and place of their Baptism should also be entered. They are to participate with their Catholic peers in catechesis and the reception of the sacraments, and need not take part in a formal catechumenate.

**+Unbaptized children below the age of seven** are to be baptized according to the *Rite of Baptism for Children*, which is the rite used for infant baptism. Their Confirmation and Eucharist will be deferred according to diocesan policy. In the Diocese of Portland that will be at the age of seven or when the parish celebrates Confirmation/First Eucharist.