

“Sorting the Fish”

Matthew 13:47: “The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown in the sea, which collects fish of every kind.”

<p>✧ <u>Unbaptized Adults</u></p> <p>The “true” catechumen</p> <p>Period of the catechumenate should extend for at least 1-year* (RCIA nos. 7.2 & 76; National Statutes no. 6)</p> <p>Celebration of baptism, confirmation & eucharist at the Easter Vigil (Canon 842: 2, NS no. 14)</p>	<p>Part 1 (RCIA nos. 36-251)</p> <p>*Part 2, Section 2: Exceptional circumstances (RCIA nos. 331-369)</p> <p>*Part 2, Section 3: In Danger of Death (RCIA nos. 370-399)</p> <p><i>*Exceptions</i></p>
<p>✧ <u>Baptized, Uncatechized Adults</u></p> <p>The “true” candidate</p> <p>May participate in the elements of catechumenal formation, but should not take part in rites intended for catechumens (NS no. 31)</p> <p>Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church can take place at any Sunday Mass (RCIA no. 475, NS no. 32)</p> <p>It is preferable that they are not received into full communion at the Easter Vigil (NS no. 33), but it is allowed for pastoral reasons (NS no. 34).</p> <p>**Process may be adapted for uncatechized adult Catholics (Catholics are not candidates)</p>	<p>Part 2, Section 4: Preparation of Uncatechized Adults for Confirmation and Eucharist (RCIA nos. 400-472)</p> <p><i>**Uncatechized Catholics would not be treated like candidates for full communion.</i></p>
<p>✧ <u>Baptized, Catechized Adults</u></p> <p>The “true” candidate</p> <p>Those who have lived as Christians and need only instruction in the Catholic tradition should not be asked to undergo a full program parallel to the catechumenate (RCIA no. 473, NS no. 31).</p> <p>Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church can take place at any Sunday Mass (RCIA no. 475, NS no. 32)</p>	<p>Part 2, Section 5: Reception of Baptized Christians into Full Communion (RCIA nos. 473-504)</p>
<p>✧ <u>Returning Catholics</u></p> <p>Not a candidate</p> <p>A process of updating that is not a part of the RCIA is better.</p>	<p>Re-Membering Church or Journey Home would be better processes.</p>
<p>✧ <u>Children of Catechetical Age</u></p> <p>Children who have reached the age of reason (age 7) are considered adults; their formation would follow the catechumenal model with appropriate adaptations (NS no. 18).</p> <p>They receive the sacraments all together as with older catechumens/candidates (NS no. 18; Code of Canon Law 842, 852 & 866).</p>	<p>Part 2, Section 1: Christian Initiation of Children who have reached Catechetical Age (RCIA nos. 252-330) – unbaptized catechumens</p> <p>*Part 2, Sections 4 & 5 mentioned above – baptized candidates</p> <p><i>*Exceptions</i></p>