

Children of Catechetical Age

Concerning Children

An unbaptized child who has reached catechetical age (viz. about the age of 7) and wishes to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church, should follow the complete process of initiation as outlined in the RCIA, Part II, #1.

A Christian child baptized in a non-Catholic Church who has reached catechetical age should follow a process that leads to the celebration of Confirmation and Eucharist according to the norms of the "Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church." See Part II, #5 of the RCIA.

A Christian child baptized in an Eastern Orthodox Church who has reached catechetical age who wish to enter into the fullness of Catholic communion, no liturgical rite is required, but simply a profession of Catholic faith. N.B. Members of these Churches are incorporated into the corresponding Catholic Rite (e.g. Greek Orthodox become Greek Catholic) unless permission to transfer to the Latin Rite has been procured from the Vatican prior to their making a Profession of Faith.

A child baptized as an infant in the Catholic Church who has reached catechetical age and has not received the sacrament of Eucharist with his/her peer group follows a process that will lead to the celebration of the Eucharist at a time designated by the parish, preferably a Sunday of the Easter season.

A child baptized as an infant in the Catholic Church who has reached catechetical age and has not received the sacrament of Confirmation with his/her peer group follows a process that will lead to the celebration of the sacrament at the time that Confirmation is administered in the parish by the bishop.