Is the person validly Baptized?

**NO**

Adult Child of Catechumen Age ("7-14")

**YES**

Baptized Catholic (Catechized) (First Communion; Not Confirmed)

Baptized Catholic (Uncatechized) (Neither First Communion nor Confirmation)

Baptized but Uncatechized Non-Catholic**

Baptized AND Catechized Non-Catholic**

**1ST STEP**

1. Period of the Pre-Catechumenate (RCIA #73-80)

- Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (RCIA #41-74)
- Celebrations of the Word (RCIA #81-89)
- Minor Exorcisms (RCIA #90-94)
- Blessings of the Catechumens (RCIA #95-97)
- Anointing of the Catechumens (RCIA #98-103)
- Presentations of the Creed and Lord’s Prayer can be done at this time (#104-105) instead of during Lent (see below)
- Sending of the Catechumens for Election (RCIA #106-117)

**2ND STEP**

2. Period of the Catechumenate (RCIA #77-81)

- First Scrutiny (3rd Sunday of Lent) (RCIA #141-146; 150-156)
- Presentation of the Creed (if not already done) (RCIA #147-149 and 157-163)
- Second Scrutiny (4th Sunday of Lent) (RCIA #141-146; 164-170)
- Third Scrutiny (5th Sunday of Lent) (RCIA #141-146; 171-177)
- Presentation of The Lord’s Prayer (if not already done) (or may be part of the Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday) (RCIA #147-149 and 178-194)
- Preparation Rites of Holy Saturday (RCIA #185-205)

**3RD STEP**

3. Period of Purification / Enlightenment (RCIA #138-149)

- Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (RCIA #206-243) (Roman Missal: Easter Vigil)
- Masses for Neophytes (RCIA #247-248) (Celebration to Close formal period of Mystagogy (RCIA #249)
- Anniversary Mass (RCIA #250)
- Neophyte Mass with Bishop (RCIA #251)
- Offer Sacramental Reconciliation

**4TH STEP**

4. Mystagogy

- Mystagogy (#330)

*Strictly speaking, the Periods of the RCIA refer only to those who are not baptized. Those who are already baptized are admitted into full communion as soon as they are ready; there is no need to wait for the Easter Vigil. In fact, it is preferred that only the Elect celebrate the Sacraments of initiation at the Vigil and that Candidates are received and/or complete their initiation at another time.

**If baptized in a church that is considered to be in apostolic succession and thus having valid sacraments (including Eucharist and Confirmation/Chrismation), Confirmation is not repeated. Eastern Churches typically fully initiate in infancy. Eastern Rite Catholics are ascribed into the corresponding Eastern Catholic Church, NOT the Latin (Roman) Catholic Church.*