

VALID BAPTISM

Advisory list prepared by the Worship Office and the Metropolitan Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Detroit

African Methodist Episcopal	Patriotic Chinese Catholics
Amish	Polish National Church (valid Confirmation too)
Anglican	Presbyterians
Ancient Eastern Churches (Syrian-Antiochian, Coptic, Malabar-Syrian, Armenian, Ethiopian)	Reformed Church
Assembly of God	Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (since 2001 known as the Community of Christ)
Baptists	Society of Pius X (followers of Bishop Marcel Lefebvre)
Christian and Missionary Alliance	United Church of Canada
Church of Christ	United Church of Christ
Church of God	United Reformed
Church of the Brethren	Uniting Church of Australia
Church of the Nazarene	Waldesian
Congregational Church	Zion
Disciples of Christ	
Eastern Orthodox Churches	
Episcopalians – Anglicans	<u>LOCAL DETROIT AREA COMMUNITIES</u>
Evangelical	Abundant Word of Life
Evangelical United Brethren	Brightmoor Church
Jansenists	Detroit World Outreach
Liberal Catholic Church	Grace Chapel, Oakland
Lutherans	Kensington Community
Methodists	Mercy Rd. Church, Redford (Baptist)
Metropolitan Community Church	New Life Ministries, St. Clair Shores
Old Catholic Church	Northridge Church, Plymouth
Old Roman Catholic Church	

DOUBTFUL BAPTISM....NEED TO INVESTIGATE EACH

Adventists	Moravian
Lighthouse Worship Center	Pentecostal
Mennonite	Seventh Day Adventists

DO NOT CELEBRATE BAPTISM OR HAVE INVALID BAPTISM

Amana Church Society	National David Spiritual
American Ethical Union	Temple of Christ Church Union
Apostolic Church (Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church of God) (not to be confused with Armenian Apostolic)	National Spiritualists Association
	New Age
	New Jerusalem Church (Swedenborg or “New Age” Church)
	Peoples Church of Chicago



Apostolic Faith Mission
 Bohemian Free Thinkers
 Children of God (“The Family”)
 Christadelphians
 Christian and Missionary Alliance
 Christian Community (Rudolf Steiner)
 Christian Scientists (no baptism)
 Christians of the Universalist Brotherhood
 Church of Christ (Scientist or Christian Science)
 Church of Daniel’s Band
 Church of Divine Science
 Church of Illumination
 Church of the New Jerusalem
 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
 Saints (Mormon)
 Church of Revelation
 Church of Scientology
 Church of the Universal Brotherhood (Doukhobors)
 Erieside Church
 Faith Missionary Association
 General Assembly of Spiritualists
 Hephzibab
 House of David Church
 Iglesia ni Kristo (Phillipines)
 Independent Church of Filipino Christians
 Jehovah’s Witnesses
 Masons (no baptism)
 Metropolitan Church Association

Quakers (Society of Friends)
 Reunification Church
 (Unification Church or Moonies)
 Salvation Army
 Shakers (no baptism)
 The Way
 Unitarians
 United Society of Believers (Shakers)
 Universal Emancipation Church

LOCAL DETROIT AREA COMMUNITIES

Bethesda, Macomb County
 Country Christian Church, North Branch
 Greater Grace Temple, Detroit
 Messianic Jewish baptism

The Validity of Baptism is tested by three criteria:

1. Real water must be used and administer by pouring or immersion (sprinkling)
2. The formula of the Blessed Trinity must recited
3. The minister of baptism must intend to perform the baptism, i.e., the minister of baptism must intend what the Church intends and means by baptism. (In the baptism of an adult, the person must want to be baptized.)

The above list is not exhaustive, nor it is authoritative, it is merely a guide. A thorough inquiry should be made before determining whether a baptism is valid or not (canon 869). This inquiry should include asking the person who was baptized what their memories of the ceremony are, or, in the case of infant baptism, inquiring of parents or relatives who were actually present at the baptism. Many ecclesial communities also perform dedication ceremonies for infants, which are not the same as a baptism. Only after a serious inquiry, if doubt remains, should recourse be had to a conditional baptism.

