

Sacramental Records – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church (Profession of Faith)

Those validly previously baptized in another ecclesial Community¹ who are received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church according to the rite and requirements found beginning at RCIA, 473.

The following is an excerpt from the Pastoral Manual for the Diocese of Austin.

11. Profession of Faith (Section E-26ff.)

- a. Profession of Faith should be recorded in the Reception into Full Communion register or in a separate and clearly marked section at the back of the baptismal register.
- b. When confirmation has been received, the name of the person making the profession is to be recorded in the confirmation register, with a reference in the index to the page and entry number in the baptismal or Reception into Full Communion register.
- c. An optional certificate may be issued as soon as possible after the event.
- d. If already validly baptized in a non-Catholic Church, the date and denomination of baptism, along with the date of Profession of Faith and other pertinent information, is to be entered in the notation section.
- e. With the promulgation of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) in the United States, the creation and maintenance of new registers relating to catechumens has been required.
 - i. These are Registers of Catechumens, the Book of the Elect, and Reception into Full Communion (See Appendix II: Additional Registers E-51 (Page below III. Reception into Full Communion)).

III. Reception into Full Communion (E-51)

- A. This register lists the names of those individuals who have been received into full Communion in the Catholic Church.
- B. This register is to replace profession of faith entries in the baptism and/or confirmation registers.
- C. The record is to include:
 1. Full name of the individual
 2. Date and place of the profession
 3. Name of the sponsor(s)
 4. Name of the minister
 5. Date, place, and minister of baptism
- D. Supporting documentation may include a copy of the individual's baptismal certificate.
 1. An optional certificate may be issued as soon as possible after the event.

¹ See Diocese of Austin Pastoral Manual, "Rite of Christian Initiation," L-11 for related issues and L-14ff for a list of valid baptisms.