Becoming Catholic *for those age 7 and older*

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Diocese of Bridgeport

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Baptized Catholic?
- NO → Baptized, but not Catholic?
  - YES → Orthodox?
    - NO → Protestant with valid Baptism?
      - NO → Unbaptized
        - YES → **Catechumen (OCIA)**
      - YES → Check chart/ call office
        - Valid Baptism → OCIA *Entering into full Communion*
        - Invalid Baptism → **Catechumen (OCIA)**
      - Not Sure → Check chart/ call office
    - YES → **Simple Profession of Faith**
  - NO → They say they are, but we can't find the record → **Call Institute**
- YES → First Communion?
  - NO → How old?
    - Under 10 → **Join formation at the parish or Catholic school & enroll in immediate prep at the parish**
    - 10-17 → **Personalized formation at the parish, person receives Holy Communion, joins parish formation that will include prep for Confirmation**
    - Adult → Practicing Catholic?
      - YES → **Parish formation - person receives Holy Communion at Mass and Confirmation at Pentecost**
      - NO → **Parish formation as candidate for full Communion**
  - YES → Confirmation?
    - NO → How old?
      - 18+ → Getting married soon?
        - YES → **Personal Formation, Sacraments ASAP**
        - NO → **Parish formation as candidate for full Communion**
      - 8-17 → Within 1-2 years of age for reception of sacrament with peers?
        - YES → **Join regular faith formation**
        - NO → Have they had regular faith formation?
          - YES → **May join in next parish Confirmation; consider some personal prep**
          - NO → **Find some mode of individual formation**
    - YES → Congratulations! You are fully initiated.

Confirm NOW!
- YES → Danger of death?
  - NO → **Join regular faith formation**

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