

Valid Baptism and Confirmation List

The Roman Catholic norm for valid Baptism must follow the proper matter and form. The “matter” is water Baptism by immersion or pouring three times. The “form” is the Trinitarian formula as found in the liturgical books [canons 849 and 850; RCIA, no. 226].

Some separated Churches and ecclesial communities with valid baptism

All Eastern non-Catholics (Orthodox)
Adventist
African Methodist Episcopal
Amish
Anglican
Assembly of God
Baptist
Christian and Missionary Alliance
Church of the Brethren
Church of Christ
Church of God
Congregational
Disciples of Christ
Episcopalian
Evangelical
Evangelical United Brethren
Liberal Catholic
Lutheran
Methodist
Old Catholic
Old Roman Catholics
Polish National
Presbyterian
Reformed
United Church of Canada
United Church of Christ
United Reformed
Uniting Church of Australia
Waldensian
Zion

Some ecclesial communities without valid baptism

Apostolic Church
Bohemian Free Thinkers
Christadelphians
Christian Community (Rudolf Steiner)
Christian Scientists (no baptism)
Church of Divine Science
Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints
(Mormons)
Church of the Universal Brotherhood
(Doukhobors)
Jehovah’s Witnesses
Masons (no baptism)
New Church of Mr. Emmanuel Swedenborg
(Church of the New Jerusalem in the USA)
Peoples Church of Chicago
Reunification Church
Salvation Army
Shakers (no baptism)
Society of Friends (Quakers; no baptism)
Unitarians

Communities whose baptism is doubtful because ministers do not observe a uniform practice and for which investigation is required in each case: Mennonite, Moravian, Pentecostal, and Seventh Day Adventist.

John M. Huels, OSM. *The Pastoral Companion: A Canon Law Handbook for Catholic Ministry*. Third edition. Quincy IL: Franciscan Press, 1995. Page 342.

Some separated ecclesial communities with valid confirmation are: All Eastern non-Catholics (Orthodox), Old Catholic Church, Polish National Church, and Society of Pius X.

Consult the diocesan Office of Worship as needed.

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