

# The Revised Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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# The Books

- ◆ 1972 Typical Edition of Ordo Initiationis Christianæ Adultorum
- ◆ 1974 Provisional English Translation for the US
- ◆ 1988 Official English Translation with Adaptations for the US
- ◆ 2024 Revised English Translation with Adaptations for the US
  - ◆ May use on December 1, 2024; Must use by March 5, 2025



# Examples of Revised Words

- ◆ “Candidates”
  - ◆ “Inquirers”
  - ◆ “Well-disposed”



# Other Features

- ◆ Sense lines
- ◆ Capitalizations
- ◆ Retention of adaptations
  - ◆ Parallel rites and Combined rites
  - ◆ Renumbering of paragraphs AND of chapters



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# Three Takeaways

- ◆ The Easter Vigil is designed for the baptism of the elect, not for the Reception of validly baptized Christians
- ◆ The Reception of such candidates may take place at any time of year
- ◆ All preliminary rites are for uncatechized baptized candidates



# The Order of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church of Those Already Validly Baptized

- ◆ Chapter VI (473-498)
- ◆ “of” not “with”
- ◆ Conceived without preliminary Rites
- ◆ Written for an individual candidate
- ◆ Original occasion was an agreed-upon celebration of the Mass



# Formation and Celebration

- ◆ 473: The rite "is so arranged that no further burden is imposed than what is necessary to restore communion and unity (cf. Acts 15:28)"
- ◆ Cf. Second Vatican Council, Decree on Ecumenism, Unitatis redintegratio, no. 18.



# Vision for Catechesis

- ◆ Ask about Christian background: beliefs, community, activities, worship
- ◆ Creed
- ◆ “all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims as revealed by God” (491)



# Sponsors

- ◆ “If the situation warrants, a sponsor, namely a man or a woman who had a greater role than others in leading or preparing the candidate, may accompany the one being admitted in the Reception itself; two sponsors may also be permitted” (483).



# Rite of Penance

- ◆ “If the Profession and Reception take place during Mass, the one being received should confess his or her sins with attention to personal circumstances, having made the confessor aware of the forthcoming Reception. Any duly approved confessor may hear this confession” (482).



# Order of Reception

- ◆ “If the Reception takes place on a Solemnity or on a Sunday, the Mass of the day should be celebrated; on other days, however, it is permissible to use the Mass for the Unity of Christians” (487).



- ◆ “At the end of the Homily, the celebrant, in these or similar words, briefly invites the candidate to come forward”
- ◆ “**N.**, since after mature deliberation in the Holy Spirit and of your own free will you have asked to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, I now invite you to come forward with your sponsor and in the presence of this community to profess the Catholic faith...” (490).



- ◆ “Then the person to be received, together with the faithful, recites the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, which is always said at this Mass.”
- ◆ “I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims as revealed by God.” (491).



- ◆ “The celebrant then lays his right hand upon the head of the person to be received, unless Confirmation immediately follows. In either case, he says:
- ◆ ‘**N.**, the Lord receives you into the Catholic Church. In his mercy he has led you here, so that in the Holy Spirit you may have full communion with us in the faith you have professed before this his family.’
- ◆ If the person received is not [to be] confirmed, the greeting immediately follows the formula of Reception (no. 495)” (492).



- ◆ Confirmation with the revised translation (493-494)
- ◆ Celebrant's Sign of Welcome: "After Confirmation the celebrant greets the one newly received, taking his (her) hand between his own hands as a sign of friendship and acceptance..." (495).



- ◆ Universal Prayer (496)
- ◆ Sign of Peace: "After the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) the sponsor and, if there are only a few persons, all who are present may, if appropriate, greet the newly-received person in a friendly manner. In this case the Sign of Peace before Communion may be omitted. Finally, the person received returns to his (her) place" (497).
- ◆ Celebration of the Eucharist



# Reception of Young Children

- ◆ If the child is below the age of reason, a juridic act replaces the liturgical rites, and confirmation and communion follow later
- ◆ E.g., parents or guardians make a declaration in the presence of the pastor or his delegate, and reception is noted in parish register



- ◆ 14-16: the Register of Catechumens and Register of Reception into Full Communion are to be kept in the parish archives
- ◆ In editions of the Registers of Catechumens and Reception with no column for the date and place of birth, use the remarks section
- ◆ In the Register of Reception, if there is no column for the place of reception, use the remarks section
- ◆ Additional information is to be noted