



Diocese of
Fall River
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The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Who's Who and What To Do

Who	What to do				Note
Catechumen (Unbaptized)	Rite of Entrance	Rite of Election	The Three Scrutinies	Baptism Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil	Permission for the Rite of Election in the Parish must be granted by Bishop
Candidate (Baptized Protestant)	Rite of Welcoming	Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion (Optional)	When readiness is established: Profession of Faith, Eucharist and Confirmation at 1. Sunday Mass or 2. The Easter Vigil		Faculty for Priest to Confirm granted by law
Baptized Catholic Adult Requesting Confirmation	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Conferral of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop OR Confirmation Conferred by Pastor (if granted faculties by Bishop)			Priest must request faculties from Bishop to Confirm
Orthodox Christian	Profession of Faith at Sunday Mass				
Unbaptized Child 7+ Years Old (Catechumen)	Rite of Entrance	Rite of Election	The Three Scrutinies	Baptism Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil	Age-appropriate catechesis should be provided