

Baptismal Certificates

Christian Baptism is honored by the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church never re-baptizes if the baptism is a Christian baptism

A Christian baptism is one that included in the ceremony the pouring, emersion, or sprinkling of water on the candidate with the biblical baptismal prayer, “I baptize you...” or “ name is baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

In this spirit we ask you to please bring a copy of the official baptismal certificate or evidence of Christian baptism (see below) to the Adult Ministries office by

Christian Churches honor baptism and keep excellent records of each baptism.

If you do not have an official baptismal certificate:

Contact the church of baptism and ask them to:

- Create a certificate from their records and send to you for your records. Bring us a copy.
- OR
- Make a copy of the record as it is found in the baptismal registry and send us this record.

No record can be found?

Ask a relative that witnessed the baptism to please write us a letter verifying:

- Legal name of the candidate and parents names and godparents of known.
- The baptism was performed using the Christian biblical formula (above)
- Date and year (as close as possible)
- Name and address of the church
- Officiating Minister

In the event that there is genuine doubt that the person was baptized we may consider a conditional baptism

In this case the person is baptized with all other catechumens – the officiating minister is aware that the baptism is conditional. If we learn at a later date that the person was baptized the conditional baptism is considered invalid and the original baptismal record is entered into the sacramental books.