

Archdiocese of Boston

OFFICE for WORSHIP OCIA REFERENCE CHART

This chart lists possible categories of participants in Christian initiation and the canonical and the liturgical aspects of their pastoral care.

	Rite of Election	Call to Continue Conversion at the Rite of Election	Scrutinies	Sacrament of Penance	At the Easter Vigil Baptism Confirmation Eucharist	At the Easter Vigil or Sunday Mass Confirmation Eucharist	Confirmation by Priest	Confirmation by Bishop	Permission to Confirm during the Easter Season	Confirmation by Priest Eucharist at Sunday Mass	Profession of Faith No Liturgical Rites	Special – Call Chancery or the Office for Worship
X= Yes												
Catechumen (not baptized)	X		X		X		X					
Christian Candidate (not baptized in Catholic Church)		X (2)		X		X	X					
Catholic Adult (1) Baptized/ Uncatechized		X (2)		X		X			X			
Catholic Adult Baptized/Catechized				X				X				
Orthodox Christian											X	X
Unbaptized Child (catechumen) 7+ years	X		X		X		X					
Catholic Child Baptized/Uncatechized (under 14 years)				X				X		X		

(1) “Uncatechized” here refers to baptized Catholics who have never prepared for or received First Holy Communion.

(2) Candidates are not required to participate in the Call to Continuing Conversion though they are welcome to do so.

If you have any questions please contact the Office for Worship at 617-746-5753.