



### **Policy 701 – Adult Conversion**

Anyone seven (7) years or older wishing to convert to Roman Catholicism at St. Cecilia Catholic Church will be directed to do the following:

1. Persons eighteen (18) years or older are asked to contact the Church Office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor.
  - a. The normal path of conversion is the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Conversion to Catholicism occurs at the Easter Vigil.
  - b. A different date for conversion may be scheduled at the discretion of the Pastor.
  - c. Non-Baptized persons will be baptized, confirmed, and receive First Holy Eucharist on the date of conversion.
  - d. Those previously (and validly) baptized will be received, confirmed, and receive First Holy Eucharist on the date of their conversion.
    - Potential converts must schedule their first Confession with the Pastor prior to their conversion.
  - e. The date of conversion is scheduled through the Church Office in collaboration with the Pastor and Director of Religions Education or Deacon, if stationed at St. Cecilia Catholic Church.
  - f. An Adult Inquirer Form, a Sponsor Information Form, and a New Parishioner Form must be completed and submitted to the Church Office before a date of conversion is scheduled.
  - g. Those in irregular 'marriages' must resolve any issues with the Pastor of St. Cecilia Catholic Church prior to scheduling a date for their conversion.
  - h. Following the convert's Baptism or reception into the Catholic Church, all Sacramental Registers must be immediately updated.
  - i. Camino must also be updated.
  - j. Completed forms are to be archived for 3 years.
2. Persons thirteen (13) to seventeen (17) years may request a meeting with the Pastor through their parents.
  - a. Parents must be present at the meeting with the Pastor.
  - b. Conversion must be requested by the potential convert.
  - c. If requested, the normal path of conversion is the same as those for persons eighteen (18) years or older.
3. Parents of children age seven (7) to twelve (12) must request a meeting with the Pastor before scheduling a date of conversion. As the child has reached the age of reason (7 years old), he or she must request to be baptized or received into the Catholic Church.
  - a. If requested, the normal path of conversion is the same as Infant Baptism.
4. Visiting Priests of the Diocese of Covington are welcome to baptize upon request of the minor's parents, and with permission from the Pastor of St. Cecilia Catholic Church.



5. Visiting Catholic Priests of another Diocese must be approved by the Diocese of Covington Office of the Chancery of the Diocese of Covington after being granted permission from the Pastor.

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