**Required Documentation**

**This Section Applies to all Baptized Persons**
All baptized persons seeking either

* (1) complete their initiation in the Catholic Church, or
* (2) wish to become Catholic are required to submit a copy of their baptism certificate. The proof of Baptism for all participants must be submitted before the Rite of Acceptance occurs.  Note the following specific requirements:

1.  Non-Catholic: A person baptized in a Christian church, *in the Trinitarian Formula with Water*, will need to provide a copy of proof of their baptism (certificate, announcement, letter from witness, copy of church ledger page).

2.  Catholic: A person baptized in the Catholic Church must provide a **NEW** certificate of Baptism from the parish where they were baptized, *and this certificate must be dated within the current six month period*.  We do not accept old original certificates presented to the parents on the original date of baptism.  Catholics must contact the parish where they were baptized in to request a new certificate with the appropriate date notations.

     \* Note for Catholics - this is a universal requirement within the Catholic Church.  Those who were baptized in other countries, *regardless of where*, are not exempt from this requirement.

**This Section Applies to all un-baptized Persons**
Prior to the scheduled initiation with Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion, the un-baptized adult must furnish the following information:
	+ Copy of Birth Certificate; or
	+ Copy of Formal Adoption Decree
	+ Names of parents listed on either of above listed records.\*

\* Please note: We are not permitted to omit a parent's name if they are listed on either Birth or Adoption record, due to strained relationship.  Either both parents are listed, or neither.