

Baptism (Baptism means to plunge)

The universal Catholic Church is, “a corporate body of Churches”.

Baptism , the gate to the sacraments, necessary for salvation in fact or at least in intention, by which men and women are freed from their sins, are reborn as children of God and configured to Christ by an indelible character, are incorporated in the Church is validly conferred only by washing with true water together with the required form of the words.

Essential Words (Formula) for the Roman Church

- 1) Form of baptism is: I baptize you in the Name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.**

Essential Words (Formula) for the Eastern Church

- 1) The servant of God (Name) is baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

All the Churches have a SOLEMN BAPTISM and NON-SOLEMN. The non-Solemn baptism does not have all the rites and ceremonies. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A PRIVATE BAPTISM –THERE IS MINIMAL RITE THAT CAN BE USED.

Canon 845 Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders cannot be repeated since they imprint a character.

Baptism must be administered in accord with the Liturgical Books, which is the rite of the particular church in which the person is baptized. Canon 846 #2. The ministers are to celebrate the sacraments according to their own rite.

Baptism may be by Immersion or by pouring according the rite of the Church to which the person belongs.

A PERSON BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSAL CATHOLIC THROUGH BAPTISM IN THEIR LOCAL CHURCH.

THE LOCAL CHURCH IN WHICH THE PERSON IS BAPTIZED BELONGS TO ONE OF THE FIVE PATRIARCHCATES.

