

The road: stages, rites and your sponsor

You don't do this alone, and you don't do it all at once.

In short. Becoming Catholic is a journey in stages, each marked by a rite, toward maturity of faith in a real community.^{1,2} A godparent or sponsor, a firm believer, walks with you.^{3,4}

Key points

- Christian initiation is a journey in stages.¹
- Each godparent must be a firm believer.³
- A valid baptism is never repeated.⁵

Try this, this week

1. Read Luke 19:1–10.
2. Write down two people who might be your sponsor.
3. Ask your parish when the next Rite of Acceptance is.

“When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.’”

Luke 19:5, World English Bible

Common questions

Remember: Less like a class, more like being walked home.

Sources

1. CCC 1229
2. CCC 1248
3. CCC 1255
4. CCC 1311
5. CCC 1272

Quotation above: Luke 19:5, World English Bible. Catechism: official text on vatican.va.

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