

**RCIA Sacramental Guidelines – UPDATE: May 2020.**  
**Archdiocese of New York**

CHANGES TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE RCIA Note the following changes to the celebration of the RCIA for this year and in light of our gradual return to public worship:

1. Permission has been given for the celebration of the rites of initiation for adults at a Sunday Mass outside of the Easter season and at the discretion of the pastor (RCIA 26, 34.2).
2. If the scrutiny rites have not already been celebrated, at least one must take place prior to initiation, preferably on a Sunday (30, 34.3, 331).
3. The reception of candidates into the full communion of the Catholic Church may take place at any Sunday Mass. It is preferred that this rite be celebrated separately from the initiation of catechumens, although these two groups may be combined for pastoral reasons.
4. The faculty to confirm those candidates in the catechumenate who were baptized as Catholics and who have not celebrated Confirmation and Eucharist is given to pastors, administrators, and to any priest that a pastor or administrator sub-delegates, under the following conditions:
  - to be used only for baptized Catholics who have fully participated in the process and catechesis of the 1988 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or its equivalent; and,
  - when the celebration of Confirmation takes place during a Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy.If any of these conditions is not met, then the faculty to confirm must be specifically requested from the vicar general.
5. **These changes will be in effect from the time when permission is given by the office of the vicar general for the resumption of Sunday Masses with supervised attendance (Level V).**