

## VALID AND INVALID BAPTISM: A ROMAN CATHOLIC GUIDE 2017

**VALID:** The following is a list of baptisms which are considered **valid**, as both water (*pouring, sprinkling, or immersing the one baptized*) and the Trinitarian formula (“*I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*”) are used. Also, the minister must intend to do what the Church does when baptizing.

- All Eastern non-Catholics (including all Orthodox churches)
- African Methodist Episcopal
- Amish
- Anglican / Church of England
- Assembly of God
- Baptists
- Christian and Missionary Alliance
- Church of the Brethren
- Church of Christ
- Church of God
- Congregational
- Disciples of Christ
- Episcopal
- Evangelical
- Evangelical United Brethren
- Liberal Catholic
- Lutheran
- Methodist
- Church of the Nazarene
- Old Catholic
- Old Roman Catholic
- Polish National
- Presbyterian
- Reformed
- United Church
- United Church of Canada
- United Church of Christ
- United Reformed
- United Church of Australia
- Waldensian
- Zion

### **Additionally - baptism recognized by Catholic Church in South Africa.**

- Nederduits Gereformeerde Kerk
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- Nederduits Hervormde Kerk
- Church of the Province of South Africa (Anglican)
- Church of England in South Africa
- All branches of the Federation of Lutheran Churches in South Africa (NOTE: this includes the Moravian Church)
- Methodist Church
- Presbyterian Church (including the Bantu Presbyterian Church and the Tsonga Presbyterian Church)
- United Congregational Church

**DOUBTFUL:** The following communities have baptismal practices which are not uniform and are considered to be **doubtful**, requiring an investigation into each case. Some of their communities have valid baptism, others do not.

- Mennonite
- Moravian
- Pentecostal
- Seventh Day Adventist

**INVALID:** The following is a list (albeit incomplete) of baptisms considered to be **invalid**, due to a number of reasons.

- All non-Christian groups and communities (Jewish, Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist, Baha ‘I, Vedanta Society)
- Amana Church Society
- American Ethical Union
- Apostolic Church (“Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church of God”)
- Apostolic Faith Mission
- Bohemian Free Thinkers

- Children of God (“The Family”)
- Christadelphians
- Christian Community (disciples of Rudolph Steiner)
- Christians of Universalist Brotherhood
- Church of Christ, Scientist (“Christian Scientists”) – **no baptism**
- Church of Divine Science
- Church of David’s Band
- Church of Illumination
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (“Mormons”) – **as of 2001**
- Church of Revelation
- Erieside Church
- General Assembly of Spiritualists
- Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association
- House of David Church
- Iglesia ni Kristo (Philippines)
- Independent Church of Filipino Christians
- Jehovah’s Witnesses
- Masons / Freemasonry - **no baptism**
- Metropolitan Church Association
- National David Spiritual Temple of Christ Church Union
- National Spiritualist Association
- New Jerusalem Church (Swedenborg or “New Age” Church)
- Peoples Church of Chicago
- Plymouth Brethren
- Quakers (“Society of Friends”) – **no baptism**
- Reunification Church (“Moonies”)
- Salvation Army
- Shakers (“United Society of Believers”) – **no baptism**
- Spiritualist Church
- Unitarians
- Universal Emancipation Church