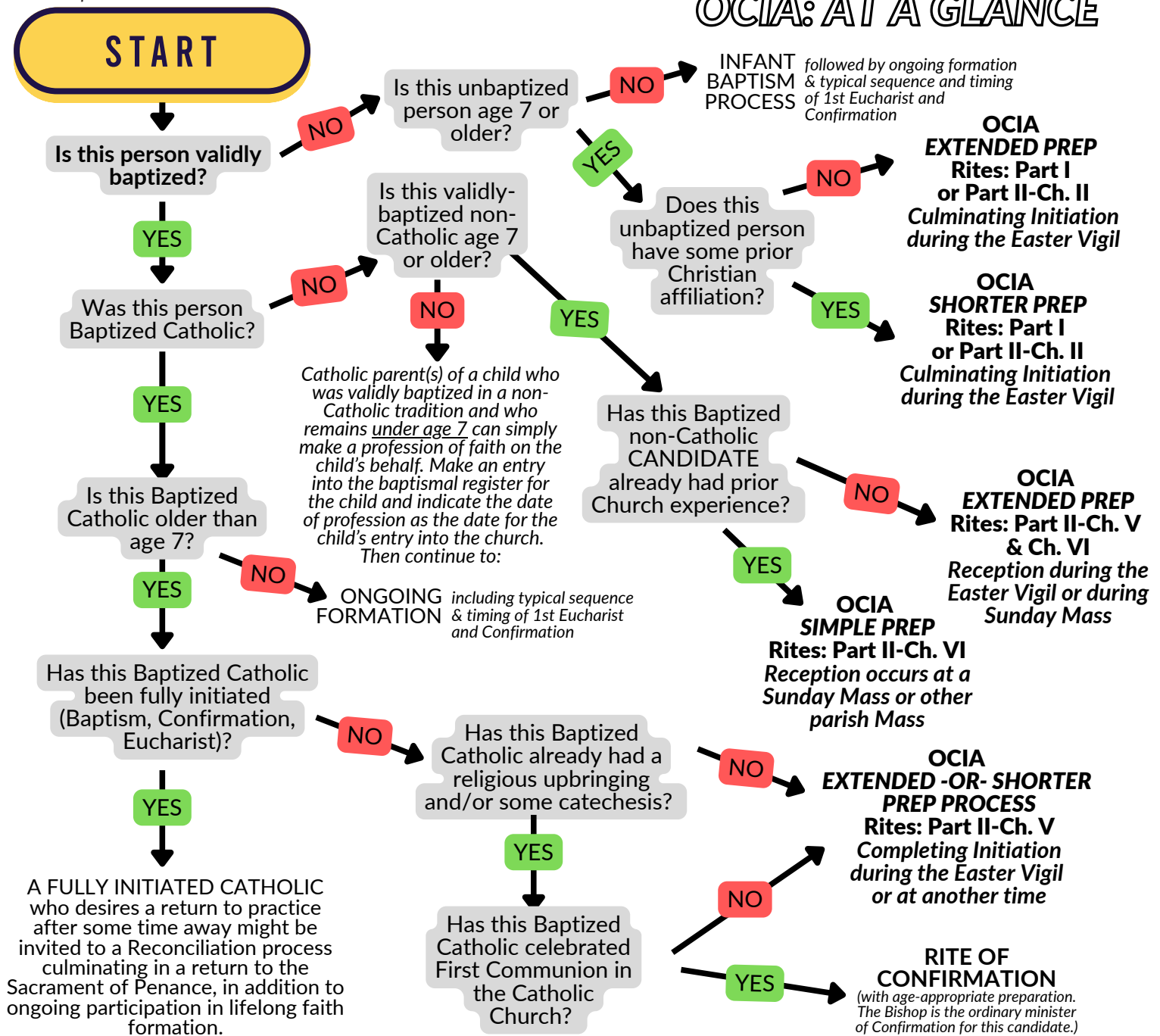


OCIA: AT A GLANCE

**Part I: Christian Initiation of Adults****Part II: Rites for Particular Circumstances:**

*Chs. III & IV are to be used only in extraordinary circumstances.

- **Part II-Ch. II:** Christian Initiation of Children Who Have Reached Catechetical Age
- **Part II-Ch. III:** Simpler Order of Adult Initiation*
- **Part II-Ch. IV:** Shorter Order of Adult Initiation to be Used in Danger of Death or at the Point of Death*
- **Part II-Ch. V:** Preparing Adults for Confirmation and the Eucharist Who Were Baptized as Infants and Did Not Receive Catechesis
- **Part II-Ch. VI:** Order of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church of Those Already Validly Baptized

Appendix I: Combined Rites - Catechumens & Candidates**ADAPTATIONS FOR CHILDREN:**

Some ritual texts have been adapted for children (for example, the Rite of Election) - see Pt. II-Ch. II. These rites are provided as an "option" in that they may be offered to children in lieu of participation in the corresponding rites written for adult participation. The rites themselves are not, however, "optional."

When baptizing an adult or a child of catechetical age:
CONFIRMATION MAY NOT BE DELAYED.

"Unless there is a grave reason to the contrary, an adult [or child of catechetical age] who is baptized is to be confirmed immediately after baptism." (CIC 866 & 852)

"A priest who baptizes an adult or child of catechetical age in the absence of the Bishop should also confer Confirmation..." (OCIA 14)

Important Pastoral Note: When accompanying adults who seek sacraments, as early in the process (and as hospitably) as possible, inquire regarding any marriages (current and previous). Irregular marriages are an impediment to full participation in the catechumenate. See Norms 2, 7, & 16 of the National Statutes for the Christian Initiation of Adults for details and seek additional guidance from Archdiocesan entities.