

Christian Initiation for Older Children

Once children have turned eight (Year Three), they are no longer candidates for infant Baptism. If they have not been baptised, they are enrolled in a modified catechumenate leading to the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at Easter. (See *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, Christian Initiation of Children who have reached Catechetical Age.) However, because of the importance of the peer group in the catechumenate process for children, the celebration of their Christian initiation may also be aligned with the parish celebration of Confirmation and first Holy Communion.