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3. **General Norms for Sacramental Preparation** (from page 33)

Always mindful that the parents are the primary educators of their children, the parish, in which the candidate is a member, is ready to assist in sacramental preparation. The preparation and celebration of a sacrament is to be coordinated through the local pastor. The parish should work closely with parents to support and encourage their efforts.¹¹

All children, even those who are “home schooled,” must be in a parish program for sacramental preparation.¹²

Catechesis is to be provided especially prior to the first celebration of a sacrament and is primarily directed to adults, adult candidates for the sacraments and parents of children preparing for a sacrament.¹³ Every parish, then, must provide adult catechesis for all parents of children preparing to receive a sacrament, adapted to the concern, levels of faith and cultural needs of the parents and children.¹⁴

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults shall be the norm and model for catechetical and liturgical preparation for the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).¹⁵

4. **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (from page 33)

Each parish is to implement the full *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.¹⁶

In light of this, the Bishop of Boise has *not* reserved the baptism of persons fourteen and older to himself.¹⁷

Adult baptized Catholics, not yet catechized, and who are not yet confirmed, may participate in the RCIA process offered in each parish. Presbyters must approach the Bishop for a special mandate (permission) to confirm in accord with Canon 884.¹⁸

When a child of catechetical age, or older, is presented for baptism, pre-baptismal catechesis takes place within the context of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults adapted for children.¹⁹ In this way catechesis is provided for the candidate, parents, and sponsor(s).

¹¹ Diocesan Catholic Education Ministries Policy #6010 enacted November 7, 1994

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Cf c. 774, §2

¹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵ Ibid.; and the National Catechetical Directory, no. 115; and cc.788,851, and 852, §2

¹⁶ Cf. c. 788, §3; the decree of the U.S.C.C.B. of November 11, 1986, confirmed by the Apostolic See on February 19, 1988 (Prot. No. 1192/86); Norms, p. 8;

¹⁷ Cf. c. 863 and no. 13 of the National Statutes for the Catechumenate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

¹⁸ Clarification Statement – The Confirmation of adults in the parish setting August, 31, 2004, Bishop Michael P. Driscoll, MSW, D.D.

¹⁹ Cf. nos. 18-19 of the National Statutes for the Catechumenate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, as well as nos. 252-330 of the RCIA itself