

From the Liberal Catholic Church Code of Canons, 1981

Canon 70. Baptismal and Confirmation Rites

The complete form of the Baptismal Rite of the Church is: The proper use of water (by process of ablution at least) and the usual Trinitarian formula, together with the application of the Oil of Catechumens and Chrism.

That of its Confirmation Rite is: The imposition of the bishop's hand with proper formula and the use of Chrism.

When persons who wish to join the Liberal Catholic Church have received these sacraments according to any less complete form, it is usual to repeat them “conditionally.” For all candidates for Holy Orders these rites must be repeated “conditionally” according to the Liberal Catholic Rite unless a Rite comprising the full form above has been used.

Canon 76. Definition of Membership

(a) Baptism and Confirmation

The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation admit to membership of the Church Catholic in general and the Liberal Catholic in particular. These sacraments are irrevocable and *ipso facto* membership of the Church Catholic obtained thereby cannot be revoked.

(b) Form of Admission

This service admits to membership of the Liberal Catholic Church. Since this form of admission is not a sacrament, membership obtained thereby can be terminated.

(c) Membership of a Parish, Centre or Mission

Baptism, confirmation or admission to a parish, centre or mission will qualify for membership. Such local membership will be in accordance with the terms laid down by the local rules and may be terminated.

From the Liberal Catholic Church General Constitution, 1981

Para 5. Membership

The members of the Church shall be those whom any person thereunto authorized shall have either baptized or confirmed according to its rites, or formally admitted to its membership

From the Statement of Principles and Summary of Doctrine, 1973, p11

Candidates are admitted to the Liberal Catholic Church by Baptism or, if that has been duly performed, by Confirmation. If the candidate has received both Baptism and Confirmation in complete form, a simple form of admission is used in which a blessing is invoked on the religious aspiration of the candidate.

Such candidates as wish to join the Liberal Catholic Church who have received these sacraments according to any less complete form will receive them “conditionally.”