

***Valid and Non-Valid Baptism  
Non-Catholic Churches***

**Some Non-Catholic Churches which have "VALID" baptism:**

Orthodox (all main-line)	"Old Catholic" (or "Old Roman Catholic")
Anglican	Polish National Church
Congregational Church	Presbyterian
Episcopalian	Reformed Churches
Lutherans	United Church of Christ
Methodists	

**Some Churches with "INVALID" baptism:**

Apostolic Church	Jehovah's Witnesses
Bohemian Free Thinkers	Mormons
Christ Universal Church	Moravian Church
Christadelphians	New Church of Emmanuel Swedenborg
Christian and Missionary Alliance	Peoples Church of Chicago
Christian Community Church	Quakers
Christian Science	Salvation Army
Church of Divine Science	Unity Church
Church of the New Jerusalem	Unitarians
Foundation Church	Universalists

**Some Churches with "doubtfully valid"\* baptism:**

Adventists	Church of the Nazarene
Aglipayan (Philippine Independent)	Church of God
AME (African Methodist Episcopal)	Disciples of Christ
"American Catholic" Church	Evangelical United Brethren
Amish (Mennonites)	Evangelical Churches
Assembly of God	"Liberal Catholic" Church
Baptists (ad cautelam)	Pentecostal Churches
Church of the Brethren	

\*These churches do not baptize infants or children; any alleged baptisms before the age of 13 in these churches should be thoroughly investigated as they are most likely 'dedications' or 'christenings' and not baptisms. In addition, some use questionable formulas or do not baptize with the Trinitarian formula, or use unacceptable variations thereof (i.e. "In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier"). When in doubt, please contact the Canon Law Department for assistance.

**Churches that do not baptize**

Jewish	Moslem
Masons	

Caution: When a person says he/she has been baptized in certain churches whose baptism we may not recognize, it may be that the person had earlier been baptized in one that we do recognize; e.g., a person baptized in the Mormon Church may be a convert from the Baptist Church.