

## **Membership in a Church *sui iuris* by Transfer**

### **Transfer Petition & Permission**

**Policy No. 619**

***Policy Statement:***

After Baptism, the permission of the Apostolic See is required for a transfer of membership from one Church *sui iuris* to another (CIC c. 112, §1, 1°; CCEO c. 32, §1). In Canada the Apostolic Nuncio has been granted the faculty to grant this permission.

Permission of the Apostolic See is presumed to be present when the two diocese involved are within the same territory and both bishops agree to the transfer (CCEO c. 32, §2).

***Procedure:***

- a) When requesting a transfer from the Ukrainian Catholic Church to the Latin Catholic Church, the one petitioning is to complete the Petition for Transfer to Another Church *sui iuris* – Appendix 619A and submit it to the Office of the Chancellor with the following:
  - a recent copy of their Baptism Certificate
  - a letter of endorsement from their pastor
- b) When requesting a change from any other Eastern Catholic Church to the Latin Catholic Church, the one petitioning is to submit a written request for the transfer stating the reasons for the requested transfer with the following:
  - a recent copy of their Baptism Certificate
  - a letter of endorsement from their pastor
- c) For either of the above situations (a) or (b), the necessary consultation with the releasing bishop or the Apostolic Nuncio will be undertaken by the Office of the Chancellor.
- d) If the bishops agree, the receiving bishop will issue a document stating the permission to transfer is granted.
- e) Notification is to be sent to the petitioner's parish of Baptism to enter the appropriate notation in the Baptism Register.

***Also refer to policy:***

No. 620 Membership in a Church *sui iuris* by Transfer – Transfer through Marriage

***Also refer to Appendix:***

616A Code of Canons Eastern Churches cc27-38  
619A Petition to Transfer to Another Church *sui iuris*