

Profession of Faith Certificate

Policy No. 826

Policy Statement: A Profession of Faith certificate is to be issued as soon as possible after the Sacraments of Initiation have been celebrated or as requested at a later date.

Definitions: The Profession of Faith certificate reflects the canonical status of a person received into the Catholic Church. It is an exact duplicate of a Profession of Faith entry in the Baptism Register.

- Procedure:**
- a) Certificates can be purchased, a parish may computer generate their own certificate (providing it contains all the required information), or the archdiocesan certificate template may be used.
 - Appendix 826A – Profession of Faith (Adult) Certificate Template
 - Appendix 826B – Profession of Faith (Child) Certificate Template
 - b) A Profession of Faith certificate contains the following:
 - name of the one received into the Catholic Church
 - Name of parents (maiden name of mother)
 - date and place of birth (dd/mmm/yy)
 - name of church & denomination of original Baptism
 - date and place of original Baptism (dd/mmm/yy)
 - date of P of F (dd/mmm/yy)
 - name of Catholic church
 - name of clergy who received the person into the Church
 - name of sponsor(s)
 - notations on reverse side, as necessary.
 - c) Date and seal the certificate.
 - d) The pastor or his delegate must sign the certificate (c.535 §3).
 - e) Print/type the name of the pastor below the signature.

Also refer to Policy:

No. 612 Profession of Faith

Also refer to Appendix:

826A Profession of Faith (Adult) Certificate Template

826B Profession of Faith (Child) Certificate Template