

Membership in a Church *sui iuris* by Baptism

Baptism Conferred by a Priest of the Latin Church

Policy No. 618

Policy Statement:

A priest or deacon of the Latin Church *sui iuris* may Baptize children who are ascribed to the proper Eastern Church *sui iuris* only when a priest of the proper Eastern Church is not available.

Definition

A priest of the proper Eastern Church *sui iuris* is considered unavailable when:

- the child is in danger of death
- the priest to the proper Church *sui iuris* is too far away for the child to be brought to him
- a priest of the proper Church *sui iuris* cannot come to baptize the child

Procedure:

- a) The Baptism ceremony will follow the rite prescribed for the Latin Church.
- b) Enter the Baptism in the Baptism Register where the Baptism was celebrated. (CCEO 37)
- c) Make the notation in the Annotation Column ‘Ascribed to the corresponding Eastern Church *sui iuris*’.

Also refer to Policy:

No. 616 Membership in a Church *sui iuris* by Baptism – Children Under 14

No. 811 Baptism and Profession of Faith Entries