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FACULTIES: SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

- A. One of the most significant of the revised sacramental rites of Vatican II is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Modeling the biblical concept of a journey of conversion, and building on psychological insights in human development, the RCIA envisions Christian life as a process in which the gift of faith grows gradually to maturity within the community of the local Church.
- B. The guidelines for the Diocese of Crookston for the Sacraments of Initiation are patterned after the vision of Church and ministry as found in the RCIA. A reflective review of this Rite will serve as a solid foundation for appreciating this theological and pastoral orientation.
- C. The Sacraments of Christian Initiation--Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist--are intimately related. Together they combine to bring us, the faithful of Christ, to our full stature and to enable us to carry out the mission of the entire people of God in the Church and in the world (cf. Lumen Gentium, # 31, and c. 842).