

*Episcopal Commission on Doctrine of the Faith*  
Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines  
Manila, Philippines

**VALID BAPTISMS RECOGNIZED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
IN THE PHILIPPINES<sup>1</sup>**

**I. A NEW LIST**

**A. Valid Baptisms**

**Adventists:**

Adventists (or *Second Adventists* from the original *Millerites*)  
Seventh-Day Adventist (SDA)  
Grace Communion International (*formerly* Worldwide Church of God)

**Anabaptists:**

Integrated Mennonite Churches, Inc. (IMC)  
Integrated Mennonite Conference of the Philippines, Inc. (IMCP)  
Church of the Brethren (Jesus Our Firm Foundation Brethren Church)

**Baptists: Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches (CPBC)**

*(some common names of Baptist churches or congregations)*

Bethany Bible Baptist Church  
Bible Baptist Church  
Christian Bible Baptist Church  
First Baptist Church of Manila  
Good Samaritan Baptist Church  
Harvesters Bible Baptist Church  
Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church  
Manila Baptist Church  
Maranatha International Baptist Church  
Metropolitan Bible Baptist Ekklesia  
Parkway Baptist Church  
Peninsula Bible Baptist Church  
Trinity Bible Baptist Church

**Eastern-Rite Catholic Churches or Oriental Catholic Churches**

*in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church*

Patriarchal Latin Catholic Church (Latin Rite: Tridentine, Mozarabic & Ambrosian)  
Patriarchal Armenian Catholic Church (Armenian Rite)

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<sup>1</sup> Based on ECDF's *A Survey of Christian Churches/Denominations with Valid Baptism, A Catholic Perspective in the Philippine Context*, Manila, 2020.

Patriarchal Coptic Catholic Church (Alexandrian Rite)  
 Ethiopian Catholic Church (Ge'ez Rite)  
 Patriarchal Antiochian Syrian Maronite Catholic Church (West Syrian Maronite Rite)  
 Patriarchal Chaldean Catholic Church (East Syrian Rite)  
 Syro-Malabar Catholic Church (East Syrian Rite)  
 Patriarchal Syrian Catholic Church (West Syrian Rite)  
 Syro-Malankara Catholic Church (West Syrian Rite)  
 Patriarchal Melkite Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite)  
 Italo-Albanian Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite)  
 Ukrainian Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite)  
 Ruthenian Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite)  
 Byzantine Catholic Church USA (Rusyn Ruthenian Slovak) (Byzantine Rite)  
 Romanian Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite)  
 Greek Catholic Church in Greece (Byzantine Rite)  
 Greek Catholic Church in former Yugoslavia (Byzantine Rite)  
 Bulgarian Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite)  
 Slovak Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite)  
 Hungarian Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite)  
 Russian Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite)  
 Belarusian Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite)  
 Albanian Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite)  
 Georgian Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite)

### **Episcopalians and Anglicans:**

Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP)  
 (*or* Philippine Episcopal Church, PEC)

Anglican Church in the Philippines (Traditional) Inc. (ACPT)

*ecumenically associated with:*

Anglican Community Church  
 ACPT in Northern Luzon and the NCR  
 Misyon Anglikano ng Pilipinas (MAP)  
 Convergence Church Philippines (CCP New)  
 Traditional Anglican Mission International (TAMI)

### **Greek Orthodox Church or Eastern Orthodox**

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Mission in the Philippines<sup>2</sup>

Exarchate of the Philippines<sup>3</sup>

Patriarchate of Moscow:

Diocese of the Philippines and Vietnam<sup>4</sup>

Philippine Mission of the Russian Orthodox Church outside Russia<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Under the *Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East*.

<sup>3</sup> Under the *Orthodox Metropolitanate of Hong Kong and Southeast Asia of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople*.

<sup>4</sup> Under the *Patriarchal Exarchate in Southeast Asia*.

## Independent Catholics:

Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association (CPCA)  
(or Chinese Patriotic Catholic Church)  
Eastern Catholic Church<sup>6</sup>  
Old Catholic Churches (members of the Union of Utrecht)  
Old Roman Catholic Church of Europe (ORCC Europe)  
Old Roman Catholic Church Latin Rite (ORCC U.S.)  
Palmarian Catholic Church (PCC)  
Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC)  
Roman Catholic Church of England & Wales (RCCEW)

## Inter-Denominational Churches:

United Evangelical Church of Christ (UECC) or Unida Church  
(*Iglesia Evangelica Unida de Cristo*)

*Constituent members:*

Iglesia Christiana Trinitaria  
Iglesia Evangelica de Atlag  
Iglesia Evangelica de los Christianos Filipinos  
Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Reformada  
La Iglesia de Dios  
La Iglesia de Jesu-Cristo, “Jerusalem Nueva”

*separated from Unida Church:*

Iglesia Unida Ecumenical

United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP)  
(*Ang Nagkaisang Iglesia ni Cristo sa Pilipinas*)

*Constituent members:*

United Evangelical Church  
Evangelical United Brethren Churches<sup>7</sup>  
Philippine Methodist Church  
Iglesia Evangelica Unida de Cristo  
Convention of the Churches of Christ  
(Disciples of Christ of Northern Luzon)  
Iglesia Evangelica Nacional  
Iglesia Evangelica Metodista En Las Islas Filipinas (IEMELIF)  
(Evangelical Church of the Philippines or Evangelical Union)<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Under the semi-autonomous Russian Orthodox Church outside Russia.

<sup>6</sup> Also known as: the *Church of the East*, the *Persian Church*, the *Indian Church*, the *Mar Toma (Thoma) Church*, the *Mar Thoma Christian Church*, the *East Syrian Church*, the *Holy Apostolic-Catholic Church of the East (Chaldean-Syrian)*, the *Chaldean-Syrian Church of the East*, etc.

<sup>7</sup> The *Evangelical United Brethren* (EUB) appears as a separate denomination in the 2018 ECDF list of valid baptisms. Its forerunner was the *United Brethren of Christ* (UBC), some of whose congregations did not join the EUB but formed part of the *Evangelical Church of the Philippines* that was eventually absorbed by the *Iglesia Evangelica Metodista En Las Islas Filipinas* (IEMELIF).

<sup>8</sup> No longer existent as such.

**Lutherans:**

Lutheran Church in the Philippines (LCP)  
Various Lutheran Congregations

**Mega Non-Denominational Churches:**

Bread of Life Ministries International (BOLMI)  
Cathedral of Praise (COP)  
Christ's Commission Fellowship (CCF)  
Day by Day Jesus Ministries (DBD)  
Greenhills Christian Fellowship (GCF)  
Jesus Is Lord Church Worldwide (JILCW)  
Victory Christian Fellowship of the Philippines, Inc. (VCF)  
Word of Hope Christian Church (WHCC)

**Methodists, Wesleyans and Holiness Movement:**

Evangelical Methodist Church in the Philippine Islands  
*(Iglesia Evangelica Metodista en las Islas Filipinas—IEMELIF)*

I am Redeemer and Master Evangelical Church (IRMEC)  
*(formerly: IEMELIF Reform Movement [IRM] that separated from IEMELIF)*

United Methodist Church in the Philippines (UMCP)  
*(Philippines Central Conference)*

Ang Iglesia Metodista sa Pilipinas ( AIM Pilipinas)  
*(The Methodist Church in the Philippines)*

Wesleyan Church of the Philippines  
*(Wesleyan Church Philippine General Conference)*

African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC)

Church of the Nazarene (CN)

*separated from CN:*

Holiness Church of the Nazarene  
*(merged with Church of the Bible Covenant)*

**Pentecostal Churches (Trinitarian):**

Church of God (COG)  
Assembly of God (AOG)  
*or* World Assemblies of God Fellowship (WAGF)  
First Christian Pentecostal Church  
First Pentecostal Church of God  
Pentecostal Church of God Asian Missions, Inc.

Philippine Pentecostal Holiness Church  
Universal Pentecostal Church, Inc.  
Four Square Church (Church of the Foursquare Gospel)  
*branched into:*  
Evangelical Full-Gospel Church (EFGC)

Apostolic Church (*Pentecostal Movement of Welsh origin*)  
Equippers Church (*of Pentecostal influence*)

New Apostolic Church (New Apostolic Church International)  
(*non-pentecostal*)

### **Presbyterians<sup>9</sup> - Council of Presbyterian Churches in the Philippines (CPCP):**

Presbyterian Church of the Philippines  
Reformed Presbyterian Church of the Philippines  
Daeshin Presbyterian Church in the Philippines  
Independent Presbyterian Congregations/Churches

### **Philippine Independent Church (after 1961)** (*Iglesia Filipina Independiente*)

*branched into:*  
Holy Catholic Apostolic Christian Church (HCAC)  
(separated from PIC or IFI in 1966)

### **Reformed Churches:**

Christian Reformed Church of the Philippines  
*among many others:*  
CRC (Bacolod City)  
CRC-BF Homes (Parañaque)  
CRC (Las Piñas)  
CRC (Calamba)  
True Vine CRC (Quezon City)  
Reformed Church in the Philippines (Lucban)

Protestant Reformed Church of the Philippines:  
Berean Protestant Reformed Church (Antipolo)  
First Reformed Church (Bulacan)  
All of Grace Protestant Reformed Fellowship (Gabaldon)  
Christian Faith Ministry (Batasan Hills)  
Maranatha Church (Valenzuela)

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<sup>9</sup> Aside from *immersion* and *effusion* (pouring), Presbyterians also practice baptism by aspersion (sprinkling). Care must, therefore, be taken to investigate how aspersion is done to ensure that water indeed touches the skin of the baptized. In this case, validity must not be immediately presumed for indeed when the water does not clearly touch the skin of the person being baptized, that would render baptism invalid.

United Reformed Churches:

Pasig Covenant Reformed Church (now located in Cainta, Rizal)  
Trinity Covenant Reformed Church (Imus, Cavite)  
United Covenant Reformed Churches in the Philippines  
(Las Piñas, Rizal; San Carlos, Pangasinan; and San Pablo, Laguna)  
Davao Covenant Reformed Church (Davao City)

### **Society of St. Pius X (SSPX)**

*left the SSPX and reconciled with Rome:*

Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter (FSSP, *Fraternitas Sacerdotalis Sancti Petri*)  
Institute of the Good Shepherd (IBP, *Institut du Bon-Pasteur*)

### **B. Invalid Baptisms**

#### **Adventists:**

Christadelphians or Brethren in Christ  
Church of God (Seventh Day)  
Church of God (Philippines)

#### **Aglipayan Churches:**

*(of the original PIC/IFI provenance)*

Bishop's Church (BC), founded by J. Pasion in 1951  
Christ Jesus' Holy Church (CJHC)  
Church of God (CG), headed by F. Yagaya  
Filipino Christian Church (FCC), founded by C. de las Llagas in 1926  
Iglesia Catolica Apostolica Nacional (ICAN), organized by D. Ramiro in 1930  
Iglesia Cismatica Filipina Nacional (ICFN) founded by C. Diel in 1940  
Iglesia de la Libertad (IL), organized by B. Aguinaldo in 1904  
Iglesia Nacional de Filipinas (INF), headed by S. Elegado in 2000  
Iglesia Filipina Reformada (IF'R), founded by A.F. Mata  
Iglesia Filipina Evangelica Independiente (IFEI), founded by D. Pascual in 1924  
Independent Church of Filipino Christians (ICFC)  
Philippine Liberal Church (PLC), organized by Bishop Ramirez in 1930  
Philippine Unitarian Church (PUC)

Apostolic Catholic Church (ACC)

Christian and Missionary Alliance Churches (Philippines)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS)

*separated from LDS:*

Community of Christ

Iglesia ng Dios kay Kristo Hesus Haligi at Suhay ng Katotohanan  
*(Church of God in Christ Jesus the Pillar and Support of the Truth)*

Iglesia ni Cristo

### **Indigenous and/or Autochthonous Cults**

#### *Rizalist Sects:*

Iglesia Watawat ng Lahi, Inc. (IWL-Malvarosa Faction)  
Samahan ng Watawat ng Lahi Presiding Elders  
Iglesia ng Lipi ni Gat Dr. Jose P. Rizal, Inc.  
Pilipinas Iglesia Watawat ng Lahi  
Suprema Iglesia del Ciudad Mistica de Dios (CMD)  
Spiritual Filipino Catholic Church (SFCC)  
Philippine Benevolent Missionaries Association (PBMA)

Jehova's Witnesses

Jesus Miracle Crusade International Ministry (JMCIM)

Kingdom of Jesus Christ, The Name Above Every Name, Inc.

Members Church of God International (also known as *Ang Dating Daan* [ADD]  
(formerly: *Mga Kaanib Iglesia ng Dios kay Kristo Hesús, Haligi at Saligan ng Katotohanan sa Bansang Pilipinas*)

#### *separated from ADD:*

Members Church of God in Jesus Christ Worldwide (MCGJCW)

### **Oneness Pentecostal Churches** (*Nontrinitarians/Unitarians*)

Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ (ACJC, 1967)  
Apostolic Faith Church (AFC, 1947/1974)  
Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ (ALJC, 1956)  
Christ Apostolic Ministries Phil. (CAM, 2000)  
Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ (COLJC, 1989)  
Faith in Christ Jesus Church (FCJC, 1984)  
Gospel of Christ (GOC, 1974)  
Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ (GLJC, 1993)  
Jesus People Apostolic. Pentecostal Oneness Phil. (JPAP, 1983)  
Revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ (RLJC, 1995)  
United Pentecostal Church (Phil's) Inc. (UPCP, 1960)

People's Church of Chicago

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\* Christian Scientists (or First Church of Christ, Scientist)

(*does not practice Baptism, thus no question of validity*)

\* Congregational Churches

(e.g., *Christian Mission in the Far East, Inc.*, [CMFEI], *not to be immediately presumed*)

- \* Eastern Catholic Church Metropolitan See of the Philippines and All Asia, Inc.  
(*doubtful*)
- \* Evangelical Friends Church (Branch of Quakerism)  
(*validity of baptism not to be immediately presumed*)
- \* Liberal Catholic Church  
(*Trinitarian but not to be immediately presumed as valid*)
- \* Quakers  
(*nearly all branches of Quakerism, save one, do not practice Baptism, thus no question of validity*)
- \* Salvation Army  
(*Trinitarian but does not practice Baptism, thus no question of validity*)
- \* Samahan ng Tatlong Personal Solo Dios (STPSD)  
(*Trinitarian but doubtful, not to be immediately presumed as valid*)

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## II. DETERMINING THE VALIDITY OF BAPTISM

The list of Christian sects and denominations is extremely extensive that attempting to cover and scrutinize each and every one of them is likely doomed to failure. Their number has simply exponentially grown in recent years that it has become doubly hard, if not impossible to trace each and every one of them.

Even if it were possible to prepare an approximate list, as was done here, there is always a need for constant updating since sects, denominations and churches do not cease to split and multiply into schismatic groups. Defections and divisions have become a common occurrence among them, generating splinter groups, even as new ones out of nowhere come into existence. Judging from history, most splits occurred due to questions of leadership than it is because of differences in doctrinal teachings.

Nonetheless, there may have been liturgical and theological shifts in some ecclesial communities that involve change in doctrines, beliefs and practices—due perhaps to differing interpretations of Scriptures—that may indeed affect validity. Bishops and pastors, and those who assist them in this regard, should therefore not be *too* dependent on lists but must have a way of resolving “*extraordinary*” and “*unusual*” cases, should doubts arise based on the guidelines the Magisterium has already outlined in the past. It would be helpful to detail what these guidelines are once again.

The general norm is expressed in CIC Canon 869 on the question of *conditional baptism*. Canon 869 §2, in particular, states that

*Those baptized in a non-Catholic ecclesial community must not be baptized conditionally unless, after an examination of the **matter** and the **form** of the words used in the conferral of baptism and a consideration of the **intention** of the **baptized adult** and the **minister of the baptism**, a serious reason exists to doubt the validity of the baptism.*



One must, therefore examine four elements on which validity is grounded: *a)* matter, *b)* form or formula, *c)* intent of the minister, and *d)* intent/consent of the baptized (required as it is presupposed when the recipient is an adult) .<sup>10</sup>

*a) On the Matter of Baptism*

First of all, baptism is to be conferred with *water* either by *pouring* (*effusion*) or *immersion*. When it is administered through *sprinkling*<sup>11</sup> there is often uncertainty regarding whether or not the water actually touched the skin of the person being baptized. The practice then requires further investigation and validity must not be immediately presumed for indeed when the water does not clearly touch the skin of the person being baptized, that would render baptism invalid.

*b) The Form of Baptism*

The form or formula must invoke the Trinity, understood in the traditional Christian sense.<sup>12</sup> In effect, the minister must declare that the person is being baptized “*in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*”—that is, referring to the *one triune God*, eternally existing in three Persons, all three *co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory*. Inserting additional words or deliberately modifying the Trinitarian formula may invalidate the baptism. The names, for instance, of the three persons of the Blessed Trinity must not be substituted by other names or titles, even if these clearly refer to the three divine persons. Such is the use of the word *Creator* for the Father, the *Redeemer* for the Son, or the *Sanctifier* for the Holy Spirit.<sup>13</sup>

So sacrosanct is the formula that the Holy See, only very recently, has had to declare once again that any arbitrary modification to it would render baptism invalid. When asked the question whether or not the baptism conferred with the formula «*We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*» was valid, the CDF’s response was *negative*. When further queried as to whether or not those persons for whom baptism was celebrated with such a formula ought to be baptized *in forma absoluta*, its response was in the *affirmative*.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> On the conditions for validity of baptism, see (apart from CIC Canon 869): *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nn. 1239-1240, 1256, 1278, Manila: Word & Life Publications, 1994, p. 305; PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN UNITY (PCPCU), *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism*, Vatican, 1993, n. 93; JOHN M. HUELS, O.S.M., *The Pastoral Companion*, p. 49-51; PHILIP-MICHAEL TANGORRA, *Sacramental Validity Guide*, p. 1-4; ANTONIO MIRALLES, *A New Response of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the Validity of Baptism*, Vatican, 2001; CCCB (Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops), Episcopal Commission for Doctrine, *Guidelines for Recognition of Baptism*, October, 2015, p. 1-6.

<sup>11</sup> The 1983 CIC (§854) makes clear that sprinkling is not to be used by Catholics (cf. *Codex Canonum Ecclesiarum Orientalium* [CCEO] 675-§1).

<sup>12</sup> Although *errors of a doctrinal nature* are not sufficient to question the validity of the sacrament of Baptism, there is a need to ensure the integrity of the form to ensure the integrity of the intention of the minister. On this see CDF, “Response to a ‘Dubium’,” in AAS 93 (2001) 476.

<sup>13</sup> See ANTONIO MIRALLES, op.cit.; CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH, *Responses to Questions Proposed on the validity of Baptism conferred with the formulas «I baptize you in the name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, and of the Sanctifier» and «I baptize you in the name of the Creator, and of the Liberator, and of the Sustainer»*, Vatican, 2008.

<sup>14</sup> CDF, *Responses to Questions Proposed on the validity of Baptism conferred with the formula «We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit»*, Vatican City, June 24, 2020.

In a doctrinal note appended to such a declaration, the CDF surmised that those who deliberately modified the formula in such wise may have wanted to emphasize the *communitarian significance of baptism*. Such, for instance, is expressed by the following more expanded formula: “*In the name of the father and of the mother, of the godfather and of the godmother, of the grandparents, of the family members, of the friends, in the name of the community we baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*”.

The CDF argued that one need not expand the formula this way since the baptismal ritual in its entirety already expresses such a communitarian dimension: “*In reality, a careful analysis of the Rite of Baptism of Children [already] shows that in the celebration the parents, godparents and the entire community are called to play an active role, a true liturgical office.*”<sup>15</sup> On the other hand, the pronoun “I” ought to be strictly kept since, as the CDF, citing Vatican II, further explained, “when a man baptizes *it is really Christ Himself* [as represented by the minister] *who baptizes*”.<sup>16</sup>

#### *c) The Intent of the Minister of Baptism*

The minister of baptism must have the *intent* to do what the Church does. Proof of this is the use of the proper formula that invokes the Trinity understood in the traditional Christian sense. Any other understanding of the Trinity does not only nullify the form, but puts into question the real intent of the minister. Moreover, the minister of baptism who pronounces the formula must be the same person who administers water on the person being baptized.

From the negative response given by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to a “*Dubium*” regarding the validity of baptism conferred in the *Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, one other condition has been implicitly enunciated, namely, that included in the intention of the minister is to administer the sacrament for the remission of original sin. According to the Catholic Church, Baptism cancels not only personal sins but also *original sin*, to the point that even infants are baptized because of such an intent.<sup>17</sup> Such intention is assured if the ecclesial community believes in the existence of *original sin*.

#### *d) The Recipient of Baptism*

In case of an adult, the recipient of baptism must have the right *intent/consent* to receive the sacrament. If such intent/consent is wanting, the lack of it invalidates baptism. Such an intent presupposes that the recipient intends to receive the sacrament in accord with the intent of the conferring minister.

In speaking of baptism as constituting the sacramental bond of unity existing among all who through it are reborn and that recognizing a common baptism is a way towards communion in life among them, the *Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity* recommends that ecclesial Communities “arrive as closely as possible at an agreement about its significance and valid celebration.”<sup>18</sup> It is, therefore, recommended that the Catholic Church in the Philippines enter into such an agreement with Christian Churches open to ecumenism so as to ensure, in particular, the preservation of the required form and the fulfillment of the other conditions for the valid administration of the sacrament.

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<sup>15</sup> See footnote n. 1, CDF, *loc. cit.* (cf. *Rituale Romanum ex Decreto Sacrosancti Oecumenici Concilii Vaticani II instauratum auctoritate Pauli PP. VI promulgatum, Ordo Baptismi Parvulorum, Praenotanda*, nn. 4-7). Insertion added.

<sup>16</sup> CDF, *loc. cit.* (insertion supplied). Cf. Vatican II Constitution *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, n. 7.

<sup>17</sup> COUNCIL OF TRENT, DH 1513-1515, as cited in CDF, “Response to a ‘*Dubium*’, AAS 93 (2001) 476.

<sup>18</sup> PCPCU, *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism*, nn. 92-93.

### III. CONCLUSION

Given the conditions required for valid baptism, there are several points that must be highlighted, if only to avoid erroneous conclusions. *First*, while most churches and denominations administer *water baptism*, there are those that practice water sprinkling. When this is the practice, validity should not immediately be presumed. *Second*, belief in the Trinity is not an automatic guarantee of validity because a particular denomination's understanding of the Trinity could in fact be distorted and should therefore be scrutinized. Any distortion or misconception renders baptism invalid. There are members of the NCCP and the PCEC which fall into this error. Thus, membership in these organizations ought not be considered as indicating the legitimacy of presuming validity. *Third*, a sect's understanding of the Trinitarian doctrine may be *orthodox*, and baptism may be administered by invoking the Trinity, yet one needs to make sure that this is administered/received with the right intention, on the part of the minister and the recipient (if he/she is an adult). *Fourth*, there are sects that may hold the (traditionally) Christian doctrine of the Trinity but do not practice baptism, thus for these sects validity is a non-issue.

On account of all these, it must be borne in mind that the list of valid baptisms as drawn above is simply a guide and not a definitive solution-finder to all the difficulties and doubts that may arise regarding the question of sacramental validity. It should be noted that most of the Christian sects and denominations that are now preponderant or have just set foot in the country trace their origin to North America. Thus, it may be helpful that the present list be compared with similar lists in that part of the world. The *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB)*,<sup>19</sup> for instance, has prepared not only such a list but also a detailed discussion of the conditions for validity. No such list appears to have been prepared by the *U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)*, nonetheless, many individual dioceses in the U.S. (and Canada) have posted similar lists on their websites. The most extensive among these appears to be that of the Diocese of Honolulu which includes indigenous Churches that trace their origin to the Philippines.<sup>20</sup>

Still, to reiterate, lists are simple enumerations that do not detail the full circumstances in which baptism is administered. One must not, therefore, rely too much or solely on them. Ultimately, it will be the task and responsibility of bishops, pastors, and of ecclesiastical tribunals to offer competent guidance to pastoral workers who deal with this issue from day to day in the parish setting. Many times, when serious doubts arise, there may be a need to make a direct inquiry from competent authorities of the church or ecclesial community concerned as regards its beliefs and practices that may shed light into the question of validity.

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<sup>19</sup> See CCCB, Episcopal Commission for Doctrine, *Guidelines for Recognition of Baptism*, October, 2015, p. 1-6.

<sup>20</sup> Other dioceses which might be mentioned here are: the Archdiocese of Baltimore (Maryland), the Dioceses of Columbus (Ohio), Springfield (Illinois) and Prince George (Northern British Columbia).

Appendix 1

PHILIPPINE COUNCIL OF EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

I. MEMBERSHIP AS OF NOVEMBER 2016<sup>21</sup>

A. Denominations

<p>Abundant Grace Ministry          Alliance of Bible Christian Communities of the Phil.          Asia-Pacific Resource Center          Baptist Conference of the Philippines, Inc.          Charismatic Full Gospel Ministries          Christ Faith Fellowship, Philippines (OHM Int'l.), Inc.          Christ Jesus Our Life Church          Christ, The Living Stone Fellowship, Inc.          Christ to the Philippines, Inc.          Christian Bible Church Outreach Conference, Inc.          Christian Evangelical Mission Foundation, Inc.          Christian Reformed Church of the Philippines          Church of God in Christ (COGIC)          Church of God World Missions of the Philippines, Inc.          Church of the Foursquare Gospel in the Philippines, Inc.          Church of the Nazarene Philippines (Philippine Field Office)-Micronesia Field Office          Conservative Baptist Association of the Philippines          Don Stewart Ministry (MLFI)          Evangelical Free Church of the Philippines Inc.          F.R.E.E. Mission Philippines, Inc.          Filipino Assemblies of the First Born          First Christian Pentecostal Church          First Pentecostal Church of God          Free Believers in Christ Fellowship, Inc.          Free Will Baptist Church          General Baptist Church of the Philippines          Glad Tidings Foundation          Grace Brethren Churches of the Philippines          Grace Evangelical Mission, Inc. (GEM)          I am Redeemer and Master Evangelical Church, Inc.          Independent Baptist Churches in the Philippines          Jesus Christ Saves Global Outreach Int'l. Inc.          Jesus Loves You Ministries, Inc.          Jesus Philippines Holiness Church          Jesus Reigns Ministries          Jesus the Living Gospel International, Inc.          Jireh Evangel Church Planting Phils., Inc.          Kalahan Cooperative Parish          Lift Jesus Higher Fellowship</p>	<p>Light Of The World, Worldwide Ministries, Inc.          Lord Jesus Our Redeemer Church Foundation Int'l., Inc.          Lord of the Nations, Inc.          Luzon Convention of Southern Baptist Churches, Inc.          Masbate Council of Evangelical Churches, Inc.          National Council of Christian Community Churches, Inc.          Pangasinan Church of Christ          Pentecostal Church of God Asian Missions, Inc.          PHILCAM Alliance Church, Inc.          Philippine Advent Christian Churches, Inc.          Philippine Bible Church of God (Church of God of Prophecy), Inc.          Philippine Christian Alliance Missions          Philippine Evangelical Holiness Church, Inc.          Philippine General Conference of the Free Methodist Church, Inc.          Philippine Missionary Fellowship, Inc.          Philippine Pentecostal Holiness Church          Philippine Reformed &amp; Renewal Movement          Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God          The River of God, Inc.          The Christian and Missionary Alliance Churches of the Philippines, Inc.          The General Assembly of Presbyterian Churches of the Philippines          The Joint Heirs with the Lord          The Joshua Generation          The Living Epistle Christian Family Church, Inc.          The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  <b>The Salvation Army</b>          The Wesleyan Church of the Philippines, Inc.          Triumphant Church Ministries Int. of Quezon City          Universal Pentecostal Church, Inc.          Victory Christian Fellowship          Word for the World Christian Fellowship, Inc.          Word International Ministries, Inc. (Philippines and Pacific Islands)          World Missionary Evangelism          Worldwide Church of God (Grace Communion Int'l.)          Zion Christian Community Church</p>
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*Nota bene:* Not all of these denominations and churches necessarily administer valid baptism, e.g., *Salvation Army, Quakers* or *Friends Churches, Alliance Churches*, etc. (*infra*).

<sup>21</sup> Source: <https://pcecph.home.blog/members/>

## B. Local Churches

(Local Churches are congregations of believers that regularly gather for worship in places all over the nation.)

<p>A Blessed Church Club 8586, Inc. All Nation Christian Ministries, Inc. Alliance Fellowship Church Asia Pacific Mission Church and Chang Shin, Inc. Asian Christian Charismatic Fellowship Bagong Ilog Christian Fellowship, Inc. Banaba House Ministries, Inc. Banga Evangelical Church Beautiful Temple International Bethany Church of Philippines Bethany Evangelical Missionary Church Bethany Fellowship Philippines, Inc. Bethel Christian Fellowship Philippines, Inc. Bible Baptist Church Bible Centered Fellowship Bible Centered Fellowship Bishop of El Gibbor Community Church Blessed Hope Christian Community Church Inc. Bread From Heaven Christian Fellowship Bride of Christ Church, Inc. Buong Mundo Simbahan ng Kapangyarihan ng Diyos Cabanatuan Baptist Church Caloocan Bible Church Caloocan Christian Church, Inc Caloocan Evangelical Church, Inc. Calvary Chapel Olongapo Calvary Temple Ministry of Angeles City Camarines Norte Christian Center Campo Uno Foursquare Gospel Church Canaan Presbyterian Church Capital City Alliance Church Cebu Bethel Temple Church, Inc. Cebu Bible Church Celebration International Church Network, Inc. Central Gospel Church Chosen Disciple of Jesus Fellowship, International, Inc. Christ Alone Redeems Eternally (CARE) Inc. Christ Assembly in the Kingdom of God Church, Inc. Christ Centered Fellowship Christ Controlled Mission, Philippines, Inc. Christ In You Faith International Ministry Christ Invites You Charismatic Ministries Christ People Christian Church, Inc. Christ The Living Gospel, Inc. Christ to the World Christian Church Christian Bible Church of the Phils. Christian First Loving Gospel Church Christ's Commission Fellowship Christus Victor Church, Inc. Classis Southern Luzon of the CRCP Come to Jesus Fellowship Community Bible Church of La Carlota City, Inc.</p>	<p>Community Church of the Risen Lord, Inc. Community of the Resurrected Christ Int'l., Inc. Cordero nin Dios Christian Fellowship Covenant Children Fellowship, Inc. Crusade Bible Church Doulos for Christ World Harvest, Inc. Eternal Lord of Hope International Ministries Evangel Tabernacle of Iloilo, Inc. Evangelical Christian Church Evangelical Christian Church of Libya Evangelical Church of Christ Faith Baptist Church Faith Evangelical Church of the Phils., Inc. Faith Tabernacle Faithwalkers Community Church First Baptist Church First Church of the Nazarene-Angeles First Free Methodist Church of Manila Free Gospel Church Fullness in Christ Fellowship Groups Gerizim Evangelical Church God is Alive Christian Ministries, Inc. Gospel Church of Manila, Inc. Gospel Remnant Church Grace Christian Fellowship Grace Church of Christ Grace Evangelical Church Grace of the Savior Grace Testament Church Greater Heights Christian Worship Center, Inc. Hacienda Georgina Open Bible Church Harvesters Christian Fellowship High Acres Cross Bible Baptist Church His Life Ministries, Inc. Hope Christian Fellowship Hope of Glory Community Church, Inc. Hope of Life Christian Ministries House of Praise Church Iglesia "Ang Bayan Ng Dios" Integrated Mennonite Churches, Inc. International Baptist Church of Manila International Charismatic Service International Evangelical Church of Alabang International Faith Bible Chapel Iraga Christian Church Jeremiah Christian Center Jesus Christ Cares Fellowship Jesus Christ Mission to the World Church, Inc. Jesus Christ Our Banner Church Mission, Inc. Jesus Christ World Mission Church, Inc. Jesus Daystar Ministries Jesus Eternal Savior Church Worlwide Ministries, Inc.</p>
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<p>Jesus is Lord Charismatic Center  Jesus' New Covenant International Ministry, Inc.  Jesus our Life Christian Church  Jesus Sanctuary Christian Church  Jesus The Good Shepherd Church of Muntinlupa  Jesus The Living Word Int'l. Christian Ministries, Inc.  Jesus The Redeemer Christian Fellowship  Jesus The True Kinsman-Redeemer Christ'n Church, Inc.  Kalimbas Evangelical Church  Kamuning Bible Christian Fellowship, Inc.  Kanlaon Baptist Church  Korean Union Church of Manila, Inc.  Life Renewal Christian Ministries, Inc. (Life Church)  Life Gospel Church  Life In Christ Ministries, Inc.  Lifefield Church, Inc  Lifestream International Fellowship and Evangelism Ministries, Inc.  Lighthouse Christian Community Ministries Found. Inc.  Living Faith Fellowship World Harvest &amp; Outreach, Inc.  Living Water Fellowship  Lord Jesus Fellowship of Pilar Bataan  Love China Fellowship, Inc.  Makati Gospel Church  Mandarin Evangelical Church, Inc.  Manila Pyungkang Presbyterian Church Inc.  Manila To The World Presbyterian Church  Mansilingan First Baptist Church  Maranatha Bible Study Groups, Inc.  Marikina Christian Fellowship  <b>Marikina Evangelical Friends Church</b>  Marikina Grace Brethren Church  Mindanao Jesus First Church, Inc.  Ministries of the Living Body of Christ International  Mount Carmel Bible Presbyterian Church  Mountain Tribes Ministries International, Inc.  MSU-Christian Group Ministries, Inc.  Mt. Olives Christian Church  National Baptist Church  Navotas Gospel Church, Inc.  New Life in Christ Fellowship  New Life Mission Church, Inc.  New Life Tondo Christ'n Center (Bp of Xt to the World)  One In Christ Jesus Our Lord  Paco Baptist Church  Pasay City Alliance Church  People of Grace Fellowship, Inc.  Philadelphia Christcentered Fellowship  Philippine Central Faith Hope Love Church, Inc.  <b>Philippine Evangelical Friends Int'l. Ministries</b>  Philippine Frontline Ministries, Inc  Philippine Good News International Inc.  Philippine Jesus Family, Inc.</p>	<p>Philippine Life Word Mission Church, Inc.  Philippine Mission of New Harvest Int'l. Min., Inc.  (Taytay Harvest Christian Fellowship)  Philippine One Light Mission Church, Inc.  Philippine Sung Rak Church, Inc.  Polo Obando Gospel Church  Praise Cathedral Incorporated  The Presbyterian Baguio Lord's Church  Proclaim His Name Christian Fellowship, Inc.  Promised Land Baptist Church  Quest Community Fellowship Cebu, Inc.  Rainbow Mission Church  Restoration of the Holy Spirit, Inc.  Revelation City Church Fellowship, Inc.  Saint Stephen Parish  Salcedo Bansud Mission Center, Inc.  Sambahan ng Pamilyang Cristiano sa Caloocan  Sambahan Sa Kaunlaran (PMF)  Sambahan sa Nayon  Sambahang Kristiano sa Canumay  Sambahang Kristiano sa Marulas  Sampaguita Christian Church  Sampaloc Bible Christian Community, Inc  Saved By Grace Christian Community Church  Se Han Evangelical Holiness Church  Seoul Presbyterian Church (Reformed), Inc.  Simbahang Ebangheliko ng Pateros  Singalong Evangelical Church  Social Brethren Church, Phils.  Taiwan Friends Ministries and Missions in the Phils.  Tent of Praise Ministries Church  The Blessed Word International Church  The Church That Dreams Come True  The Father's Manila Vineyard  The First Presbyterian Church of Pasig, Inc.  The Gen. Assembly of the Phil. Ref. Presbyterian Churches Int'l., Inc.  The Good Shepherd's Fold Baptist Church  The Jesus Faith Assembly of God Ministries Inc.  The Living Streams Ministries Foundation  The Lord Cometh  The Lord's Temple Ministries, Inc.  The Lord's Vineyard Community Church  The Messiah Community Church  The Potter's Chosen Vessel Christian Min.  The Presbyterian Church (Reformed) in the Phils.  The Redeemed Christian Church of God  The Rock Church Global Impact Ministries, Inc.  The Word People Church Ministries, Philippines, Inc.  Tuliao Baptist Church  Union of Evangelical Church of Christ in the Philippines  United Church of Christ in the Phil., Baguio City Church  United Evangelical Church of the Philippines</p>
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United Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Inc. Valley Ministries in Chirst Victorious in Christ Christian Baptist Church Victory Church Int'l. Christian Ministries, Inc Victory in Jesus Christ Congregation Victory Outreach Ministries Int'l	Volunteers of Christ Philippine Charter, Inc. Walang Imposible sa Diyos Outreach Ministry Church Well of Blessing (The Well of Beth. Christian Fellowship) Word Community Church, Inc. Word of Grace Fellowship, Inc. World Mission Church
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## II. STATEMENT OF FAITH<sup>22</sup>

The PCEC believes, among other equally Biblical truths, in the following:

- A. The *Bible*, the Word of God, its divine, verbal, *plenary inspiration* and its *inerrancy* and *infallibility* as originally written; and its supreme and *final authority in faith and life* (2 Tim.3,16; 2 Pet.1,20-21);
- B. *One God* eternally existing in *three distinct Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit* (Deut. 6,4, Mt. 28,19, 2 Cor. 13,14);
- C. The Lord Jesus Christ:
  - 1. His essential, absolute and eternal Deity (Phil,2,6; John 1,1,14; Heb. 1,8)
  - 2. His true and sinless humanity (1,Pet. 2,22; 1 John 3,5)
  - 3. His Virgin Birth (Isa. 7,14; Matt. 1,20)
  - 4. His substitutionary, propitiatory death (Matt. 20,28; Mark 10,45, 1Tim 2,16)
  - 5. His bodily resurrection (Acts 1,11)
  - 6. His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16,19; Acts 1,20)
  - 7. His coming again with the power and great glory (Titus 2,13; Rev. 10,11-16)
- D. The Holy Spirit who shows the redeeming purpose of God the world by convicting the world of sin, of righteousness and judgment and by regenerating, uniting to Christ, indwelling, sanctifying, illuminating and empowering for service all who place complete faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Heb. 9,14, John 14,26, 1 Cor. 2,10-11, 1 Cor. 12,11);
- E. The total depravity of Man because of the Fall (Gen. 3,10-24);
- F. Salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ apart from works (Eph. 2,8);
- G. The everlasting bliss of the saved and the eternal suffering of the lost (Dan. 12,2; John 5,24; Rev. 20,14; Luke 16,24-26);
- H. The real spiritual unity in Christ of all redeemed by His precious Blood (1 Cor. 12,13; Eph. 1,4-6; 4,11-15, 5,25,26); and
- I. The necessity of maintaining, according to the Word of God, the purity of the Church in doctrine and life (1 Cor. 6,19,20; 1 Thess. 4.3).

<sup>22</sup> Source: <https://pcecph.home.blog/2019/09/01/statement-of-faith/>

Appendix 2

ONENESS PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES IN THE PHILIPPINES<sup>23</sup>

Abbreviation	Name of Organization	Name of Founder	Foundation
ALJC (1)	Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ, Inc.	Diamond Noble	1956
UPCP	United Pentecostal Church Philippines	Carlos Grant	1957
PMA	Philippine Ministerial Association	Eugene Garrett	1959
ACJC	Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ	Carlos Grant	1967
ALJC (2)	Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ, Inc. (Ammended)	Pedro Siao	1968
BAC	Bible Apostolic Church	James D. Childs	1969
PAJC	Philippine Apostolics of Jesus Christ, Inc.	Geneva Bailey	1970
FTJC	Family Tabernacle of Jesus Christ	Antonio Gallemmit Sr.	1971
JC	Jesus Church, The	Lew Ambler	1971
AMF	Apostolic Ministers Fellowship Philippines	Johnny Willhoite	1972
AFC	Apostolic Faith Church	William Han Sr. Raymundo Jalandoni	1974
GOC (1)	Gospel of Christ	Zebedia Aguilar Senin	1974
GOC (2)	Gospel of Christ Phils Apostolic Doctrine Pentecostal Oneness	Zebedia Aguilar Senin	1974
JMCIM	Jesus Miracle Crusade International Ministry	Wilde Estrada Almeda	1975
AIM	Apostolic Independent Missions ( <i>aka</i> Church of the Lord Jesus Christ)	Donald Lance Sr. Steve Hancock	1982
TJC	True Jesus Church (China)		1983
FCJC	Faith in Christ Jesus Church, Inc.	Ben Tayao	1984
OPIF	Oasis Pentecostal International Fellowship	Allan Rios	1984
WPCC	Worldwide Pentecostal Church of Christ	John Ayudtud	1984
APA	Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly	Samson Cordova	1985
GLAPM	God's Love Apostolic Pentecostal Ministries	Edmundo Celes	1985
JCTGBTG	Jesus Christ to God be the Glory International, Inc.	Louie Santos	1985
PBAHC	Pentecostal Bible Apostolic Holiness Church, Inc.	James D. Childs	1985
LAMP	Lighthouse Apostolic Ministry of Pentecost	Isaias Dela Cruz Jr.	1986
LAF	Lighthouse Apostolic Fellowship	Leonardo Magno	1987
JCHW	Jesus Christ Hope of the World Christian Fellowship	Zaldy Perez	1988

<sup>23</sup> Source: JOHNNY LOYE KING, *Spirit and Schism: A History of Oneness Pentecostalism in the Philippines*, doct. diss., School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion, College of Arts and Law, University of Birmingham (Birmingham, UK: April 2016), pp. 295-296.



STEM	Spirit & Truth Evangelistic Ministry	Bing Ocampo	1988
JCFC	Jesus Christ Followers Church	Fernando Caudor Sr.	1990
AJNC	Apostolic Jesus Name Church	Efren Dela Cruz	1991
JCOKF	Jesus Christ Our King Forever Apostolic Ministry	Franc Mendoza III	1991
CACJC	Convention Apostolic Churches of Jesus Christ, Inc.	James Carr Federico	1993
GLJC	Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ	Rey Landingen	1993
BBF	Bible Believer's Fellowship	Danilo Yulatic	1994
PAMI	Philippine Apostolic Mission, Inc.	Ziegfred S. Lake	1994
AMC	Apostolic Ministries for Christ	Anonilon Pontillano	1995
RLJC	Revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ	Larry De Guzman	1995
ALJC (3)	Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ Philippines, Inc.	Edgardo Camalon	1997
HAMP	Hebron Apostolic Ministries Philippines	Ricaredo Dela Cruz	1997
CAM	Christ Apostolic Ministries Phil.	Roy Dulnuan	2000
ACC	Apostolic Christian Church ( <i>now with ALJC</i> )	Zaldy Wasquin	2001
ALJCAF	Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ Apostolic Faith		2001
CWCG	Church of the Word of God Phil, Inc	Alberto G. Esplago	2001
JFAM	Jesus Flock Apostolic Ministry, Inc.	Roberto Linco	2001
JCM	Jesus Church Ministry, The	Brenda de los Santos	2002
JNTF	Jesus Name Tabernacle of Faith	Artemio B. Cana	2003
RTP	Rainbow Tabernacle of Praise Global Christian Ministry, Inc.	Roger Abo-abo	2005
UACM	United Apostolic Christian Ministries, Inc.	Glen Aupe	2005
IOACJC	International Oneness Apostolic Churches of Jesus Christ	Edgardo Camalon	2007
GMZINC	Global Ministerios Zion, Inc.	Joshua Beria	2008
NLACi	Northern Light Apostolic Church Int.	Rey Sanguenza	2008
WPPF	Worldwide Pentecostal Fellowship Philippines	Johnny King	2008
MACLJC	Members Apostolic Church of the Lord Jesus Christ	Bernie Mendoza	2009
AHFJC	Apostolic Holiness Fellowship of Jesus	Christ Eliezer Maxilom	2010
UCJC	United Church Jesus Christ (Oneness), Inc.	Romeo Concepcion	2010
CCCF	Crossroads Christian Central Fellowship	Edsel Omandam	2011
ACJCII	Apostolic Church of the Lord Jesus Christ International Phil. Inc.	Enrique A. Zaragoza	2012
RCKGM	Reign of Christ's Kingdom Global Ministry	Mitchell Loayon	2012

\* All of these churches are non-trinitarian, whose baptisms are administered solely "in the name of Jesus", and are therefore not valid.