

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
OFFICE FOR WORSHIP
OFFICE FOR THE FORMATION OF THE LAITY**

**ADMISSION OF AN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN
OTHER THAN THEIR PARALLEL RITUAL CHURCH**

Situation:

A baptized member of one of the Orthodox Churches is seeking union with the Catholic Church.

When the person makes the Profession of Faith, (Orthodox Baptism and Confirmation are valid.), the person enters the parallel ritual church. For example, a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church would enter the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

If the person wishes to enter the Latin Catholic Church, special permission must be sought through the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia before the Profession of Faith is made.

Procedure:

- 1) The parish priest contacts the Chancellor directly at the Chancery, 215-587-4538 or chancery@adphila.org, and asks for permission for “Admission of an Orthodox Christian Into The Catholic Church In Other Than Their Parallel Ritual Church.”
- 2) The Chancellor will explain the necessary steps and documentation that must be submitted. Once the documentation has been received then the process will begin.
- 3) The person does not make the Profession of Faith until the necessary permission is granted through the Chancery.