

## Recreating the Sacramental Records

In order to help all who for different reasons or life circumstances are unable to have access to their original Sacramental Records, the parish in the territory where they currently reside or attend can recreate their sacramental history.

This procedure is designated for Catholics who have relocated to the United States such as refugees or immigrants, due to the unavailability of these records caused by the lack of existence of the church or of communication with the home country; it may also benefit domestics whose records have been destroyed by natural disasters, fire, etc.

Recreating the Sacramental Records means to put all the available information into the parish's Sacramental Books as provided by the witnesses on the appropriate forms, so even though the sacraments were received elsewhere they can have access to them by contacting the new parish of record.

Recreating the Sacramental Records may be conducted only when the original is not possible to be obtained, and after a comprehensive investigation has been conducted on the part of the parish personnel, i.e. through internet, phone or e-mail with the person's home parish and/or the diocese of origin. It can be conducted only by the parish personnel authorized to make entries in the sacramental records.

Please keep in mind for those who were received into full communion in the Catholic Church, if after a serious investigation, a doubt remains about the validity of non-Catholic baptism, a conditional baptism should be conferred.