

Christian Initiation

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Members in Attendance: Dennis Chriszt, Christina Condyles, Nicholas Denysenko, Lawrence Mick, David Pitt, Christina Ronzio, Vicky Tufano, Paul Turner, Stephen Wilbricht

Visitors in Attendance: Andreá Cummings, Byron DeAndre, Megan Effron, Justin Huyck, Kelli Joyce, Reed Miller, Christopher O'Brien, Jordan Sandrock

Description of Work: This year we spent time considering topics related to the recent release of the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Time was also dedicated to exploration of dissertation work by both members of the seminar and visitors as well as papers and works in progress for future publication.

Papers and Presentations:

- Christy Condyles: "Sacramental Personhood: Forming Christian Identity through the Sacraments of Initiation."
- Nicholas Denysenko: "Echoes of Nicaea: The Ministry of the Baptized in the Twenty-first Century."
- Kelli Joyce: "Christian Initiation and Liturgical Authority in Contemporary Episcopal Practice," taken from her dissertation work.
- Chris O'Brien: "Infant Communion in Roman Catholicism: Children and the Eucharist at the Council of Trent."
- Paul Turner: "Receiving the Baptized Candidate in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults."
- Stephen Wilbricht: "Baptism: The Foundation of a Synodal Church."
- *A Pastoral and Theological Commentary on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* (Liturgy Training Publications, 2024): Introductory Essays.

Other Work and Plans for the Future: The seminar members discussed topics for exploration at the 2026 meeting, which could include: sacramental and liturgical elements of the Synod; the Holy Spirit and Christian initiation and how this relates to sacramental personhood, baptismal vows and ethical practices; conciliarity and Eastern Orthodox Christianity; Anglican Church of Canada's updated Christian initiation texts; creation and initiation; music and the rites of initiation.