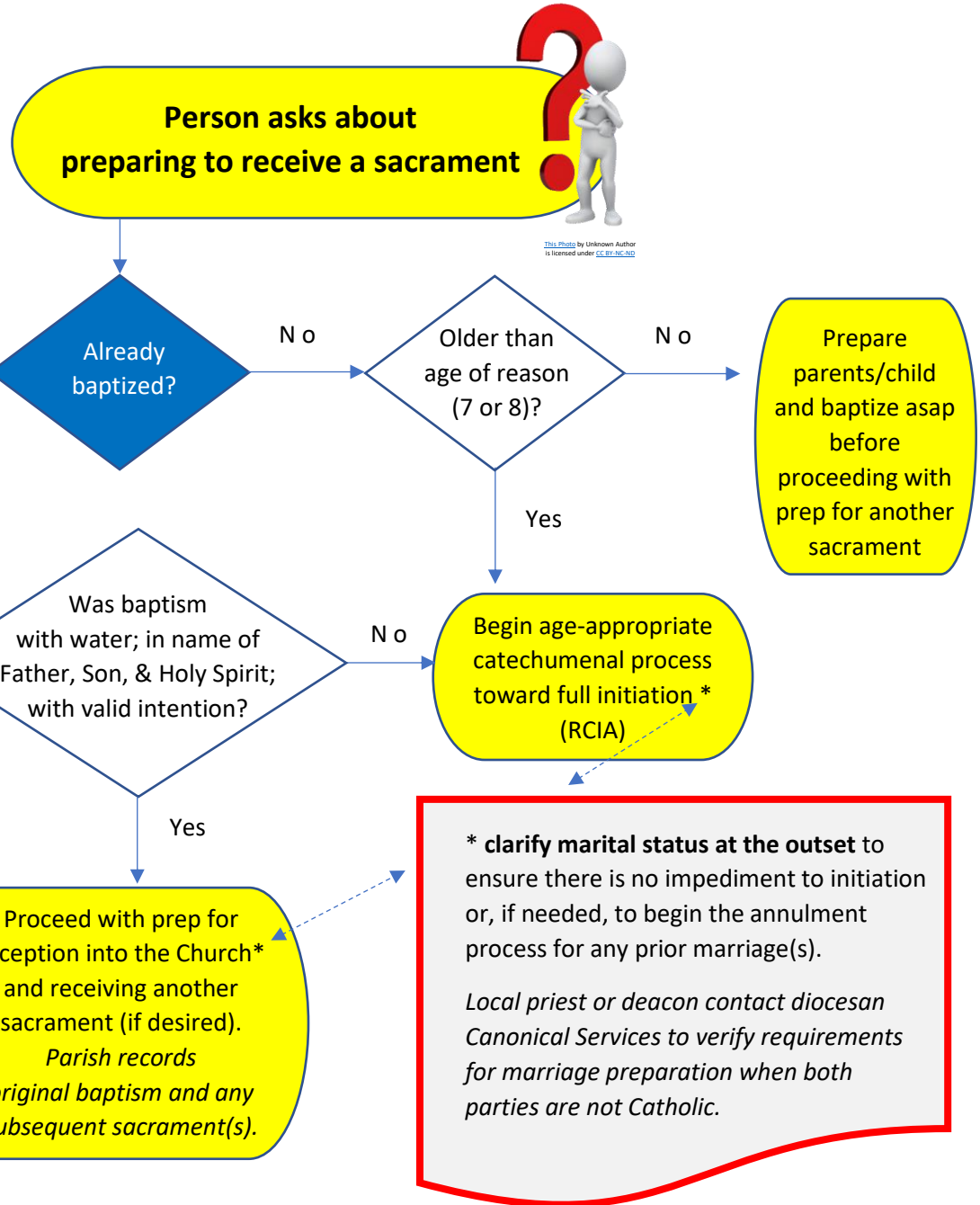




Decision Tree for Determining Appropriate Path for Sacramental Formation Based on Baptismal Status



Obtain baptismal certificate or check parish baptismal record to verify **before** proceeding with prep for another sacrament

Gather information needed to determine where baptized & how

- Obtain baptismal certificate to verify was an actual baptism (not a dedication or "altar call") and what was done
- Contact **diocesan Canonical Services (207.773.6471)** for assistance:
 - Clarify validity of non-Catholic baptism
 - get forms needed to attest to a baptism when documentation isn't available (affidavit in place of certificate)
 - determine if conditional baptism is needed

Proceed with prep for reception into the Church* and receiving another sacrament (if desired). Parish records original baptism and any subsequent sacrament(s).

*** clarify marital status at the outset** to ensure there is no impediment to initiation or, if needed, to begin the annulment process for any prior marriage(s).
Local priest or deacon contact diocesan Canonical Services to verify requirements for marriage preparation when both parties are not Catholic.