VALID BAPTISM
Advisory list prepared by the Worship Office and the Metropolitan Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Detroit

African Methodist Episcopal
Amish
Anglican
Ancient Eastern Churches
   (Syrian-Antiochian, Coptic, Malabar-Syrian, Armenian, Ethiopian)
Assembly of God
Baptists
Christian and Missionary Alliance
Church of Christ
Church of God
Church of the Brethren
Church of the Nazarene
Congregational Church
Disciples of Christ
Eastern Orthodox Churches
Episcopalian – Anglicans
Evangelical
Evangelical United Brethren
Jansenists
Liberal Catholic Church
Lutherans
Methodists
Metropolitan Community Church
Old Catholic Church
Old Roman Catholic Church
Patriotic Chinese Catholics
Polish National Church
   (valid Confirmation too)
Presbyterians
Reformed Church
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Days Saints (since 2001 known as the Community of Christ)
Society of Pius X
   (followers of Bishop Marcel Lefebvre)
United Church of Canada
United Church of Christ
United Reformed
Uniting Church of Australia
Waldesian
Zion

LOCAL DETROIT AREA COMMUNITIES
Abundant Word of Life
Brightmoor Church
Detroit World Outreach
Grace Chapel, Oakland
Kensington Community
Mercy Rd. Church, Redford (Baptist)
New Life Ministries, St. Clair Shores
Northridge Church, Plymouth

DOUBTFUL BAPTISM….NEED TO INVESTIGATE EACH

Adventists
Lighthouse Worship Center
Mennonite
Moravian
Pentecostal
Seventh Day Adventists

DO NOT CELEBRATE BAPTISM OR HAVE INVALID BAPTISM

Amana Church Society
American Ethical Union
Apostolic Church
   (Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church of God)
   (not to be confused with Armenian Apostolic)
National David Spiritual Temple of Christ Church Union
National Spiritualists Association
New Age
New Jerusalem Church
   (Swedenborg or “New Age” Church)
Peoples Church of Chicago
Apostolic Faith Mission  Quakers (Society of Friends)
Bohemian Free Thinkers  Reunification Church
Children of God ("The Family")  (Unification Church or Moonies)
Christadelphians  Salvation Army
Christian and Missionary Alliance  Shakers (no baptism)
Christian Community (Rudolf Steiner)  The Way
Christian Scientists (no baptism)  Unitarians
Christians of the Universalist Brotherhood  United Society of Believers (Shakers)
Church of Christ (Scientist or Christian Science)  Universal Emancipation Church
Church of Daniel’s Band
Church of Divine Science
Church of Illumination
Church of the New Jerusalem
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon)
Church of Revelation
Church of Scientology
Church of the Universal Brotherhood (Doukhobors)
Erieside Church
Faith Missionary Association
General Assembly of Spiritualists
Hephzibab
House of David Church
Iglesia ni Kristo (Phillipines)
Independent Church of Filipino Christians
Jehovah’s Witnesses
Masons (no baptism)
Metropolitan Church Association

The Validity of Baptism is tested by three criteria:

1. Real water must be used and administer by pouring or immersion (sprinkling)
2. The formula of the Blessed Trinity must recited
3. The minister of baptism must intend to perform the baptism, i.e., the minister of baptism must intend what the Church intends and means by baptism. (In the baptism of an adult, the person must want to be baptized.)

The above list is not exhaustive, nor it is authoritative, it is merely a guide. A thorough inquiry should be made before determining whether a baptism is valid or not (canon 869). This inquiry should include asking the person who was baptized what their memories of the ceremony are, or, in the case of infant baptism, inquiring of parents or relatives who were actually present at the baptism. Many ecclesial communities also perform dedication ceremonies for infants, which are not the same as a baptism. Only after a serious inquiry, if doubt remains, should recourse be had to a conditional baptism.