

PARISH RCIA MANUAL

Preparing for Celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation, Full
Communion with the Catholic Church, and Completing
Sacraments of Initiation at

Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Prepara Para Celebrar Sacramentos de Iniciación, Recepción en
la Plena Comunión de la Iglesia Católica, y Complemente los
Sacramentos de la Iniciación en la
Iglesia Católica Romana de San Judas



LETTER FROM THE PASTOR OF ST. JUDE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Inquirers and Parents of Children Inquirers to the process of RCIA

We welcome you to begin the process of searching and considering the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. We will do all we can to help you on this faith journey. We ask you to read this manual and understand the expectation in this preparation's process.

Then the first thing we ask of you is that you complete the attached questionnaire. This questionnaire is designed to help us get to know you and your particular situation, so we may serve you better. Each question is asked for a particular purpose, even if that purpose may not apply to you specifically, so please answer each question carefully and completely. Then we will have an initial interview with you to clarify any questions.

If there are any questions that you do not understand or are uncomfortable with answering, you may leave them blank and these can be discussed with either the pastor or the RCIA leader at the interview. If you need additional space to describe a specific situation, please simply attach additional paper.

Your answers will be kept confidential and will be seen only by the RCIA director, the pastor, and possibly another assigned at the parish. May the Lord bless you and be with you as you seek His will for your life. I'm looking forward to meeting you and walk with you in this journey.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Fr. Thu Nguyen

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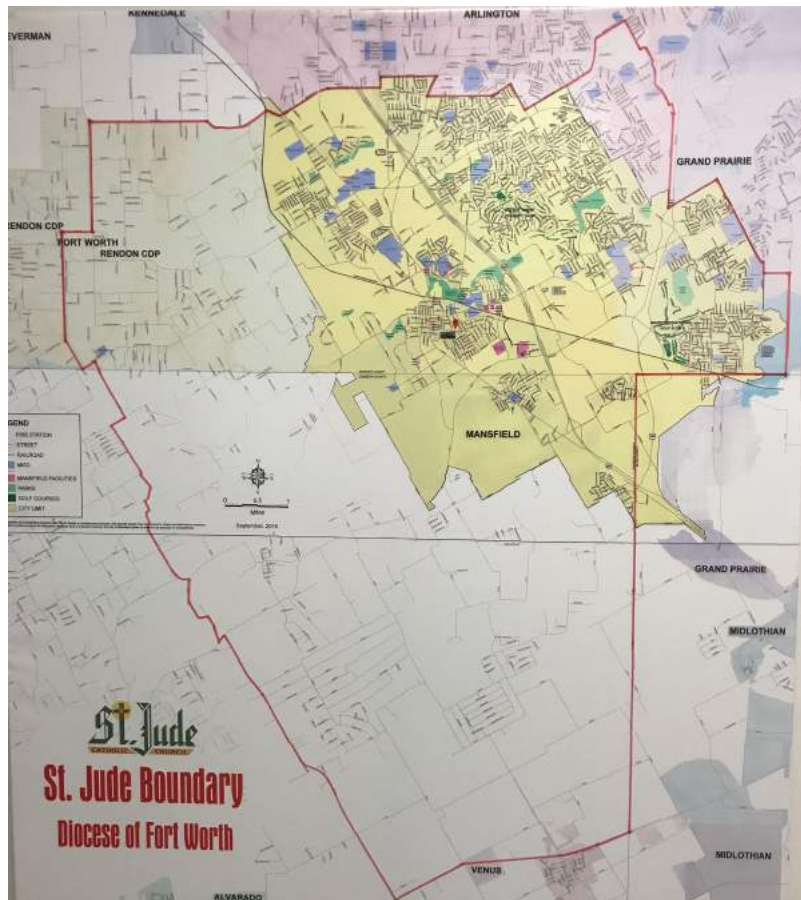
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SECTION I – MEMBERSHIP BOUNDARY

Parish Registration – By canonical law, each parish has boundary to provide pastoral care to those who are living in their designated area. Please check the zip code and map that will clarify your status of membership. If you live in our boundary, please register as a member of the parish. You need to register online or in person at our parish office. Registration as a member of our faith community signifies your commitment to living and practicing the Catholic faith which includes regular attendance at Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis, and living other basics of the Catholic faith. For these reasons the following criteria will help you to determine if St. Jude Catholic Church is the right place for your celebration based on canonical law. You have the right to celebrate at St. Jude Catholic Church, according to the following situations:

1. **Domicile:** If one of you is registered with St. Jude and living in the boundary of St. Jude Catholic Church (please see the map below with zip codes to determine your eligibility);
2. **Quasi-domicile:** If you are living away from St. Jude boundary but still registered under your parents who is living and registered with St. Jude;
3. **Zip Codes** that are associated with our parish are: 76063, 76001, 76002, 76028, 76097, 76140, 76009, 76060, 76061, 75054.



SECTION II – DOCUMENTS & CATEGORY

Preliminary Documents for RCIA – Documents are required when you inquire about the RCIA process. Within the first month of inquiry all documents must be completed to be registered into the RCIA process or will be delay in the acceptance to the RCIA. Documents are needed based on the category of the candidate. Please see the explanation:

- **SINGLE STATUS**

1. **Catechumen (Without Baptism) Single Status or Children/Teen (8 years up to 18):** Require the birth certificate and copy of ID or Driver License (proof of residence); for the children parent’s ID (proofing of residence).
2. **Candidate (Baptized) Single Status or Children/Teen (8 years up to 18):** Require the birth certificate, baptismal certificate and copy of ID or Driver License (proofing of residence); and for the children, a parent’s ID (proof of residence).
3. **Candidate (Baptized and other sacrament) Single Status or Children/Teen (8 years up to 18):** Require the birth certificate, baptismal certificate, other sacrament’s certificate (First Communion or Confirmation) and copy of ID or Driver License (proof of residence); and for the children, a parent’s ID (proof of residence).

- **MARRIED STATUS**

1. **Catechumen (Without Baptism) Married Status:** Require the birth certificate, Marriage Certificate(s) and copy of ID or Driver License (proof of residence). If other spouse was married before must provide the Marriage Certificate also.
2. **Candidate (Baptized) Married Status:** Require the birth certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Marriage Certificate(s) and copy of ID or Driver License (proof of residence). If other spouse was married before must provide the Marriage Certificate also.
3. **Candidate (Baptized and other sacrament) Married Status:** Require the birth certificate, baptismal certificate, other sacrament’s certificate (First Communion or Confirmation) and copy of ID or Driver License (proofing of residence). If other spouse was married before must provide the Marriage Certificate also.

Inquiry Form & Questionnaire – All inquirers must complete an application form and questionnaire about their intention. Forms are attached in this manual or will be given at the first interview with either the pastor or documental Coordinator. These forms must be completed and turned in the first month of the Pre-Catechumenate Period.

Children & Teen Forms – All forms are attached in this document or given at the office. All forms and covenant for children and teen must be completed and turn in at Orientation.

SECTION III – THE RCIA AND ITS PERIODS

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Becoming a Catholic is a process of conversion and one that takes place within the community of the faithful. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the roadmap for the spiritual journey, a gradual process that varies according to the many forms of God's grace, the free cooperation of the individual, the actions of the church and the circumstances to time and place. (*RCIA #5*)

Some important words to take note of are *gradual process, conversion, and journey*. Conversion happens when conversion happens; it can't really be scheduled ahead of time. So, we understand that the Rite of Christian Initiation is celebrated gradually, over a period of time, with major liturgical events that mark important moments in the process. The journey of conversion and initiation into Christ is different for each person.

PERIOD OF EVANGELIZATION & PRE-CATECHUMENATE (THE INQUIRY)

This is the time when a person inquires at a parish about becoming a Catholic. He or she is gently welcomed into an Inquiry group, where some of their basic questions are answered. It doesn't have any particular time frame it begins for a person when he or she begins an inquiry, and, if wishing to continue, concludes whenever she is ready to become a catechumen. The responsibility of the parish is to answer questions the inquirer has and to help them understand God's call.

Early in this period, a team member will make use of the **Pre-Initiation Inventory form**, making sure that there would be no obstacles to the person becoming a Catholic. The inquiry should be long enough so that the desire to come to know Christ, follow Him, and seek baptism can grow. In time, the inquirer and the parish team together discern whether it is appropriate to become a catechumen. **The Rite of Acceptance** marks the movement from being an inquirer to becoming a catechumen.

THE CATECHUMENATE

A catechumen is someone who is learning how to live as a Catholic Christian, coming to know Jesus and the beliefs of the Church. They are joined to the church, and are members of the household of Christ, since the Church nourishes them with the word of God and sustains them by means of liturgical celebrations. (*RCIA #47*)

Inquirers are welcomed into the Catechumenate through the celebration of the **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens**. During this rite, the candidates are signed with the sign of the Cross and accept the gospel as the pathway for their journey. During this period, which may last from six months to a year or more, the catechumens study the Scriptures and the beliefs of the Church and come to know Jesus better. They learn to ask how these might call to a conversion of heart and life. The members of their parish are involved as they give witness by their lifestyle and join together in prayer for them. Their sponsors, usually members of the local parish community, join with them in catechetical sessions, and Breaking Open the Word. Such sponsor-friends are always ready to answer questions and reflect with them on the Catholic way of life. The church has special rites for the catechumens during this period: Blessings and prayers, and the Anointing with Oil of the Catechumens. This anointing is for

strengthening the person to accept the challenges of Christian life, and to understand the gospel more deeply.

After a period of discernment, the catechumens are ready to be fully initiated, that is, to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. A major liturgical celebration takes place on the First Sunday of Lent, when the catechumens meet with the bishop at the **Rite of Election**. Here the Bishop, in God's name, calls the catechumens to the Easter sacraments. Each person signs the Book of the Elect, signifying that they are now among God's Elect, preparing the full initiation.

PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

This period coincides with the season of Lent, and is a 40-day period of reflection (and excitement) for the catechumens, now called the elect of the Church. The 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of Lent are especially important, with their baptismal themes of water (the Samaritan Woman), light (the cure of the man born blind) and life (the raising of Lazarus from the dead). At these Masses, the Scrutinies are celebrated, during which we pray that the elect might be strengthened against the sin around them, to uncover then heal all that is weak, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. The whole church prays with the Elect for the graces needed to prepare well to profess their faith in God, and to celebrate the sacraments of Initiation.

THE EASTER VIGIL

On this most sacred of all nights, when the Church commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, the elects are asked to renounce the devil and profess their faith in God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Church. Before the whole community, they are baptized with water and anointed with the oil of Chrism. They are clothed in the white garment signifying the newness of life. They are now called Christian and can participate for the first time as members of the faithful in the great Eucharistic Prayer. The crowning moment of their initiation is at the altar when they share for the first time in eating and drinking the Body and Blood of Christ, completing their full transformation into the image of Christ by becoming what they eat.

MYSTAGOGY

During the 50 days of Easter, the Neophytes (new plants of the church) become a sign to the Church of new life. They continue to reflect together on the extraordinary experience of the sacraments they have received: the water Baptism, the infusion of the Spirit in Confirmation, and participation in the Body and Blood of Christ at the Eucharist. They are invited to reflect on the Sunday gospels, how they connect with the sacraments they have received, and their new life in the Church.

As the period of mystagogy ends with the feast of Pentecost, the neophytes are sent out to the world as were those first disciples, strengthened by the Holy Spirit for mission. The newly baptized are invited to gather together monthly to continue reflecting on their new life in Christ. In addition, each year all the newest members of the Church are invited to celebrate their initiation.

The above process applies for those who have not been baptized; however, it still serves as a process for candidates of Full Communion and Un-catechized Baptized Catholics.

CANDIDATE FOR FULL COMMUNION & UN-CATECHIZED BAPTIZED

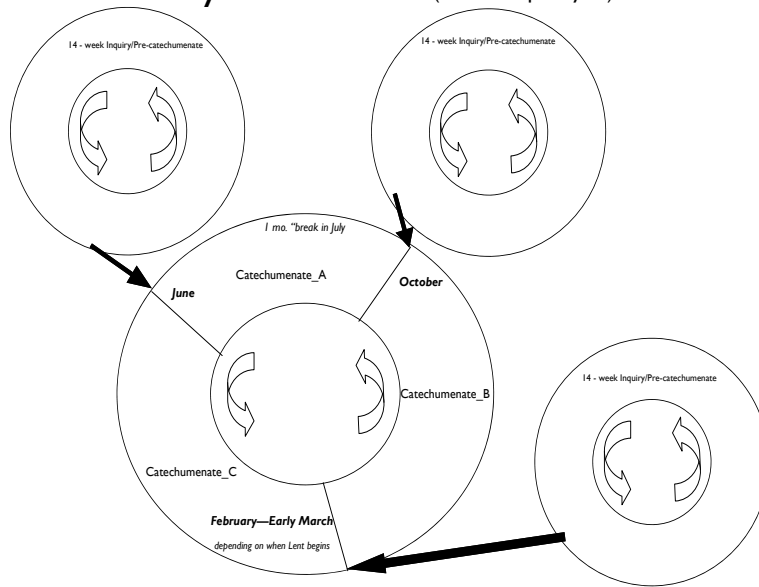
For those who have already been baptized, they are known as Candidates. As a Candidate for Full Communion (baptized in another faith,) and un-catechized baptized Catholics, you will go through many of the same periods of growth as the Catechumens. For Candidates, the focus is on teaching the foundations and traditions of the Catholic Church in contrast to other Christian denominations. Like Catechumen, Candidates should spend a great deal of time focusing on their studies, prayer, and learning the scriptures.

SECTION V – PROCESS AND TIME FRAME

Please review the table below of time length in the process of RCIA. Please ask the pastor or documental coordinator if you are not understanding the table.

| CATECHUMENATE (NOT BAPTIZED) | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| STATUS | PRE-CATECHUMENATE | CATECHUMENATE | PURIFICATION & CONVERSION | MYSTAGOGY |
| 8 – 17 Years | 1 Year | 6 Months | 3 Months | 5 Weeks |
| Adult | From 3-6 Months | 3 Months | 3 Months | 5 Weeks |
| CANDIDATE FULL COMMUNION (BAPTIZED ANOTHER FAITH) | | | | |
| STATUS | INQUIRING | CATECHESIS | CELEBRATION | MYSTAGOGY |
| 8-17 Years | 3 Months | 6 Months | Full + Communion | NA |
| Adult | 3 Months | 3 Months | Full Communion | NA |
| UN-CATECHIZED BAPTIZED CATHOLIC | | | | |
| STATUS | INQUIRING | CATECHESIS | CELEBRATION | MYSTAGOGY |
| 8-17 Years | 3 Months | 6 Months | First Communion | NA |
| Adult | 3 Months | 3 Months | Completing Sacraments | |
| <p>ADULT MAY ENTER AT ANY CYCLE OUTLINE BELOW. CHILDREN AND TEEN WILL FOLLOW THE REGULAR CURRICULUM AND CALENDAR OF FAITH FORMATION. THIS TIME FRAME BASE ON FULL ATTENDANCE AND READINESS OF EACH CANDIDATE IN THE PROCESS</p> | | | | |

3 cycle structure (14 weeks per cycle)



Tentative Calendar Year of Three Cycles:

| Cycle | Months Calendar | Celebration with | Rituals |
|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A | July – September | | |
| Celebration | Exultation of Cross | Catechumen | Sacraments of Initiation |
| Celebration | Fourth Ordinary | Full Communion & Un-Catechized | FC / Confirmation / First |
| Celebration | Fifth Ordinary | Catechumen / FC / Un-Catechized | Election & Acceptance |
| B | October – December | | |
| Celebration | Holy Family | Catechumen | Sacraments of Initiation |
| Celebration | Epiphany | Full Communion & Un-Catechized | FC / Confirmation / First |
| Celebration | Baptism | Catechumen / FC / Un-Catechized | Election & Acceptance |
| C | January – April | | |
| Celebration | Easter Vigil | Catechumen | Sacraments of Initiation |
| Celebration | Pentecost | Full Communion & Un-Catechized | FC / Confirmation / First |
| Celebration | Body of Christ | Catechumen / FC / Un-Catechized | Election & Acceptance |

SECTION VI – SCHEDULE OF CLASS

| Category | Period | Time | Location | Comment |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| Catechumenate & Full Communion & Un-Catechized | | | | |
| 8-11 Years | Inquiring All Inquirers | TBA | TBA | |
| 12-18 Years | | TBA | TBA | |
| Adults | | 8:45 – 9:45AM | St. Jude RM205 | |
| Adults Spanish | | 8:45 – 9:45 AM | St. Jude RM206 | |
| Catechumenate & Full Communion & Un-Catechized Baptized | | | | |
| 8-12 Years | BOW Breaking Open the Word for Catechumen and Un-catechized Can | 10 – 11AM | Church & TBA | |
| 12-18 Years | | | Church & TBA | |
| Adults | | | Church & RM205 | |
| Adults Spanish | | | Church & RM206 | |
| 8-12 Years | Catechesis Catechumenate & Completing Initiation | TBA | TBA | |
| 12-18 Years | | TBA | TBA | |
| Adults | | 11:30 – 12:30PM | St. Jude RM205 | |
| Adults Spanish | | 11:30 – 12:30PM | St. Jude RM206 | |
| Catechumenate & Open Public | | | | |
| 8-12 Years | Purification Conversion Catechumenate Only | TBA | TBA | |
| 12-18 Years | | TBA | TBA | |
| Adults | | 11:30 – 12:30PM | St. Jude RM205 | |
| Adults Spanish | | 11:30 – 12:30PM | St. Jude RM206 | |

SECTION VII – OBLIGATORY DATES

During the process we have dates that required all candidates to be present for the rituals. They are listed below of their respective rituals. Specific dates will base on the calendar year:

1. **The Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming** – usually beginning of each cycle or beginning of faith formation year. This rite will accept those who have completed Inquiring Period. It will be celebrated on Sunday at 10 AM Mass with the community.
2. **The Rite of Election & Full Communion & Celebrating Completion of Initiation** – This rite is to elect the catechumen after the period of Catechumenate to send for recognition of the Bishop or beginning to enter the Purification & Conversion. It is also may combined with celebrating of Full Communion and Completing Sacraments of Initiation for the Candidates. It is usually before Lenten Season, Pentecost Celebration, or Exaltation of the Cross.
3. **Scrutinies** – three Sundays during Lenten Season or other cycle dates to celebrate with Catechumenate in the period of Purification and Conversion.
4. **Mini Retreat** – preparing catechumens and their godparents for their Sacraments of Initiation either during Holy Week or other date of the Cycle.
5. **Rehearsals** – All godparents and sponsors along with candidates must attend rehearsal

for these above rituals.

6. Celebrating Sacrament of Reconciliation – All candidates of Full Communion and Un-catechized Baptized Catholic will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation before celebrating Full Communion or Completing Sacraments of Initiation.

SECTION VIII – GODPARENTS AND SPONSORS

Godparents are required for Catechumen while sponsor is required for Non-Catholic Baptized and un-catechized baptized Catholic who needs Confirmation. They are to select by parents for the children and adult may choose their godparents. If catechumen and candidate do not have godparent or sponsor the parish will assist them in choosing a godparent or sponsor for them.

Godparent and sponsor must be active Catholics. The form of choosing of Godparent and/or sponsor will be completed with acknowledgement from their parish pastor to recommend them for serving as godparent and sponsor. All sacramental certificates must turn in for proof of their sacraments. We will schedule an interview with godparent and sponsor by the documental coordinator to verify that they are qualified. Godparent and sponsor must agree to the following condition:

1. Must be local to fulfill the requirement of attending with candidate
2. Be a Catholic who has been baptized, received the Eucharist and been confirmed, and who is currently living a sacramental life (e.g., attending Mass regularly, making use of the sacrament of Reconciliation, receiving communion) and is not in an irregular marriage, or living a life of habitual sin;
3. Be at least sixteen years of age;
4. Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking, and have the intention of undertaking the ministry of a godparent or sponsor;
5. Not be a parent of the individual to be confirmed.

SECTION IX – CONTENTS OF CATECHESIS

Saint Name: Catechumenate and Candidate for Confirmation must study and research in choosing a saint name for their celebration. Name of the saint can be search online and must submit beginning of the process of catechumenate or catechesis and no later than the period of purification & conversion or the full communion and completing sacraments.

Doctrine: Candidates are receiving the content and teaching of the Catholic Church as follow in their pre-catechumenate (inquiring), catechumenate, purification and conversion, and mystagogy. Will cover the following: Existence of God, Creation Story, Blessed Trinity, Incarnation, the Church, Four Marks, Communion of Saints, Divine Revelation, Sacred Scripture, Church Tradition, Original Sin, Mystery of Iniquity, Sacramental Economy, Dignity of Human Person, The Mass, Introduction to Prayer, Places in the Church, Introduction to the Creed, Creation, God the Father, The Son of God, The Kingdom of God, Four Last Things, Liturgy, Sacraments of Initiation, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick, Freedom in Christ, Grace, Virtue of Faith, Justification and Merit, Traditions of Prayer, Holy Spirit, Blessed Virgin Mary, Providence, Paschal Mystery, Baptism, Eucharist I, Reconciliation, Matrimony, Mercy and Justice,

Salvation and Redemption, Social Teachings, First Three Commandments, Last Seven Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Creation, Sacred Scripture, Mystical Body of Christ, The Story, The Second Coming, Liturgical Prayer, Eucharist II, Vocations: God's Call, Mercy and Justice, Virtue of Hope, Cardinal Virtues, Two Great Commandments, The Battle of Prayer, and Adoration-Rosary-Devotions.

Breaking Open the Word: During the catechumenate and catechesis, candidate will have the opportunity to share and discussion of their conversion in the Breaking Open the Word.

SECTION X – RESOURCES & MATERIALS

Candidate is asked to acquire the following items for their RCIA process:

1. The Bible
2. Catechism of the Catholic Church
3. Visit the site of www.usccb.org for readings
4. Visit the site of <https://www.catholic.org/saints/>
5. Binder for handouts
6. Sponsor or Godparent will be responsible for candidate to have the following:
 - a. Baptismal Candle (suggested by the parish)
 - b. Donation to make a gown for the sacrament of Baptism

SECTION XI – STEPS TO BEGIN

1. Complete Inquirer Form
2. Complete Questionnaire Form
3. Gathering Documents as explained on page 5
4. Set a meeting with the Pastor or Documental Coordinator
5. Beginning the Process (refer to page 10 for schedule of session)

SECTION XII – FORMS



**Information for RCIA adapted for Children (7yrs-12yrs)
(Birth Certificate Attached with this form)**

Information on this form is held in confidence and is not shared without your permission.

Today's Date: _____

For Office Use: RCIA Catechetical Age for First Communion Full Communion

Name: First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Grade Level: _____ School: _____

I. PARENT INFORMATION

Name of Father: _____ Religion: _____

If Catholic, please complete: Confirmation? First Communion? Married in Church?

Name of Mother & Maiden: _____ Religion: _____

If Catholic, please complete: Confirmation? First Communion? Married in Church?

II. CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (Daytime) _____ (Evening/Weekend) _____

Email: (Home) _____ (Other) _____

Who does the child live with? Parents Father only Mother only Guardian

If the child is living with either a father or mother or guardian, please let us know who has custody or guardian of the child? _____

III. RELIGIOUS HISTORY

1. What, if any, is your present religious affiliation? Baptized Catholic Baptized Christian Not Baptized

2. Your child has been baptized? Yes No Not Sure

If yes which Church and faith: _____ Faith: _____

Date if Baptism and provide us a copy: _____

3. If your child has received Catholic Baptism, please check box which sacraments are needed:

Reconciliation First Eucharist Confirmation

IV. FAMILY'S INFORMATION

Please list names of sibling who live in the house with you.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Age: _____

V. GODPARENT'S or SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

Godparent/Sponsor to be for the sacrament must be active and completed all sacraments [Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation]. If married must be Church marriage. All documents [Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage Certificate] of godparents/sponsor are required to submit beginning of the last year of the celebration. One single (not married) or married couple is needed for godparents. Must live locally for attendance regularly with the candidate and the rituals.

Name of Godparent/Sponsor: _____

Relationship to the Candidate: _____ Phone: _____

Please Note: An interview with the godparents/sponsor with the formation director before the Church accepts the choice of godparents/sponsor. It is the responsible of the pastor and the church to determine that godparents/sponsor meet the requirement of the Church in assisting the parents. Please call the parish for scheduling the interview.

VI. YOUR CHILD PREFERENCES & ABILITY

What are ways that your child will receive learning best?

- Audio's Ability: Storytelling Reading Stories Other: _____
- Visual Ability: Identify symbols Watching Video Other: _____
- Reading: Like to read What level is your child reading?: _____
- Writing: What level is your child writing? _____
- Group Dynamic: Is your child comfortable in group studying? Yes No

Any Comments: _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WITH THIS FORM: (1) Birth Certificate; (2) Godparents/Sponsor Sacraments' Documents (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation); if married (3) Marriage Certificate are required and must be completed during the first year of Sacramental Formation.

For Office Use: Completed Interview Completed Documents Has Been Interview by Director

Enter Cycle: A B C Will be receive into the Church on: _____

It will help to know your child's/teen's strongest attributes and challenges. Please add below any helpful details that you think would be relevant.

For example: "Mary is very outgoing and gets excited when she is having fun. She becomes quiet when she doesn't understand something. She works well with other children. Mary also has a 30% hearing loss in her left ear. She may not hear you if you are standing behind her and speaking normally."

1. Please describe the types of religious education in which your child/teen has participated.

2. What contact has your child/teen had with the Catholic Church to date

3...What are some of the questions or concerns your child/teen has about the Catholic Church?

4. Please summarize below the reason(s) your child/teen desires to begin the Christian initiation process.



RCIA – ADULT INQUIRER INFORMATION FORM

Information on this form is held in confidence and is not shared without your permission.

Today's Date: _____

For Office Use: RCIA Completing Initiation Full Communion Need Validation/Dispensation

Confirmation Name of Candidate: _____ Need Assistance of Godparent: Yes

Name: First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Place of Birth: _____
(Include **locality** (town, city, county, etc.), **region** (state, province, territory, etc.), and **country**)

Name of Father: _____

Name of Mother: _____

I. CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Mailing Address: _____

Cell/Mobile Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

Email: _____

II. RELIGIOUS HISTORY

1. What, if any, is your present religious affiliation? Baptized Catholic Baptized Christian Not Baptized

2. Have you ever been baptized? Yes No I am not sure

If you answered "Yes" to Question 2, please provide the following information:

(a) In what denomination were you baptized? Catholic Christian, name: _____

(b) Date or your approximate age when you were baptized? _____

(c) Baptismal name (If different from current name): _____

(d) Place of Baptism (name of church/denomination): _____

(e) Address, if known: _____

(f) Location, if known: _____

(include locality (town, city, county, etc.), region (state, province, territory, etc.), and country)

3. If you were baptized as a Catholic, check those sacraments you have already received:

Baptism Reconciliation Eucharist Confirmation

4. Which sacrament do you need? Baptism Reconciliation Eucharist Confirmation

IMPORTANT: All sacramental documents must submit immediately for process

Received Date: **Baptism** _____ **Confirmation** _____ **Confession** _____

First Communion _____ **Civil Marriage** _____

III. CURRENT MARITAL STATUS

Check the appropriate statement(s) below and provide any information requested beneath each statement

1. I have never been married.

2. I am engaged to be married.

(a) Your Fiance(e)'s Name: _____

(b) Your Fiance(e)'s Current Religious Affiliation (if any) _____

(c) For you: This is my first marriage. I have been married before.

(d) For your fiancé(e): This is his/her first marriage. My fiancé(e) has been married before.

3. I am married.

(a) Your Spouse's Name: _____

(b) Your Spouse's Current Religious Affiliation (if any) _____

(c) For you: this is my first marriage. I have been married before.

(d) For your spouse: This is my spouse's first marriage. My spouse has been married before.

(e) Date of Marriage: _____

(f) Place of Marriage: _____

(include locality (town, city, county, etc.), region (state, province, territory, etc.), and country)

(g) Officiating Authority of Marriage: _____

(civil government, non-Christian minister, Christian minister, Catholic cleric)

4. I am married, but separated from my spouse.

5. I am divorced and I have not remarried.

6. I am a widow/widower and have not remarried since my spouse's death.

IV. FAMILY INFORMATION

List the name(s) of any children or other dependents (e.g. Daughter – Jane; Stepson – John)

Relationship: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

Relationship: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

IV. SPONSOR INFORMATION

Godparent/Sponsor to be for the sacraments, must be active and completed all sacraments (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation). If married must be Church marriage. All documents of sponsor are also need to submit as soon as possible. There will be an interview for godparent only before being accepted for the role.

Name of Godparent/Sponsor: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to Candidate: _____

For Office Use: Completed Interview Completed Documents Has Been Interview by Director

Enter Cycle: A B C Will be receive into the Church on: _____

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ADULT INQUIRER

1. What or who has led you to want to know more about the Catholic Faith?

2. Please describe the types of religious education you have received, as a child and as an adult.

3. What contact have you had with the Catholic Church to date?

4. What are some of the questions or concerns you have about the Catholic Church?

5. At this point in time, which of the following statements best describes your present feelings and thoughts about the possibility of joining the Catholic Church? (please circle one)

- A. I need much more information about the Catholic Church before I would consider joining.
- B. I am considering joining, but I am still unsure about it.
- C. I am fairly sure that I would like to join, but I still need some time to study and pray about it.
- D. I am fairly sure that I want to join the Catholic Church.



GODPARENT-SPONSOR INFORMATION

Full Name (First and Last): _____

_____ Please initial after reading the following paragraph:

I understand that as a godparent or sponsor I am to live a life in harmony with the nature of this responsibility, meaning, for example, that I regularly attend Mass; I receive the Eucharist regularly; I make use of the sacrament of Reconciliation; I am not in an irregular marriage; I am not an active homosexual; and I seek to the best of my understanding of my Catholic faith to be faithful to the teachings of the Church. I attest that I have received the sacrament of Confirmation and that I am at least 16 years old. I also understand that being a godparent or sponsor is a commitment of time. I will attend weekly sessions for catechesis, the celebrations of liturgical rites, and other initiation-related events to the best of my ability. I further understand that being chosen as a godparent or sponsor is a lifetime commitment to be, as I am able, a faithful witness of the Catholic way of life to the individual I am called to serve. If I am not a member of the same parish as the person who I am serving, then I will obtain a Letter of Good Standing from my own parish attesting to the fact that I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, follow the precepts of the Church, and possess no impediments for serving as a godparent or sponsor.

Full Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (Daytime) _____ (Evening/Weekend) _____

Cell/Mobile Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

Email: (Home) _____ (Other) _____

1. Place Where You Were Baptized: _____

(include church name (or hospital, etc.), locality (town, city, county, etc.), region (state, province, territory, etc.), and country)

2. Parish Where You Are Currently Registered: St. Jude Other/Name _____

Full Mailing Address of Other than St. Jude: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Parish Phone: _____

Return to Office attention RCIA One Month After Orientation Date

For Office Use

Godparent/Sponsor for: _____ Date: _____

Completed Initial Sponsor Formation by Date: _____

If from Another Parish, Letter of Good Standing Received by Date: _____

Notes: _____



CERTIFICATE TO SERVE AS A GODPARENT OR SPONSOR FOR

Name of Catechumen or Candidate

I RECOGNIZE that a godparent/sponsor has a special relationship to the person who is to be baptized or confirmed. A godparent/sponsor serves as a model of Christian living for the individual he/she is serving, as that person is renewed and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.

WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING, I recognize that in order to serve as a godparent/sponsor, a person must:

1. Be a Catholic who has been baptized, received the Eucharist and been confirmed, and who is currently living a sacramental life (e.g., attending Mass regularly, making use of the sacrament of Reconciliation) and is not in an irregular marriage, or living a life of habitual sin;
2. Be at least sixteen years of age;
3. Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking, and have the intention of undertaking the ministry of a godparent or sponsor;
4. Not be a parent of the individual to be confirmed.

I HEREBY ACCEPT these responsibilities and testify that I fulfill the requirements to serve in the ministry of godparent/sponsor.

Signature of Godparent/Sponsor

Date

From the Registered Parish

I HEREBY TESTIFY that _____
(name of godparent/sponsor)

is a registered member of _____
(name of parish)

and affirm that he/she fulfills all the requirements to serve in the ministry of godparent/sponsor.

Signature of Pastor

Date

[Parish Seal on this page is ordinarily required]